

1 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Good
2 afternoon, everyone. I'm going to call to
3 order the November 8, 2023 meeting of the
4 Philadelphia County Board of Elections. As
5 you all know, I am duty bound to preserve
6 the order and decorum of these meetings and
7 everyone in attendance should be on notice
8 that interruptions or disrupting this
9 proceeding won't be tolerated. Those who
10 violate it may be asked to leave.

11 The Sunshine Act permits anyone
12 attending a public meeting to object to a
13 perceived violation at any time during the
14 meeting. And if you choose to do so, please
15 succinctly state your objection and
16 objecting is not, as I remind people, an
17 opportunity to litigate or have long
18 speeches.

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

1 interrogation, or a question and answer. It
2 is a public comment; a chance for you to
3 tell us what you think.

4 Speakers shall have approximately
5 two minutes. However, I may extend this
6 time at my discretion. I remind all public
7 comments must be relevant or germane to
8 Board business. Finally, it is also, as
9 I've said, my responsibility to preserve the
10 order and dignity of this proceeding. And
11 as such, profane, slanderous,
12 discriminatory, or personal attacks will not
13 be tolerated.

14 Now, I call on the public to see
15 if anyone has a public comment to make.
16 Yes? Come up to the mic if you will. Good
17 morning.

18 MS. LOUGHREY: Good morning.
19 My name is Marnie Aument Loughrey. I'm the
20 Democratic Ward leader of the 33rd Ward,
21 Kensington Juniata. I live at 722 East
22 Willard Street.

23 My comment or my question is one
24 of my judges of elections in 33-17 had to

1 send two poll workers home because the City
2 Commissioners sent student poll workers to
3 her polling place. They are 17-year-old
4 people who normally would not be eligible to
5 work 'cause they're not 18 years old and
6 registered voters. And now her people are
7 not sure if they're going to come back for
8 the next election because they were sent
9 home from this election.

10 My question is why is the City
11 Commissioner's Office sending students to
12 polling locations for spots to work?

13 JUDGE CRUMLISH: So thank you
14 very much for your public comment. We will
15 have the professional staff of the
16 Commissioner's Office follow up on that with
17 you.

18 MS. LOUGHREY: Thank you.

19 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Thank you
20 very much. Now we'll move on to any e-mail
21 public comments. Judge Furlong, do we have
22 any e-mail public comments?

23 JUDGE FURLONG: Thank you,
24 Mr. Chairman. All comments that were

1 e-mailed by 9:45 a.m. were shared with
2 Members of the Board and the deputies at
3 10:00 a.m. and have been provided to each
4 Member of the Board at the beginning of the
5 meeting and are available at the public
6 comment table.

7 We received one comment from Larry
8 West. I've reviewed the comment and ask
9 that it be moved into the record.

10 JUDGE CRUMLISH: I second
11 that motion. I move that the public comment
12 that has been e-mailed in be made a part of
13 the permanent record of the City
14 Commissioners sitting as the Board of
15 Elections. All in favor?

16 (Aye).

17 JUDGE CRUMLISH: So moved and
18 accepted. Anything further, Judge Furlong?

19 JUDGE FURLONG: No.

20 JUDGE CRUMLISH: I will now
21 call on Director Lynch to read the report
22 from the executive director. Director
23 Lynch?

24 MR. LYNCH: I'll just make

1 this short and sweet. Yesterday went
2 smooth. I mean, we had the usual problems,
3 you know, things that they thought were
4 missing and they really weren't. The poll
5 books, it was the second time we rolled them
6 out and it was a huge success. I mean,
7 yesterday was smooth as could be. That's
8 all I have to say.

9 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Director
10 Lynch, I would ask on behalf of the judges
11 sitting as commissioners for you to commend
12 the professional staff of the Commission for
13 their hard work and even the temporaries and
14 volunteers. It is a collective effort on
15 behalf of our community and we depend on you
16 and all of those serving to execute the
17 complex and professional operations and they
18 are done with impressive fealty to their
19 oath of office as well as their duties to
20 the public. So give them thanks from us,
21 please.

22 MR. LYNCH: I will. Thank
23 you. Thanks for your support.

24 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Judge

1 Furlong, do you have any additional items
2 that need to be added to the agenda?

3 JUDGE FURLONG: I have none,
4 Mr. Chairman.

5 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Judge
6 Johnson, do you have any additional items
7 that need to be added to the agenda?

8 JUDGE JOHNSON: I have none,
9 Mr. Chairman.

10 JUDGE CRUMLISH: With no
11 items remaining, I will adjourn this meeting
12 without objection.

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14 (This concludes the meeting.)

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