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3	MARCH 8th, 2023
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5	COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:
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7	JAMES C. CRUMLISH, CHAIRMAN
8	VINCENT FURLONG, COMMISSIONER
9	VINCENT JOHNSON, VICE CHAIR
10	NICK CUSTODIO, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
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14	HELD:
15	VIA ZOOM.
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2	PROCEEDINGS					
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4	JUDGE CRUMLISH: Good afternoon					
5	everyone. I'm going to call to order the					
6	March 8th, 2023 meeting of the Philadelphia					
7	County Board of Elections to order today.					
8	First, it's my duty as Chair to					
9	preserve civility, and order, and decorum					
10	during these meetings. All in attendance					
11	should be on notice that shouting or					
12	interruption of the proceedings won't be					
13	tolerated. Those who do violate these rules					
14	will be asked to leave.					
15	The Sunshine Act does permit					
16	anyone attending a public meeting to object to					
17	a proceed violation at any time during the					
18	meeting. If you choose to do so, please					
19	simply state your objection. I know that					
20	objecting is not an opportunity for speech					
21	making or litigation.					
22	We will now move to public					
23	comments. Public commenter's shall state					
24	where they live or if they're not a resident					

- 1 that they are a Philadelphia tax payer.
- Public comment is not an
- opportunity for public dialog or a question
- 4 and answer. It is a public comment. It's a
- 5 chance for you to tell us what you think.
- 6 Each speaker may have two minutes.
- 7 However, I may extend this time at
- 8 my discretion. Public comments must be
- 9 relevant or germane to this Board's business.
- 10 Is there anyone here for public
- 11 comment?
- MR. CUSTODIO: Yes.
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: Okay. Will you
- 14 identify yourself?
- MR. GARELLA: Yes. Good morning.
- 16 Thank you for your service on this Board. My
- 17 name Rich Garella. I'm with Protect Our Vote
- ¹⁸ Philly.
- 19 I'll get right to the comment
- which is relating to the January 11th motion
- of the this Board as previously constituted,
- voted to authorize -- to fill positions
- without identifying those deputies and without
- 24 identifying those positions.

- We are concerned, as members of
- ² the public, is that the Sunshine Act is -- the
- 3 intent of the Sunshine Act is an official
- 4 actions such as monitoring place, and public,
- 5 and deliberations, and decisions -- that's why
- 6 that kind of official business hasn't been
- ⁷ placed in the Sunshine Meeting.
- While the Board can delegate to a
- ⁹ group, such as the deputies, they should
- 10 identify who's in the group which are also
- 11 being hired for. That group has to have it's
- own mini Sunshine meeting to do that
- deliberation. What we're wondering is, has
- 14 that occurred? Is that something that is on
- the public record or not?
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: So as I said,
- introducing this opportunity that this is not
- 18 an interrogation or a question and answer
- 19 session.
- Please articulate your comment and
- 21 it will be considered by the Board.
- MR. GARELLA: Certainly, you're
- under an obligation to answer questions.
- So the concern is --

- JUDGE FURLONG: Excuse me. So
- you're making a request, correct?
- MR. GARELLA: In essence I'm
- 4 making a request to find out if this hiring
- 5 has occurred, who's on this committee of
- 6 deputies, exactly what the positions are, and
- ⁷ specifically the respect that if such a group
- 8 makes this decision then there should be, by
- 9 law, a Sunshine Meeting announced when the
- 10 City has deliberated and decided.
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: Fair enough.
- 12 Anything further on that?
- MR. GARELLA: No. I think that
- 14 covers that. We have a -- released a
- 15 statement that has a few additional details --
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: Well, we're going
- to rely on your articulate presentation of
- 18 your comments rather than a press release. It
- is important that you're here. We heard you.
- 20 So thank you very much for your input.
- 21 Anything further on this?
- MR. GARELLA: I'll ask the
- 23 secretary on that just in case. I appreciate
- 24 that. Thank you.

1 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Hearing no 2 further comments from the public. 3 JUDGE FURLONG: Chairman, I 4 haven't received any public comments as of 5 9:45 a.m. 6 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Thank you, Judge 7 Furlong. Having heard no other comments we're 8 going to move to ask is there is any old 9 business? 10 11 (No response.) 12 13 MR. CRUMLISH: Hearing no old 14 business other than what I have in front of me 15 is an opportunity for Mr. Lynch to address the 16 Board. 17 MR. LYNCH: Good morning. Today's 18 March 8th, 2023. The County Board of 19 Elections as of yesterday, they have approved 20 55,059 vote by mail applications, which is 21 17,399 added from last week's total. 22 those, 21,630 are paper applications, and 23 33,429 are electronic applications. This is 24

including the civilian overseas and military

- 1 voters.
- We have started receiving back the
- 3 annual mail-in and absentee applications
- 4 leaving us with a total of 1,570 applications
- ⁵ waiting to be proceeded. Of those 737 are
- 6 paper applications, and 830 are electronic
- ⁷ applications.
- 8 The last day to file an objection
- ⁹ for nomination petitions is on March 14th.
- 10 The last day for candidates who have filed
- 11 nomination petitions to withdraw is on March
- ¹² 22nd.
- 13 Instructions on how to file an
- 14 objections are available at the Court of
- 15 Common Pleas website under the Orders and
- 16 Regulations page.
- The ballot drawing for municipal
- 18 candidates will be held at 11:00 a.m. on
- Wednesday, March 15th, 2023 in City Hall, Room
- 20 202.
- 21 As of yesterday -- yesterday was
- the deadline to file petitions. We have 115
- 23 democrats filed within the City including the
- 24 courts. They filed for various offices and

