

1 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Good
2 afternoon, everyone. I'm going to call to
3 order the Return Board for the 2023 general
4 and special election which has reconvened.

5 First of all, as you know, it is
6 my duty and obligation to conduct these
7 meetings with decorum and everyone in
8 attendance should be on notice that
9 disruption of this public meeting can't be
10 tolerated. Those who violate this may be
11 asked to leave.

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

19 We will now move to public
20 comment. Commentors shall state where they
21 live, if they're a resident of Philadelphia,
22 or if they are a Philadelphia taxpayer
23 please so state, and since this is the
24 Return Board which candidates, if any, they

1 represent. I remind those commenting that
2 again public comment is not an opportunity
3 for dialogue or questions and answers with
4 the Board. It's a public comment; a chance
5 for you to tell us what you think.

6 Each speaker shall have
7 approximately two minutes. However, I may
8 extend that time. That is at my discretion.
9 All public comments must be relevant or
10 germane to the Board business. Finally, as
11 above, it is my responsibility to preserve
12 the order and decorum of this public
13 meeting. As such, profane, slanderous,
14 discriminatory, or personal attacks won't be
15 tolerated.

16 Anyone here representing a
17 candidate to offer an argument on a
18 provisional ballot sufficiency determination
19 should wait until the category they wish to
20 make an argument on is called later in the
21 meeting. If there are any other voters here
22 wishing to be heard other than a provisional
23 ballot, we would ask that those voters wait
24 until we get to that portion of the agenda.

1 That will give them an opportunity to speak.
2 Anyone wishing to offer public comments may
3 please step forward.

4 (No response).

5 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Seeing none
6 and hearing none, we will move on. Judge
7 Furlong, we will now move to any e-mail
8 public comments. Do we have any, sir?

9 JUDGE FURLONG: Thank you,
10 Judge Crumlish. As of 9:45 a.m., the Office
11 of the Philadelphia Commissioners received
12 no public comments.

13 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Thank you,
14 Judge Furlong. I will now move to hear Ms.
15 Huff-Gross to present on the provisional
16 ballot sufficiency determinations. Thank
17 you, ma'am. You may proceed, ma'am.

18 MS. HUFF-GROSS: Good
19 morning. My name is Roxanne Huff-Gross. I
20 am a Clerk III for the City of Philadelphia
21 City Commissioners Voter Registration
22 Election Board and I'm here to present to
23 you the provisional ballot sufficiency
24 determinations.

1 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Thank you,
2 ma'am. You may proceed.

3 MS. HUFF-GROSS: Okay. The
4 first category is for voters that were not
5 found within the Shore system.

6 JUDGE CRUMLISH: I would move
7 that we not accept any votes not contained
8 as reflected in the state database, the
9 Shore system. Do I hear a second?

10 JUDGE FURLONG: Second.

11 JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in
12 favor?

13 (Aye).

14 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Next,
15 please?

16 MS. HUFF-GROSS: The second
17 category is canceled registrations. There
18 were 57 canceled registrations.

19 JUDGE CRUMLISH: I will move
20 that we not accept canceled registrations
21 for provisional ballots. Do I hear a
22 second?

23 JUDGE FURLONG: Second.

24 JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in

1 favor?

2 (Aye).

3 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Those are
4 rejected. Next?

5 MS. HUFF-GROSS: The third
6 category was registered in another county.
7 There were 374 provisionals that were found
8 that were registered in another county.

9 JUDGE CRUMLISH: I would move
10 that we not accept the registered in another
11 county ballots. That would constitute an
12 invalid registration. Do I hear a second?

13 JUDGE FURLONG: Second.

14 JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in
15 favor?

16 (Aye).

17 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Next?

18 MS. HUFF-GROSS: They were
19 not signed by the voter is the next
20 category. There were two provisional
21 ballots that were found that did not have
22 any signature anywhere on the provisional
23 ballot by the voter.

24 JUDGE CRUMLISH: So

1 consistent with Pennsylvania law and the
2 statute (inaudible), I move to not accept
3 the unsigned provisional ballots and that
4 will be rejected. The next, please?

5 MS. HUFF-GROSS: Signature
6 doesn't match. We have exactly one that was
7 in question.

8 JUDGE CRUMLISH: And I would
9 ask that it be published for the
10 commissioners and myself to review that
11 signature. The first question I have is do
12 we have an approximate age of that voter?

13 MS. HUFF-GROSS: I believe
14 that voter was born in 1955.

15 JUDGE CRUMLISH: So the
16 screen is now showing the ballot that was
17 executed by a person who identified
18 themselves as the voter. And I would move
19 that we accept this ballot considering the
20 age of the voter and the similarity of the
21 script -- of the signature in favor of the
22 exercise of the (inaudible).

23 JUDGE FURLONG: Second.

24 JUDGE CRUMLISH: So moved.

1 That will be accepted, that provisional
2 ballot. Next?

3 MS. HUFF-GROSS: The next
4 category is voted in person from the
5 provisional ballots. There's 125.

6 JUDGE CRUMLISH: And as this
7 was accepted by the Election Board of the
8 (inaudible) of the elector, I would move to
9 accept those provisional ballots.

10 JUDGE FURLONG: Second.

11 JUDGE CRUMLISH: The next
12 category?

13 MS. HUFF-GROSS: The next
14 category is no ward division on the
15 envelope. There were 19.

16 JUDGE CRUMLISH: So I would
17 reverse that last one, the vote in person.
18 I would move to vote no. Do I hear a
19 second?

20 JUDGE FURLONG: Second.

21 JUDGE CRUMLISH: So we will
22 not accept that. The next is the no ward
23 division on the ballot -- on the envelope.
24 So I would vote to accept those ballots as

1 they were represented as an elector in
2 person.

3 JUDGE FURLONG: Second.

4 JUDGE CRUMLISH: All in
5 favor?

6 (Aye).

7 JUDGE CRUMLISH: The next
8 category?

9 MS. HUFF-GROSS: The next
10 category is returned mail-in or absentees
11 that were counted. There were 40.

12 JUDGE CRUMLISH: I would vote
13 to not accept those as they would be
14 duplicate votes (inaudible). The next and
15 last?

16 MS. HUFF-GROSS: The final
17 category was ballots not enclosed in secrecy
18 envelopes. There were 187.

19 JUDGE CRUMLISH: I would vote
20 to not accept them as that is a requirement
21 of Pennsylvania law.

22 JUDGE FURLONG: Second.

23 JUDGE CRUMLISH: So that
24 would conclude, I believe, all the new

1 business in the category of provisional
2 ballot sufficiency determinations. Having
3 said that, do we have anything in addition,
4 non-agenda items that the Board needs to
5 consider?

6 JUDGE FURLONG: (Inaudible).

7 JUDGE CRUMLISH: (Inaudible)

8 demonstrates a disdain for the Chair which I
9 am deeply offended by any suggestion that I
10 --

11 JUDGE FURLONG: I withdraw
12 that.

13 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Thank you
14 very much. So having said that, I thank
15 everyone for their hard work. Please
16 communicate to the professional staff the
17 public's deep appreciation for their hard
18 work in this matter.

19 MS. HUFF-GROSS: Thank you
20 and I shall.

21 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Having said
22 that, we will stand in recess.

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24 (This concludes the meeting.)

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