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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- JAMES C. CRUMLISH, CHAIRMAN
- VINCENT FURLONG, COMMISSIONER
- VINCENT JOHNSON, VICE CHAIR
- NICK CUSTODIO, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

HELD:

VIA ZOOM.
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2 PROCEEDINGS

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4 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Good morning/good
5 afternoon everyone. Welcome to the
6 March 1st, 2023 meeting of the Philadelphia
7 City Commissioners.

8 First, I'd like to both
9 congratulate and acknowledge Judge Furlong,
10 who by virtue of Administrative Order #5 of
11 2023 by the President Judge has been
12 designated to sit on behalf of Commissioner
13 Bluestein.

14 Based upon that order we welcome
15 Judge Furlong who is not only experienced, but
16 very knowledgeable in the election process.
17 We appreciate you.

18 I will make a general statement
19 that it is my duty to preserve civility, and
20 order, and decorum in these proceedings. They
21 are public proceedings. Any disruption or
22 interruption in the order of the public
23 proceeding will not be tolerated. Those who
24 do violate this may be asked to leave.

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1 The Sunshine Act permits anyone
2 attending a public meeting to object to a
3 proceed violation at any time during the
4 meeting. If you choose to object, please
5 distinctly state your objection,
6 understanding that an objecting is not an
7 opportunity for litigation of an issue or for
8 speech making.

9 At this point, we will now move
10 to -- hearing no objections, and frankly, I
11 don't believe we have any citizen attending
12 other than professional staff; is that
13 correct?

14 MR. CUSTODIO: Correct.

15 JUDGE CRUMLISH: We will move on
16 to public comment.

17 Commissioners, do we have any
18 public comment by way of email?

19 JUDGE FURLONG: As of 9:45 this
20 morning there were no emails to the City for
21 public comment.

22 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Thank you,
23 Mr. Secretary. We appreciate it.

24 As there are no citizens here from

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1 the public to insert any comments we're going
2 to move now by unanimous consent -- we will
3 move to close the agenda as to the comment
4 period.

5 Is there any old business.

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7 (No response.)

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9 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Hearing none. We
10 will now call on Mr. Lynch to read the
11 Executive Directors Report.

12 MR. LYNCH: Good afternoon.
13 Today's March 1st, 2023 Sunshine Report. The
14 County Board of Elections as of yesterday,
15 they have accrued 37,660 vote by mail
16 applications, which is 32,424 added from last
17 week's total. Of those 18,619 are paper
18 applications, and 19,041 are electronic
19 applications. This is including the civilian
20 overseas and military voters.

21 They have started receiving back
22 the annual mail-in and absentee applications
23 leaving us with a total of 9,345 applications
24 waiting to be proceeded. Of those 8,616 are

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1 paper applications, and 729 are electronic
2 applications.

3 The nomination petition deadline
4 for the upcoming primary election for
5 municipal offices is Tuesday, March 7th.
6 Candidates must file a nomination petition
7 with the County Board of Election,
8 City Hall, Room 142, no later than 5:00 p.m.
9 on March 7th.

10 The last day to file an
11 objection for nomination petitions is on
12 March 14th. The last day for candidates who
13 have filed nominations petitions to withdraw
14 is on March 22nd.

15 The ballot drawing for municipal
16 candidates will be held at 11:00 a.m. on
17 Wednesday, March 15th in City Hall, Room 202.
18 The first date to circulate and file
19 nomination papers, minority political parties,
20 and independent candidates is March 8th.
21 Nomination papers will be available both at
22 City Hall, Room 142, and on or website,
23 vote.phila.gov.

24 The last date to circulate and

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1 file nomination papers is on August 1st, and
2 the last date for candidates to withdraw is on
3 August 8th.

4 Our voter registration office at
5 520 North Columbus Boulevard, is extending
6 it's hours to accommodate petition reviews
7 for the 2023 primary.

8 The office will be open Monday
9 through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., on
10 Friday's 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and from 7:00
11 a.m., to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.
12 Call 215-686-VOTE and selection option number
13 4 to schedule an appointment.

14 Voter registration unit for the
15 election cycle to date, they have process
16 84,732 applications, of which 3,150 were
17 paper. All applications are up to date. They
18 are processing mail-in ballot applications,
19 voter registration applications, and stuffing
20 letters.

21 The polling place unit as of this
22 morning -- the polling unit has surveyed 215
23 places to prepare for use of the electronic
24 poll books for the May 16th election. The

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1 unit also continues to work on changes from
2 last election cycle.

3 The election board unit to date
4 for the fall E-Poll book trainings, they have
5 had 2,706 board workers attend trainings.
6 There are 1,058 board workers scheduled for
7 upcoming trainings. The unit is currently
8 scheduling people to attend the remaining
9 seminars.

10 That's all I have, Commissioners.

11 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Thank you,
12 Mr. Lynch. I would move to acknowledge by
13 unanimous consent the report of Mr. Lynch as
14 the Executive Director.

15 Is there any objection.

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17 (No Response.)

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19 JUDGE CRUMLISH: That will be made
20 part of the permanent record.

21 Is there any new business to add?

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23 (No Response.)

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1 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Hearing none, I
2 will move to adjourn the meeting to the call
3 of the Chair with unanimous consent of the
4 Commissioners.

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6 (Respond I.)

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8 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Thank you.

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10 (Whereupon, the hearing is
11 concluded.)

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I, Jacqueline Berger, hereby
certify that the proceedings and
evidence noted are contained fully and
accurately in the stenographic notes
taken by me in the foregoing matter, and
that this is a correct transcript of the
same.

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