

1 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Good
2 afternoon, everyone, and welcome to the
3 weekly meeting of the County Board of
4 Elections for September 27, 2023. It is my
5 duty and obligation to preserve order and
6 decorum during these meetings. Everyone who
7 is present should be on notice that
8 disruptions of any kind are not only
9 impolite but they will not be tolerated.
10 Those who violate it may be asked to leave.

11 The Sunshine Act also permits
12 anyone attending a public meeting to object
13 to a perceived violation at any time during
14 the meeting. If you choose to do so, please
15 succinctly state your objection. An
16 objection is not an opportunity for
17 speechmaking or an interrogation of the
18 Board.

19 We will now move to public
20 comment. Commentors shall state where they
21 live or if they're not a resident of
22 Philadelphia that they are a Philadelphia
23 taxpayer. Public comment is not an
24 opportunity for dialogue or a

1 question-and-answer process. It's a public
2 comment; a chance for you to tell us what
3 you think.

4 Each speaker should have
5 approximately two minutes to make their
6 point. However, I may extend this time at
7 my discretion. Importantly, all public
8 comments must be relevant or germane to this
9 Board's business.

10 Finally, as you know it is my
11 responsibility, again, to preserve the
12 decorum of these meetings. As such,
13 profane, slanderous, discriminatory, or
14 personal attacks won't be tolerated. So
15 please take note that we will be doing
16 during this meeting the polling place
17 changes later in this meeting. So anyone
18 wishing to be heard on a polling place
19 change should wait until that time. Is
20 there anyone here for public comment?

21 (No response).

22 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Hearing
23 none, we'll now move on to e-mail public
24 comment. Judge Furlong, do we have any

1 e-mail public comment?

2 JUDGE FURLONG: We do, Mr.
3 Chairman. But prior to that, all comments
4 that were e-mailed by 9:45 a.m. were shared
5 with the Members of the Board and the
6 Deputies at 10:00 a.m. and have been
7 provided to each Member of the Board at the
8 beginning of the meeting and are available
9 at the public comment table.

10 We received one comment from
11 Brazen, B-R-A-Z-E-N, Chemise, C-H-E-M-I-S-E,
12 and it reads as follows. "To whom it may
13 concern, how does the Commissioner's Office
14 justify the salary to increases for Deputy
15 Commissioners over the years to what they
16 used to make? Some of them just make as
17 much as commissioners do. The information
18 is public knowledge and I see that some IT
19 people are also making six figures. That
20 money should be used to give the lower-level
21 employees a pay hike. I will be tuning in
22 to see if my question is read."

23 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Are there
24 any other e-mail comments, Judge Furlong?

1 JUDGE FURLONG: No, there
2 aren't, Mr. Chair.

3 JUDGE CRUMLISH: So we'll now
4 move to old business. Director Lynch, will
5 you please read the Executive Director's
6 report?

7 MR. LYNCH: Yes. Good
8 afternoon, your Honors. The County Board
9 Report for September 27, 2023, the County
10 Board of Elections is now accepting mail-in
11 and absentee ballot applications. Voters
12 will need to complete and return their
13 application to the County Board of Elections
14 Office by 5:00 p.m., October 31st to vote by
15 mail for the general election. Voters may
16 apply online at vote.phila.gov rather than
17 return their paper application.

18 As of yesterday, we have approved
19 87,645 vote-by-mail applications. Of those,
20 53,708 are paper applications and 33,937 are
21 electronic applications. This includes
22 civilian, overseas, and military voters. We
23 have a total of 463 applications waiting to
24 be processed. Of those, 201 are paper

1 applications and 262 are electronic
2 applications.

3 The Voter Registration Unit for
4 this cycle to date, they have processed
5 92,921 applications of which 12,800 were
6 paper apps. They mailed 14,460 ID cards
7 last week. For the Election Board, to date
8 the unit has trained 920 poll workers for
9 the November election. 2,200 workers have
10 committed to work on Election Day and the
11 unit is currently recruiting more each day.
12 286 workers have taken the online training
13 as of today -- or yesterday. I'm sorry.
14 And that's all I have.

15 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Thank you,
16 Director Lynch. Moving on to new business,
17 I'll ask Mr. Stroman to present the proposed
18 polling place locations. Is there anyone
19 here from the public who would like to speak
20 to the moving of polling places?

21 (No response).

22 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Hearing
23 none, Mr. Stroman, you can proceed.

