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1                   MR. SABIR: I call to order the meeting  
2 of the Philadelphia City Commissioners Board of  
3 Elections for Wednesday, April 30th, 2025. This  
4 meeting is in compliance with the Pennsylvania  
5 Sunshine Act. The Philadelphia City Commissioners  
6 are a three-member bipartisan board of elected  
7 officials in charge of elections and voter  
8 registration for the City of Philadelphia. Each  
9 Commissioner is elected to serve a four-year term  
10 that coincides with the municipal election cycle  
11 for Mayor and City Council. The Commissioners set  
12 and enforce departmental policies to administer  
13 voter registration and conduct elections in  
14 accordance with federal and state voter  
15 registration election laws.

16                   The City Commissioners were created by  
17 the Pennsylvania Assembly in 1711, voter lists in  
18 1799, and took on more election-related  
19 responsibilities, but didn't emerge into its  
20 current form until the adoption of the  
21 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter in 1951.

22                   We will start off with public comments.  
23 Before beginning their comments, commenters will  
24 state where they live, or if they are not a  
25 resident of Philadelphia, that they are a

1 Philadelphia taxpayer. Public comment is not an  
2 opportunity for dialogue or Q&A. It is public  
3 comment, a chance for you to tell us what you  
4 think. Each speaker will have two minutes to  
5 speak. However, I may extend the time at my  
6 discretion. Public comment must concern  
7 meetings -- matters on today's meeting agenda.

8 Finally, it is my responsibility to  
9 preserve the order and decorum of meetings as  
10 such. Profane, slanderous, discriminatory,  
11 personal attacks will not be tolerated. If you  
12 wish to make a public objection to a perceived  
13 Sunshine Act violation, please raise your hand and  
14 I'll recognize you. Outbursts will not be  
15 tolerated. Anyone wishing to offer public  
16 comment, please step forward.

17 There are none. We will now move to  
18 report from the secretary email public comments.

19 Secretary Bluestein, are there any email  
20 public comments?

21 MR. BLUESTEIN: As of 9:45 a.m., there  
22 were no email public comments.

23 MR. SABIR: Thank you very much. We  
24 will now proceed to old business. First, we have  
25 a report from our Director of Operations, Mr. Joe

1     Lynch.

2                   MR. LYNCH:   Morning, commissioners.

3                   MR. SABIR:   Good morning.

4                   MR. LYNCH:   This is our public meeting  
5     update for April 30th, 2025.   For our voter  
6     registration report regarding the current election  
7     cycle, we have processed 96,848 voter registration  
8     applications, of which 4,350 were submitted on  
9     paper.   (Inaudible) is currently reviewing all  
10    applications and correcting any mistakes as  
11    necessary.   The name change of Taney Street to  
12    LeCount Street has been completed.   And 12,673 ID  
13    cards were mailed at the end of last week.   Street  
14    lists will be available for distribution this  
15    Friday, May 2nd.   The last day to register to vote  
16    for the upcoming primary is Monday, May 5th.   Our  
17    registration office at 520 North Columbus  
18    Boulevard will be open for anyone wishing to  
19    register in person until midnight.   As of Tuesday,  
20    the County Board of Elections approved 66,497  
21    vote-by-mail and absentee applications, which is  
22    2,389 added from last week's total.   Of those,  
23    39,689 are paper applications, and 26,808 are  
24    electronic applications.   This total includes  
25    military and civilian overseas voters.   All

1 processing is currently up-to-date.

2 Voters who would like to vote by mail  
3 for the May 20th municipal primary and special  
4 election can apply for a mail-in or absentee  
5 ballot at vote.phila.gov. The deadline to apply  
6 is Tuesday, May 13th at 5:00 p.m. Friday, May  
7 9th, 2025, is the deadline for filing cycle 2  
8 second Friday, pre-primary campaign finance  
9 reports. All candidate committees, political  
10 committees, or a committee contributing to  
11 candidates for office that have made expenditures  
12 to influence a city election must file a report.

