

1 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Good
2 afternoon. I am going to now call to order
3 the November 1, 2023 meeting of the
4 Philadelphia County Board of Elections.
5 First, I'll remind all that it is my duty
6 and obligation to maintain order and decorum
7 during these meetings so everyone in
8 attendance should be on notice that
9 interruptions or shouting or other
10 misbehavior will result in that person being
11 asked to leave.

12 The Sunshine Act does permit
13 anyone attending a public meeting to object
14 to a perceived violation at any time during
15 the meeting. If you so choose, please do so
16 -- please succinctly state that objection.
17 And I'll remind all that an objection is not
18 an opportunity for speechmaking or
19 litigation.

20 Having said that, now we will move
21 to public comment. Commentors shall state
22 where they live or if they're not a resident
23 of Philadelphia that they are a Philadelphia
24 taxpayer. Public comment is, again, not an

1 opportunity for a dialogue or a
2 question-and-answer process. It is simply a
3 public comment. It's a chance for the
4 person to tell us what they think.

5 Speakers shall have about two
6 minutes. However, I may extend that time at
7 my discretion. Again, I'll remind all that
8 all public comments must be relevant or
9 germane to the Board business. It is my
10 responsibility, again, to preserve the order
11 and decorum of these meetings. And as such,
12 profane, slanderous, or discriminatory
13 comments or personal attacks won't be
14 tolerated. Now, is there anyone here for
15 public comment?

16 (No response).

17 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Hearing
18 none, we will now move on. Judge Furlong,
19 do we have any e-mail public comments?

20 JUDGE FURLONG: Mr. Chairman,
21 there were no public comments e-mailed by
22 9:45 a.m. this morning.

23 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Thank you,
24 Judge. Now I'll call upon Director Lynch to

1 read the executive director's report. Mr.
2 Lynch?

3 MR. LYNCH: Good afternoon,
4 all. The Sunshine Report for November 1,
5 2023, the County Board of Elections report.
6 Application totals as of yesterday, they've
7 approved 109,274 vote-by-mail applications
8 which 5,622 were added from last week's
9 total. Of those, 63,321 are paper
10 applications and 45,953 are electronic
11 applications. This includes civilian,
12 overseas, and military voters.

13 Satellite office. As of October
14 31st, they have serviced 312 walk-in voters
15 at their satellite office. The satellite
16 office will remain open until Election Day.
17 Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00
18 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Saturday and Sunday 10:00
19 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and on Election Day will
20 be open from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Voters
21 who have already applied for mail-in
22 absentee ballots can request a replacement
23 ballot through Election Day.

24 Emergency applications. If an

1 emergency comes up, you may submit an
2 emergency application to the Board of
3 Elections. To receive an emergency absentee
4 ballot, you must provide a valid emergency
5 reason on your application. Voters who are
6 over 65 and are living with a permanent
7 disability may also obtain an emergency
8 alternative ballot if their polling place is
9 not fully handicapped accessible. Further
10 information is available on our website at
11 vote.phila.gov.

12 ID verification letters. ID
13 verification letters have gone out to voters
14 that either did not include their required
15 proof of identification on their absentee
16 mail-in ballot application or their proof of
17 identification could not be verified by the
18 County Board of Elections Office. Voters
19 who have received this letter may submit
20 their approval of ID to the County Board of
21 Elections via e-mail,
22 phillyelection@philly.gov, fax, U.S. mail,
23 telephone, or in person. Voters have until
24 5:00 p.m. on November 13th to return their

1 proof of identification.

2 Voter registration for the
3 election cycle. They have processed 124,000
4 applications of which 20,650 were paper.
5 All applications are entered, processed, and
6 up to date. On Tuesday, they mailed out the
7 ID cards for the polling place changes.
8 There were 70 changes and 41,712 ID cards
9 mailed out.

10 The Election Board Unit. To date,
11 the unit has trained in person 3,064 poll
12 workers and 1,491 have taken the online
13 class. The unit is currently recruiting
14 more workers and holding make-up classes
15 throughout this week and weekend. That's
16 all I have, Commissioners.

17 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Thank you,
18 Director. Now with respect to new business,
19 I will make a motion that we approve the
20 2023 general absentee and mail-in ballot
21 applications and procedures that have been
22 posted with the agenda and remain available
23 on the public comment table. Do I hear a
24 second?

1 JUDGE FURLONG: Second.

2 JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in

3 favor?

4 (Aye).

5 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Let the
6 record reflect unanimous consent of the
7 commissioners present. Second, I'd like to
8 move that we approve the 2023 general
9 election ballot canvas procedures that are
10 also posted with the agenda and on the
11 public comment table. Do I hear a second?

12 JUDGE FURLONG: Second.

13 JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in

14 favor?

15 (Aye).

16 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Let the
17 record reflect the unanimous consent of the
18 commissioners. Next I'd like to move that
19 we authorize and deputize the Philadelphia
20 Board of Elections staff to prepare for and
21 conduct a precanvas and canvas of absentee
22 and mail-in ballots for the Philadelphia
23 Ballot Processing Center. The absentee and
24 mail-in precanvas are to begin on Election

1 Day at 7:00 a.m. and this will be conducted
2 in accordance with the Board's historical
3 practices and procedures that have been
4 approved here today and the Election Code
5 and other applicable law.

6 The absentee and mail-in canvas is
7 to begin on or about 8:00 p.m. on Election
8 Day. It is to be conducted in accordance
9 with the Board's historical practices and
10 procedures and procedures here approved
11 today with the Election Code and other
12 applicable law.

13 Canvas is to begin on Friday,
14 November 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. The
15 Philadelphia Board of Elections staff shall
16 take an oath prior to conducting the
17 precanvas administered by the Board's
18 executive director and prior to conducting
19 the canvas administered by the Board. Do I
20 hear a second?

21 JUDGE FURLONG: Second.

22 JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in
23 favor?

24 (Aye).

1 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Let the
2 record reflect the unanimous consent of the
3 commissioners here present. Judge Furlong,
4 do you have any other items to add to this
5 agenda?

6 JUDGE FURLONG: No, your
7 Honor.

8 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Judge
9 Johnson, do you have any items to add to the
10 agenda?

11 JUDGE JOHNSON: No, Mr.
12 Chairman.

13 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Ladies and
14 gentlemen, Members of the Commission, I
15 would move that we adjourn until the call of
16 the Chair. I have no objection by unanimous
17 consent.

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19 (This concludes the meeting.)

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