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MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

LISA DEELEY, CHAIRWOMAN

AL SCHMIDT, COMMISSIONER

OMAR SABIR, COMMISSIONER

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2 PROCEEDINGS

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4 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Good
5 morning.

6 I would call to order the
7 office of the City Commissioners
8 Board of Election meeting for
9 March 31st.

10 We will start off with
11 public comment.

12 Commenter's shall state
13 where they live or if they are not
14 a resident of Philadelphia, but they are
15 a Philadelphia taxpayer.

16 Public comment is not an
17 opportunity for dialogue or Q and
18 A, it is public comment; a chance
19 for you to tell us what you think.
20 Each speaker shall have two
21 minutes. However, I may extend
22 the time at my discretion. All
23 public comments must be relevant
24 or germane to Board business.

1 Finally, it is my
2 responsibility to preserve the
3 order and decorum of the meetings;
4 as such, profane, slanderous,
5 discriminatory, or personal
6 attacks will not be tolerated.

7 Anyone wishing to offer
8 public comment at this time,
9 please step forward.

10 (No Response.)

11 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Hearing
12 none.

13 We will now proceed to a
14 report from the Secretary,
15 Commissioner Omar Sabir.

16 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Good
17 morning.

18 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Good
19 morning.

20 COMMISSIONER SABIR: As of
21 9:35 a.m., there were no public
22 comments e-mailed.

23 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank
24 you.

1 We will now proceed to old
2 business with a report from our
3 Executive Director, Joe Lynch.

4 MR. LYNCH: Good morning,
5 Commissioners.

6 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Good
7 morning, Joe.

8 MR. LYNCH: Can you hear me?

9 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Yep.

10 MR LYNCH: The report for --
11 the Sunshine Report for today,
12 March 31, 2021, County Board of
13 Elections; for candidates running
14 under the green libertarian, for
15 working family parties, minor
16 political party, non-political
17 parties nomination commission are
18 available on our website or in
19 City Hall, Room 142.

20 The candidates running under
21 other third parties, political
22 domination papers are available on
23 our website or in City Hall, Room
24 142.

1 Nomination papers can be
2 served between March 10th and
3 August 2nd. Further information
4 is available on our website at
5 City Hall by appointment or by
6 e-mailing phillyelections@phila.gov or
7 calling (215) 686-3469.

8 We are currently accenting
9 absentee and mail-in applications
10 online at voteпа.com or by paper
11 application.

12 As of yesterday, we approved
13 60,379 vote-by-mail applications
14 for the primary. Of those, 51,244
15 are paper applications and 9,135
16 are electronic applications.

17 Challengers are still being
18 heard for several judicial
19 candidates. These candidates are
20 being heard in the Supreme and
21 Commonwealth Courts.

22 All ballots for active
23 military or civilians residing out
24 of the Country will be sent by

1 April 2nd, because we do not yet
2 have an approved ballot. They
3 will be sent federal writing
4 absentee ballots along with the
5 candidates and any questions
6 listed. So, we will send a list
7 of candidates that we had so far
8 along with ballot questions. We
9 have improved nine total ballot
10 questions.

11 Cycle 1 or 6283 primary
12 campaign financial reports are due
13 April 6th. Only political
14 communities that have made an
15 expenditure to influence the City
16 wide race are required to be filed
17 in this cycle.

18 City wide races this year
19 include; Justice of Supreme Court,
20 Judge of Superior Court, and Judge
21 of Commonwealth Court.

22 Voter registration unit, for
23 the election cycle to date we have
24 processed 96,100 applications of

1 which 6,700 were paper. All
2 applications are up-to-date and in
3 the last week we have been working
4 with petitioners in court cases.

5 After completing their own
6 work, imaging and data and
7 correspondence are working on
8 processing mail-in applications
9 both electronic and paper, as well
10 as, canceling permanent and
11 mail-in requests.

12 The Election Board trained
13 348 poll workers since last
14 Wednesday's report. They're
15 continuing to make calls and
16 trying to recruit workers. To
17 date, there are 1,104 confirmed
18 poll workers to work the election
19 on May 18th.

20 Polling place unit to date,
21 there are 568 secured sites, 146
22 outstanding, 1,440 secured
23 divisions, and 263 outstanding
24 divisions.

1 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank
2 you, Joe.

3 MR. LYNCH: You're welcome.

4 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: If I may
5 ask...

6 One point of clarification,
7 when you were reading the Sunshine
8 Report, just so the record is
9 correct, you stated we have
10 approved nine cababel (ph)
11 questions. I believe you meant to
12 say we have approved nine cababel
13 requests?

14 MR. LYNCH: Yes, sorry about
15 that.

16 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: That's
17 fine. I just wanted to make sure
18 the record is correct.

19 Thank you.

20 Joe, will you just tell me,
21 how many mail-in applications did
22 we send out in the permanent list,
23 voters that were on the permanent
24 list?

1 MR. LYNCH: We sent 282,000.

2 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: So we
3 mailed out 282,000 mail-in ballot
4 applications for voters that
5 selected to be on the permanent
6 list, and we have back 51,244
7 paper applications?

8 MR. LYNCH: Yes.

9 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Okay.

10 Thank you very much.

11 Commissioners?

12 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Real
13 quick, Joe.

14 I want to say thank you to
15 all of our workers on behalf of
16 all of us. I know you do a lot.

17 So if someone doesn't send
18 back a mail-in ballot, let's say
19 that we received -- we don't do
20 anything with it. We take it to
21 the poll and the poll person --

22 MR. LYNCH: Yes.

23 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Okay.

24 MR. LYNCH: If they don't

1 send the application in time, yes.

2 COMMISSIONER SABIR: It's
3 confusing, but they don't do
4 anything with it they. They just
5 say I see it --

6 (Crosstalk occurring.)

7 MR. LYNCH: They can vote on
8 the machine.

9 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Thank
10 you.

11 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank
12 you.

13 Commissioner Schmidt, any
14 new business?

15 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: I do
16 not.

17 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY:
18 Commissioner Sabir, any further
19 new business?

20 COMMISSIONER SABIR: I have
21 nothing.

22 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Hearing
23 no new business, this meeting is
24 adjourned to the call of the

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1 chair.

2 Thank you everyone.

3 (Whereupon, the meeting
4 concluded at or about 11:06 a.m.)

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