- JUDGE CRUMLISH: Good
- ² morning, everyone. I call to order the
- October 4, 2023 meeting for the Philadelphia
- 4 County Board of Elections. I'll remind
- ⁵ those present that it is my duty and
- 6 obligation that we obtain order and decorum
- ⁷ during this proceeding. Therefore, please
- ⁸ be reminded that this meeting is governed by
- ⁹ the Sunshine Act and that anyone who wishes
- to speak may object at any time during the
- 11 proceeding for violations of the Act.
- So if you do choose to make such
- ¹³ an objection, please do so succinctly.
- 14 State your objection. And as a reminder, an
- objection is not an opportunity for
- 16 speechmaking.
- 17 I'll now move to public comment.
- 18 Public comment is governed by, again, the
- 19 Act and the commentators shall state where
- they live or if they're not a resident that
- they're a Philadelphia taxpayer. And,
- again, public comment is not an opportunity
- for interrogation, dialogue, or questions
- 24 and answers.

1 It's truly a public comment 2 opportunity and a chance for you to be heard 3 and we will maintain a budget of about two 4 minutes. I may extend that time at my 5 discretion but I remind those present that 6 all public comments must be relevant or 7 germane to the Board's business. 8 Finally, again, it's my duty and 9 obligation to maintain order and decorum of 10 this meeting and therefore profane, 11 slanderous, discriminatory, or personal 12 attacks won't be tolerated. So please note 13 that there will be a dropbox and polling 14 place change later in this meeting so anyone 15 wishing to be heard on those changes should 16 wait until that time. Is there anyone here 17 for public comment? 18 MR. GARELLA: Yes. Good 19 morning. I would like to -- my name is Rich 20 Garella. I live in South Philadelphia and 21 I'm representing Protect Our Vote Philly. 22 I would like to express our 23 appreciation for a couple of changes that

were made over the past couple of weeks in

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- ¹ the conduct of these meetings. One was that
- ² the secretary started to read out loud the
- ³ e-mailed public comments which I think is
- 4 important because otherwise they're not --
- ⁵ they weren't being included in the
- for transcripts of the meetings so there was no
- ⁷ real way for the public to see what those
- 8 were unless they showed up in person. So we
- ⁹ do appreciate that.
- We also appreciate that the Chair
- offered some explanation as to the reason
- 12 for the executive session that had been
- announced at the previous meeting. We would
- 14 hope and encourage that to continue and we
- 15 encourage those explanations to be even more
- detailed so that they could meet the
- standard established by the Commonwealth
- 18 Court in Reading versus Eagle that the
- intention of these explanations is so that
- the public can (inaudible) and the public
- ²¹ had to be excluded.
- So I think in the first place if
- there's any ongoing litigation, those
- ²⁴ referred to that litigation should at least

- be named or the topic of possible litigation
- ² should be made clear.
- 3 So thank you for those two
- 4 improvements and I would like to remind the
- ⁵ Board as well that it remains your
- 6 obligation under the Sunshine Act to
- ⁷ actually keep minutes of these meetings and
- 8 (inaudible) and minutes are really necessary
- ⁹ for the public to have an official record of
- 10 all of the actions of this Board. Thank you
- 11 very much.
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: Thank you,
- 13 sir. We'll now move on to any e-mailed
- 14 comments that may have been submitted to the
- ¹⁵ Board. Judge Furlong?
- JUDGE FURLONG: Thank you,
- 17 Mr. Chairman. As of 9:45 a.m. today, the
- 18 secretary is unaware of any e-mail comments
- 19 received by the Office of City Commission.
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: So having
- said that, we will now move on to old
- business and I'm going to ask Director Lynch
- to read the Executive Director's report.
- MR. LYNCH: Good morning,

- 1 your Honor. The Sunshine Report for October
- ² 4, 2023, the County Board of Election
- ³ Report. The County Board is now accepting
- ⁴ mail-in and absentee ballot applications.
- ⁵ Voters will need to return (inaudible) to
- ⁶ vote by mail for the general election.
- ⁷ Voters may apply online at vote.phila.gov
- 8 rather than returning the paper application.
- 9 As of yesterday, we approved
- 10 20,497 vote-by-mail applications. Of those,
- 4,852 were paper applications and 34,645
- were electronic applications. This includes
- 13 civilian, overseas, and military voters. We
- 14 have a total of 1,506 waiting to be --
- 15 _ _ _ _
- 16 (Whereupon there was a break
- in the audio and video.)
- 18 _ _ _ _
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: That was a
- technical glitch. I'm sorry, Director. You
- 21 can continue.
- MR. LYNCH: The final appeals
- to nominees waivers have expired. The
- ballot is now finalized and the preparations

- 1 are underway. Mail ballots will be in the
- ² mail at the end of the week. Dropboxes will
- ³ be unlocked the day after the ballots are
- 4 mailed.
- ⁵ Tuesday, October 10, 2023 we will
- open our satellite office (inaudible). For
- ⁷ the Voter Registration Unit, the election
- 8 cycle to date we have processed 98,275
- 9 applications of which (inaudible).
- 10 _ _ _ _
- 11 (Whereupon there was a break
- in the audio and video.)
- 13 _ _ _ _
- MR. LYNCH: Okay. For the
- ¹⁵ Voter Registration Unit, the election cycle
- to date we have processed 98,275
- applications of which 13,700 were paper
- 18 apps. Staff are currently processing
- 19 applications and stuffing provisional
- ²⁰ envelopes.
- The Election Board. As of October
- 22 2nd, the unit has trained 1,442 board
- workers in person. Up to 3,000 people have
- 24 committed to working Election Day and 378