24 MR. STROMAN: Good morning,

1 Judges. The first 11 are in the 57th Ward.
2 I'm going to lump the first three together.
3 It's Ward 57, Division 3, Division 13, and
4 Division 14 all moving from Thomas Holme
5 School at 9125 Academy Road to the Pennypack
6 Woods Home Association. This is all due to
7 construction at the Thomas Holme School.

8 JUDGE FURLONG: That location
9 is down the street, right?

10 MR. STROMAN: Yes.

11 JUDGE CRUMLISH: So having
12 heard that recommendation of the
13 professional staff, I move that we accept
14 the polling place changes as proposed for
15 Ward 57, Division 3; Ward 57, Division 13;
16 and Ward 57, Division 14. Do I hear a
17 second?

18 JUDGE FURLONG: Second and
19 aye on all three changes.

20 JUDGE CRUMLISH: The motion
21 carries. Next?

22 MR. STROMAN: The next six
23 are all lumped together. They're all going
24 from the same location back to another

1 location. That would be Division 8, 9, 10,
2 20, 23, and 26 all moving from Grace of God
3 Christian Center at 9039 Eastview Road to
4 the Pollock School at 2875 Welsh Road. The
5 Pollock School is done construction and is
6 now open again.

7 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Having heard
8 the recommendation of the professional staff
9 for the change of polling places, I would
10 move that we accept the proposed change of
11 polling places.

12 JUDGE FURLONG: Second and
13 aye on all the changes.

14 JUDGE CRUMLISH: So moved,
15 seconded, and adopted. Mr. Stroman, you may
16 continue.

17 MR. STROMAN: The next one is
18 in the 57th Ward, the 15th Division moving
19 from Thomas Holme School at 9125 Academy
20 Road to the Pollock School, 2875 Welsh Road.

21 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Based on the
22 recommendation of professional staff, I move
23 that we accept that proposed change in
24 polling place.

1 JUDGE FURLONG: Second, aye.

2 JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in
3 favor?

4 JUDGE FURLONG: Aye.

5 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Motion
6 carries.

7 MR. STROMAN: Next one is in
8 the 57th Ward again, the 27th Division
9 moving out of the Aviation Institute at 3001
10 Grant Avenue to the Pollock School at 2875
11 Welsh Road.

12 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Based upon
13 the recommendation of professional staff, I
14 would propose that we adopt the change in
15 polling place at 57-27 as proposed.

16 JUDGE FURLONG: Second.

17 JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in
18 favor?

19 JUDGE FURLONG: Aye.

20 JUDGE CRUMLISH: The polling
21 place change has been accepted.

22 MR. STROMAN: Last but not
23 least, in the 64th Ward, the 3rd Division
24 moving out of The Brown School at 3600

1 Stanwood Street to the Lambie Funeral Home
2 at 8000 Rowland Ave. and that is due to
3 overcrowding at The Brown School.

4 JUDGE CRUMLISH: I would move
5 that we accept the recommendation of
6 professional staff to adopt the polling
7 place change of 64-03. Do I hear a second?

8 JUDGE FURLONG: Second.

9 JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in
10 favor?

11 JUDGE FURLONG: Aye.

12 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Mr. Stroman,
13 does that conclude the polling place
14 changes?

15 MR. STROMAN: That's all I
16 have. Thank you.

17 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Thank you
18 very much.

19 MR. STROMAN: You're very
20 welcome.

21 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Now, ladies
22 and gentlemen, I'd also like to bring to the
23 attention of the Board as a member relating
24 to new business that the Board at the last

1 meeting asserted that it would be convening
2 in executive session to confer with counsel
3 regarding the timing of the upcoming
4 election as it relates to the fixing of the
5 ballots and the certification of the machine
6 process.

7 Having conducted that
8 recommendation, counsel did communicate with
9 the Commonwealth Board advising them that
10 the deadline that we were facing that may be
11 impacted by any ongoing litigation. I have
12 nothing further on that. Is there any other
13 business before the Commission?

14 JUDGE FURLONG: No,
15 Commissioner.

16 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Having said
17 that, I'll entertain a motion to adjourn.

18 JUDGE FURLONG: Motion to
19 adjourn.

20 JUDGE CRUMLISH: The motion
21 carries by unanimous consent. Thank you,
22 everyone. Have a nice day.

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24 (This concludes the meeting.)

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