13 The board workers unit is continuing our  
14 spring training sessions, and so far, 2,468 poll  
15 workers have attended the training. Online  
16 training is now available. So far, 564 -- 564  
17 have completed the training online. Thanks to the  
18 Involved at 17 Program, we have placed 283  
19 students as poll workers. We will continue  
20 confirming poll workers for the election. We've  
21 already received confirmations for 7,710 poll  
22 workers, which is 85 percent of our need.

23 Thank you. That's all I have.

24 MR. SABIR: Thank you.

25 Vice Chair Deeley, do you have any

1 questions?

2 MS. DEELEY: I have none.

3 MR. SABIR: Secretary Bluestein, do you  
4 have any questions?

5 MR. BLUESTEIN: I have none. Thank you.

6 MR. SABIR: Thank you, Joe. This  
7 completes our old business for today's meeting.  
8 We will now proceed to new business. We will  
9 begin by considering our first agenda item, a  
10 motion to authorize professional staff to  
11 establish mobile drop-box locations.

12 I motion to authorize the professional  
13 staff to establish mobile drop-box events. Is  
14 there a second?

15 MS. DEELEY: Second.

16 MR. SABIR: Does anyone have any comment  
17 before we proceed to vote?

18 MR. BLUESTEIN: I have none.

19 MR. SABIR: Okay. All right. Secretary  
20 Bluestein, please call the roll.

21 MR. BLUESTEIN: Vice Chair Deeley?

22 MS. DEELEY: Aye.

23 MR. BLUESTEIN: I vote aye.

24 Chairman Sabir?

25 MR. SABIR: Aye.

1 Motion passes.

2 We'll now move to the next agenda item,  
3 polling place changes. We will hear from Polling  
4 Place Investigative Supervisor, Charlie Stroman.

5 MR. STROMAN: Good morning,  
6 Commissioners.

7 MR. SABIR: Good morning.

8 MR. STROMAN: Good morning,  
9 Commissioners, again.

10 MR. SABIR: Good morning, Charlie.

11 MR. STROMAN: All right. So the first  
12 one on the agenda is the 6th Ward, the 2nd  
13 Division, moving out of Angela Court Nursing Home  
14 to the Lucien Blackwell Community Center, and that  
15 is due to a refusal.

16 MR. SABIR: Having heard the  
17 recommendation of the professional staff, I move  
18 that we accept the polling place change for Ward  
19 6, Division 2. Is there a second?

20 MS. DEELEY: Second.

21 MR. SABIR: Secretary Bluestein, please  
22 call the roll.

23 MR. BLUESTEIN: Vice Chair Deeley?

24 MS. DEELEY: Aye.

25 MR. BLUESTEIN: I vote aye.

1 Chairman Sabir?

2 MR. SABIR: Aye.

3 Please proceed.

4 MR. STROMAN: Next one will be in the  
5 11th Ward, 1st Division, moving out of Mount  
6 Cavalry Refute -- Reformed United Ministries to  
7 the Cathedral of Faith Baptist Church, and that is  
8 a voter convenience.

9 MR. SABIR: Having heard the  
10 recommendation of the professional staff, I move  
11 that we accept the polling place change for Ward  
12 11, Division 1. Is there a second?

13 MS. VERA: Second.

14 MR. SABIR: Secretary Bluestein, please  
15 call the roll.

16 MR. BLUESTEIN: Vice Chair Deeley?

17 MS. DEELEY: Aye.

18 MR. BLUESTEIN: I vote aye.

19 Chairman Sabir?

20 MR. SABIR: Aye.

21 Please proceed.

22 MR. STROMAN: Next one is the 36th Ward,  
23 the 23rd Division, moving out of Progressive  
24 Worship Center to the Arlene Thorpe Townhomes, and  
25 that is due to a refusal.



1 MR. SABIR: Having heard the  
2 recommendation of the professional staff, I move  
3 that we accept the polling place change for Ward  
4 36, Division 23. Is there a second?