- 1 I'm going to read them off to you.
- For the Supreme Court have 2.
- 3 Well, the State had 2. Superior Court had 3.
- 4 Commonwealth Court had 2. These are all
- ⁵ democrats. Common Pleas had 19. Municipal
- 6 had 9.
- We go to City officers, Mayor.
- 8 Mayor had 12. City Commissioners we had 2.
- ⁹ City controller we had 3. Register of Wills
- 10 had 5. Sheriff, 4. City Counsel at-large 29.
- 11 District Counsel 1, 1. District Counsel 2, 3.
- 12 District Counsel 3, 2. District Counsel 4, 2.
- 13 District Counsel 5, 7. District Counsel 6, 1.
- 14 District Counsel 7, 2. District Counsel 8,
- 2.District Counsel 9, 4. District Counsel 10,
- 16 1.
- On the republican side, Supreme
- 18 Court we had 2. Superior Court, 2.
- 19 Commonwealth Court, 2. Municipal Court, 1.
- ²⁰ For the City officers, Mayor had 1. City
- 21 Commissioner, 1. City Controller, 1.
- 22 Register of Wills, 1. Sheriff, 1. City
- 23 Counsel at-large, 6. District Counsel, 1.
- 24 For a grand total of 134.

- So the first day to file a
- 2 nomination papers, minority political
- 3 parties and independent candidates is March
- 4 8th. Nomination papers will be available both
- 5 at City Hall, Room 142 and on our website,
- 6 Vote.Phila.gov. The last date to file
- 7 nomination papers is on August 1st. The last
- 8 day for these candidates to withdraw is
- ⁹ August 8th.
- Our Voter Registration Office,
- 11 520 North Columbus Boulevard has extended its
- 12 hours to accommodate petition reviews for
- the 2023 primary. The office will be open
- 14 Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30
- 15 p.m. On Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. And
- 16 from 7:00 to 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays and
- 17 Sundays.
- Anyone can call (215)686-VOTE and
- 19 selection 4 to schedule an appointment. Our
- ²⁰ Voter Registration Unit for the election
- 21 cycle to date, they have processed 88,495
- 22 applications, of which 3,450 were paper. All
- 23 applications are up to date. All 3,471
- 24 mail-in ballot applications that were returned

- 1 have been scanned in, proceeded, and sent a
- ² AVM letter.
- They have 40 petitioners coming in
- 4 to review petitions. All backed up for 5 year
- 5 notices. All the backed up f year notices
- 6 also have been sent in too.
- Poling places, as of this morning
- 8 the Poling Place Unit Has serving 245 places
- ⁹ to prepare for use of electronic poll books
- 10 for the May 16th Primary Election.
- The Unit Poll Book also continued
- 12 to work on changes form last election cycle.
- 13 All the poling places have been notifying
- 14 requesting the use of their facility for the
- 15 upcoming Primary Election.
- Our election Board to date for the
- 17 spring E-poll book trainings, they have had
- 18 3,398 board workers attend trainings. There
- are 4,597 board workers scheduled for the
- ²⁰ upcoming training. The Unit is currently
- 21 scheduling people to attend the remaining
- 22 seminars.
- Thank you, Commissioners.
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: Thank you,

- 1 Mr. Lynch. I'd like to move to have the Board
- 2 accept the report of the Executive Director of
- 3 Mr. Lynch.
- Do I have a second? All in favor?
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- 6 (Respond I.)
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- JUDGE CRUMLISH: So the report of
- 9 Mr. Lynch will be made part of the permanent
- 10 of the Office.
- I know I speak on behalf of
- 12 Judge Furlong and Judge Johnson, we know the
- 13 hard work that the professional staff of the
- 14 Commissioners and of the Board are doing on
- behalf of the citizens of Philadelphia. It
- hard work, but it is public service in the
- greatest fashion.
- 18 I speak with solemn experience in
- 19 this area. I know that you all communicate
- 20 for the men and women on behalf of the City
- 21 and we appreciate their work.
- Thank you very much.
- MR. LYNCH: Thank you.
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: Now, with respect

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    to the adjenda; is there any new business?
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                MR. LYNCH:
                             No, sir.
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                JUDGE CRUMLISH: Having heard no
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    new business, Judge Furlong, do you have any
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    items to add to the adjenda?
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                JUDGE FURLONG: No, Mr. Chairman.
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                JUDGE CRUMLISH: Do you have any
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    items to add to the adjenda?
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                JUDGE JOHNSON: No, Mr. Chairman.
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                JUDGE CRUMLISH: Members of the
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    Board, I make a privileged motion to adjourn
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    the meeting to the call of the Chair.
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                JUDGE JOHNSON: Second.
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                JUDGE FURLONG: Second.
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                JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in favor.
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                           (Respond I.)
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                 (Whereupon, the hearing is
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    concluded.)
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