

1 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Good
2 morning, everyone. I'm going to call to
3 order the public meeting for the Return
4 Board of the 2023 general and special
5 election and we have now reconvened.

6 As you recall, I will remind
7 everyone that it is my duty and obligation
8 to maintain order and decorum during these
9 proceedings and therefore abuse,
10 interruptions -- does permit anyone
11 attending a public meeting to object to a
12 perceived violation at any time during the
13 meeting. If you choose to do so, please
14 succinctly state your objection and I'm
15 reminding you that an objection is not an
16 opportunity for litigation, speechmaking, or
17 interrogation.

18 We will now move to public
19 comment. Commentors shall state where they
20 live, if they are not a resident of
21 Philadelphia that they are a Philadelphia
22 taxpayer, or since this is a Return Board,
23 which candidate they represent. Public
24 comment is not an opportunity for, as I've

1 said, speechmaking, dialogue, interrogation,
2 or questions and answers. It's a public
3 comment; a chance for you to tell us what
4 you think.

5 Each speaker shall be allotted two
6 minutes. However, I may extend that time at
7 my discretion. I remind everyone all public
8 comments must be relevant or germane to the
9 Board business. Finally, again, it's my
10 responsibility to preserve the good order
11 and decorum of this meeting and personal
12 attacks will not be tolerated and that
13 includes profane, slanderous,
14 discriminatory, or personal attacks. If
15 such misconduct occurs, the parties may be
16 called to remove themselves from the
17 meeting.

18 Now, do we have anyone who wishes
19 to make a public comment?

20 (No response).

21 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Hearing
22 none, we will then proceed. Judge Furlong,
23 have we received any e-mail public comments?

24 JUDGE FURLONG: No, Mr.

1 Chair. There were no public comments
2 e-mailed by 9:45 a.m.

3 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Having said
4 that, we'll move on to new business. I'm
5 going to call on Ms. Eckroade to present the
6 mail ballot sufficiency determinations.
7 Good morning -- or good afternoon as it may
8 be.

9 MS. ECKROADE: So for blank
10 declaration envelope, we have 124.

11 JUDGE CRUMLISH: And all of
12 my votes I believe are going to be
13 consistent with controlling Pennsylvania law
14 and the Election Code. And as to Item 1, I
15 would vote no for blank declaration
16 envelopes to be accepted. Do I hear a
17 second?

18 JUDGE FURLONG: Second.

19 JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in
20 favor?

21 (Aye).

22 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Those votes
23 will not be counted -- or those blank
24 envelopes won't be counted.

1 MS. ECKROADE: Missing

2 signature, we have 18.

3 JUDGE CRUMLISH: I would vote

4 no to accept return envelopes with missing

5 signatures. Do I hear a second?

6 JUDGE FURLONG: Second.

7 JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in

8 favor?

9 (Aye).

10 JUDGE CRUMLISH: You may

11 proceed.

12 MS. ECKROADE: Ballots not

13 enclosed in secrecy envelope, we have 966.

14 JUDGE CRUMLISH: I would vote

15 to not accept those ballots that do not

16 include the secrecy envelope. Do I hear a

17 second?

18 JUDGE FURLONG: Second.

19 JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in

20 favor?

21 (Aye).

22 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Next?

23 MS. ECKROADE: Signed by

24 another individual other than voter, we have

1 five.

2 JUDGE CRUMLISH: I would vote
3 to not accept these ballot envelopes that
4 are signed by somebody other than the voter.
5 Do I hear a second?

6 JUDGE FURLONG: Second.

7 JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in
8 favor?

9 (Aye).

10 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Please
11 reflect that all of the votes cast so far
12 have been unanimous by the Board. The next
13 would be the missing date.

14 MS. ECKROADE: Missing date,
15 we have 1,944.

16 JUDGE CRUMLISH: And I would
17 vote constant with Pennsylvania law --
18 controlling Pennsylvania law that we not
19 accept the missing dated envelopes. Do I
20 hear a second?

21 JUDGE FURLONG: Second.

22 JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in
23 favor?

24 (Aye).

1 JUDGE CRUMLISH: The next
2 would be -- you may proceed. I'm sorry.

3 MS. ECKROADE: Incorrectly
4 dated, 385.

5 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Also
6 constant with Pennsylvania law, I would vote
7 no to accept incorrectly-dated ballot
8 envelopes. Do I hear a second?

9 JUDGE FURLONG: Second.

10 JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in
11 favor, say aye.

12 (Aye).

13 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Being
14 projected now on the screen are what appears
15 to be voter registration envelopes or ballot
16 envelopes.

17 MS. ECKROADE: These were
18 damaged by the post office.

19 JUDGE CRUMLISH: As you can
20 see, the signature has been -- and/or date
21 has been destroyed or otherwise unreadable
22 as a result of the handling by the postal
23 department. I would vote yes to accept
24 those ballots as these are not the result of

1 the action of the voter but rather the
2 processing of the United States Postal
3 Department. All in favor?

4 (Aye).

5 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Next?

6 MS. ECKROADE: ID

7 verification, no Social Security or driver's
8 license on Shore file. So these voters sent
9 back a letter, however, there was no
10 information on their Shore record to verify
11 against. We have four.

12 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Okay.

13 Having no other defects in the ballot, I
14 would vote to accept this category. Do I
15 hear a second?

16 JUDGE JOHNSON: I second.

17 JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in
18 favor?

19 JUDGE JOHNSON: Aye.

20 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Is that a
21 dissent? That's fine. Judge Furlong by
22 dissent. The next, please?

23 MS. ECKROADE: ID

24 verification, ID provided opposite of what

1 is on Shore file. We have ten.

2 JUDGE CRUMLISH: As it does
3 not appear to be the result of misconduct by
4 the voter, I would vote to accept these
5 ballots as preferred. Do I hear a second?

6 JUDGE JOHNSON: I second.

7 JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in
8 favor?

9 JUDGE JOHNSON: Aye.

10 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Judge
11 Furlong registers his dissent. That's what
12 I would describe as a strong nay. The next
13 category?

14 MS. ECKROADE: ID
15 verification, ID doesn't match Shore file.
16 We have one.

17 JUDGE CRUMLISH: I would vote
18 to not accept that ballot. Do I hear a
19 second?

20 JUDGE FURLONG: Second.

21 JUDGE JOHNSON: Second.

22 JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in
23 favor?

24 (Aye).

1 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Please
2 reflect the unanimous consent of the Board.
3 Next, please?

4 MS. ECKROADE: And lastly, ID
5 verification, no response. We have 324.

6 JUDGE CRUMLISH: I would vote
7 no to accept the ID verification, no
8 response category.

9 JUDGE FURLONG: Second.

10 JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in
11 favor?

12 (Aye).

13 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Again, a
14 unanimous consent of the Board. Do we have
15 any additional non-agenda items?

16 (No response).

17 JUDGE CRUMLISH: So having
18 said that and concluded all the business of
19 the Return Board, this Board and the
20 Commission will stand in recess until the
21 call of the Chair. Thank you very much,
22 everyone.

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24 (This concludes the meeting.)

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