- 1 people have done the online training.
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: Thank you,
- ³ Director Lynch. The Sunshine Report will be
- 4 made a part of the permanent record of the
- ⁵ Board.
- I'll now move on to new business.
- ⁷ Is there anyone here to present an objection
- 8 or concern regarding the moving of the
- ⁹ dropbox that is presently before the Board
- which is the Kingsessing Recreation Center
- 11 at 4901 Kingsessing Avenue to be moved to
- the corner of Kingsessing Avenue at 50th
- 13 Street?
- (No response).
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: Hearing no
- 16 comment, Mr. Lynch, will you present the
- move of the general election dropbox
- 18 relocation?
- MR. LYNCH: Sure. The new
- ²⁰ dropbox relocation. The dropbox at
- 21 Kingsessing Recreation Center which is 4901
- 22 Kingsessing Ave. is to be relocated to the
- ²³ corner of Kingsessing and South 50th Street
- which is right across the street due to

- 1 construction at the recreation center.
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: I would move
- 3 that we accept the recommendation of
- ⁴ professional staff to move the 2023 primary
- ⁵ location as indicated by Director Lynch. Do
- ⁶ I hear a second?
- JUDGE FURLONG: Second.
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in
- 9 favor?
- 10 (Aye).
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: So that
- 12 motion passes. Now I'd like to have the
- polling place relocations. I'm going to ask
- 14 Mr. Stroman to present the polling place
- 15 relocations. Is there anyone here that
- would like to speak to the moving of a
- ¹⁷ polling place?
- 18 (No response).
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: Hearing
- none, Mr. Stroman, you may proceed.
- MR. STROMAN: Good morning,
- your Honor. The first two changes are in
- the 18th Ward, the 14th Division and the
- ²⁴ 15th Division moving out of Al Aqsa Islamic

- 1 Society at 1501 Germantown Avenue to the
- ² Tajdeed residence at 250 West Oxford Street.
- ³ That is basically the same complex. It's
- ⁴ just across the street.
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: I would move
- ⁶ that we accept the recommendation of
- ⁷ professional staff to move the 18th Ward
- ⁸ Division and 15th Division as recommended.
- ⁹ Do I hear a second?
- JUDGE FURLONG: Second.
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in
- 12 favor?
- 13 (Aye).
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: You may
- 15 proceed.
- MR. STROMAN: The next two
- are in the 24th Ward; the 15th Division and
- the 16th Division moving out of Calvary St.
- 19 Augustine Episcopal Church at 814 North 41st
- 20 Street to the McMichael School at 3543
- ²¹ Fairmount Avenue and they are both moving
- 22 into their own ward.
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: I would move
- that we accept the recommendation of

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professional staff. Do I hear a second?
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                   JUDGE FURLONG: Second.
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                   JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in
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   favor?
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                   (Aye).
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                   JUDGE CRUMLISH: So moved and
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   accepted.
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                   MR. STROMAN: Next one is in
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   the 41st Ward, the 11th Division moving out
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   of Holy Innocents St. Paul's Church, 7001
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   Torresdale Avenue to the Tacony Branch
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   Library, 6742 Torresdale Avenue and this is
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   due to a refusal.
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                   JUDGE CRUMLISH: I would move
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   that we accept the recommendation of
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   professional staff to move as Mr. Stroman
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   has indicated. Do I hear a second?
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                   JUDGE FURLONG: Second.
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                   JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in
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   favor?
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                   (Aye).
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                   JUDGE CRUMLISH: That is
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   accepted. Mr. Stroman?
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                   MR. STROMAN: The next two
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- ¹ are in the 41st Ward again; 17th Division
- ² and the 21st Division. Again moving out of
- ³ Holy Innocents St. Paul's Church, 7001
- ⁴ Torresdale Avenue to Jack Costello Boxing
- ⁵ Club at 6846 Torresdale Avenue due to a
- 6 refusal.
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: I would move
- 8 that we accept the professional staff's
- 9 recommendation to move these two polling
- 10 places. Do I hear a second?
- JUDGE FURLONG: Second.
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in
- 13 favor?
- ¹⁴ (Aye).
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: The motion
- 16 carries and the changes have been accepted.
- MR. STROMAN: Next two are in
- the 46th Ward, the 5th Division and the 6th
- 19 Division moving out of Mastery Harrity
- ²⁰ Charter School, 5601 Christian Street to
- 21 Boys Latin Charter School at 5501 Cedar
- 22 Avenue and that is back to the original
- ²³ location.
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: I move that

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we accept the recommendation of professional
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- ² staff to move these two polling places as
- ³ recommended. Do I hear a second?
- JUDGE FURLONG: Second to
- 5 both.
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in
- ⁷ favor?
- 8 (Aye).
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: That motion
- 10 carries. Judge Furlong, do we have any
- other items to be added to the agenda?
- JUDGE FURLONG: No, Mr.
- 13 Chairman.
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: Judge
- Johnson, do we have any other items to be
- ¹⁶ added to the agenda?
- JUDGE JOHNSON: No, Mr.
- 18 Chairman.
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: I'd like to
- make a motion that we adjourn this meeting
- to follow the Chair. All in favor?
- 22 (Aye).
- JUDGE CRUMLISH: Thank you
- ²⁴ very much.

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