5 MS. DEELEY: Second.

6 MR. SABIR: Secretary Bluestein, please  
7 call the roll.

8 MR. BLUESTEIN: Vice Chair Deeley?

9 MS. DEELEY: Aye.

10 MR. BLUESTEIN: I vote aye.

11 Chairman Sabir?

12 MR. SABIR: Aye.

13 Please proceed.

14 MR. STROMAN: Next one is in the 40th  
15 Ward, the 4th Division, moving out of Bartram  
16 Village Office PHA to the Richard Allen  
17 Preparatory Charter School, and that is due to  
18 refusal due to construction.

19 MR. SABIR: Having heard the  
20 recommendation of the professional staff, I move  
21 that we accept the polling place change for Ward  
22 40, Division 4. Is there a second?

23 MS. VERA: Second.

24 MR. SABIR: Secretary Bluestein, please  
25 call the roll.

1 MR. BLUESTEIN: Vice Chair Deeley?

2 MS. DEELEY: Aye.

3 MR. BLUESTEIN: I vote aye.

4 Chairman Sabir?

5 MR. SABIR: Aye.

6 Please proceed.

7 MR. STROMAN: The next two, I'll lump  
8 together in the 40th Ward, the 32nd Division and  
9 the 41st Division, moving out of daycare Your  
10 Child's World to the Paschalville Homes Community  
11 Center, and they are both due to a refusal.

12 MR. SABIR: Having heard the  
13 recommendation of the professional staff, I move  
14 that we accept the polling place change for Ward  
15 40, Division 32 and 41. Is there a second?

16 MS. DEELEY: Second.

17 MR. SABIR: Secretary Bluestein, please  
18 call the roll.

19 MR. BLUESTEIN: Vice Chair Deeley?

20 MS. DEELEY: Aye.

21 MR. BLUESTEIN: I vote aye.

22 Chairman Sabir?

23 MR. SABIR: Aye.

24 Thank you, Charlie. That was the last  
25 item on our agenda before we adjourn.

1 Vice Chair Deeley, do you have any other  
2 business to be raised at this meeting?

3 MS. DEELEY: I have none.

4 MR. SABIR: Secretary Bluestein, do you  
5 have any other business to be raised at this  
6 meeting?

7 MR. BLUESTEIN: I have none. Thank you.

8 MR. SABIR: I would like to recognize  
9 Rich. Stand up real quick, Rich, man. Come on,  
10 man. Definitely like to thank you, man, for your  
11 service. You know, you was from that group of --

12 RICH: 21 years.

13 MR. SABIR: That's why I think we  
14 appreciate you. And you know, he came from that  
15 group of former commissioner Tartaglione.

16 RICH: Yep.

17 MR. SABIR: You know, your guys know  
18 election. And don't be a stranger.

19 RICH: No, I won't. Everybody has my  
20 number. They can call me.

21 MR. SABIR: Thank you. Thank you.

22 RICH: All right. Thank you.

23 MR. SABIR: Thanks.

24 MR. BLUESTEIN: Thank you, Rich.

25 MR. SABIR: I motion that we adjourn

1     today's meeting.  Is there a second?

2                   MS. DEELEY:  Second.

3                   MR. SABIR:  Secretary Bluestein, please  
4     call the roll.

5                   MR. BLUESTEIN:  Vice Chair Deeley?

6                   MS. DEELEY:  Aye.

7                   MR. BLUESTEIN:  I vote aye.

8                   Chairman Sabir?

9                   MR. SABIR:  Aye.

10                  This meeting is adjourned.

11                  (Meeting adjourned.)

12                  (End of audio recording.)

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12 to any of the parties to this action, nor their  
13 respective counsel, by blood or marriage and that  
14 I am in no way interested in the outcome of this  
15 matter.

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17 IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set  
18 my hand this 7th of May, 2025.

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22 SANDRA REDAVID

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