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The District of Columbia Board of Elections convened via Videoconference, pursuant to notice at 10:30 a.m. EST, Michael Bennett, Chair, presiding.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEMBERS PRESENT:
MICHAEL BENNETT, Chair MIKE GILL, Member

BOARD OF ELECTIONS STAFF PRESENT:
ALICE P. MILLER, Executive Director TERRI D. STROUD, General Counsel WILLIAM SANFORD, Office of Campaign Finance

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CHAIR BENNETT: All right. I call the meeting to order. I want to make sure we have a quorum. So if I can get Mr. Gill to acknowledge his presence, Mr. Michael Gill, board member.

MR. GILL: And, Mr. Chairman, this is Mike Gill and I am present.

CHAIR BENNETT: I don't believe Karen Greenfield is on the line. She contacted us yesterday and indicated that she would not be able to attend this meeting.

But with two board members, myself, Michael Bennett, chair of the board, and Michael Gill, board member, we have a quorum to be able to conduct business with this meeting.

So I'd like to call the meeting to order. Ascertaining the quorum, I'd like to get an adoption. I want to amend the agenda for today and to add under the general counsel's report a -- to include emergency proposed rulemaking for the board to vote on under the
general counsel's report.
And so with that, I'd like to request a motion to approve the agenda as amended from Mr. Gill.

MR. GILL: I move that we approve the amended agenda.

CHAIR BENNETT: I second. Mr. Gill, can I get an aye from you, sir?

MR. GILL: Aye.
CHAIR BENNETT: Aye as well, so the agenda is approved.

Also, I'd like to get a motion to -from Mr. Gill to adopt the minutes from our last meeting, which was on March 3rd -- Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021. Mr. Gill, can I get a motion to approve those minutes?

MR. GILL: I move to adopt the March 3rd meeting minutes.

CHAIR BENNETT: Okay, and it is properly moved and seconded. I second it. Mr. Gill, can I get a voice vote?

MR. GILL: Aye.

CHAIR BENNETT: Aye for me as well. So it's unanimous. Both the agenda for today and the minutes from last meeting are approved.

Board matters. I'd like to start off, if I may, with board matters and to acknowledge the passing of Mr. Rudy McGann from our general counsel's office. He was a longtime member of the D.C. Board of Elections. He passed away on April --

MS. MILLER: March. Monday.
CHAIR BENNETT: I'm sorry. Monday, March 29th. From about a year and a half battle with a tumor in his brain. He was an incredible soldier in terms of just, you know, pushing through everything.

You never saw him without a smile on his face. He had come back to work even after his first surgery.

But succumbed to the illness on March 29th. So there will be -- last week General Counsel Terri Stroud held a virtual opportunity for us to express ourselves and to talk about Mr.

McGann's -- Rudy, as everybody knows him as -talk about Rudy and his contributions to the -to the agency and to all of us as individuals.

So I'd like to take this time, if there's anyone who'd like to acknowledge Mr. McGann on the record, I'd like to take this time to recognize the persons who would like -- who'd like to do so.

MR. GILL: Mr. Chair?
CHAIR BENNETT: Yes, sir.
MR. GILL: Mr. Chairman, it's Mike
Gill. So I didn't have the opportunity to participate in the sort of open memorial that Terri put together, unfortunately.

So I want to just to say a few quick words about Rudy. You're spot on. I never saw him without a smile, and I don't think folks realize that, you know, besides being a tremendous attorney, you know, part of Rudy's role was to meet with all the people that want to be candidates on the ballot, and more than not, he's meeting with people that were unsuccessful
for a reason -- you know, a technical issue, didn't have the right signatures, signatures were challenged, didn't do the form.

And it's difficult because, you know, everyone at the Board of Elections wants to err on the side of -- we want ballot access. We want people to get on ballots and we want to help them, and it fell to Rudy with a smile on his face to sort of be the enforcer and the bad news guy to explain, well, you didn't get it in time and, no, this signature didn't count, and it could be a really tough job to have to do that over and over again.

And Rudy knew the law and he was able to sort of explain the law. Each person comes in with a very limited knowledge of our regulations and it was up to Rudy to explain it, give bad news, and always did so in a professional manner. You know, just a great personality to be around.

And I just, you know, my heart's broken. You know, just a tremendous loss for the board. Thanks, Chairman.

CHAIR BENNETT: Thank you. Are there others who would like to acknowledge Mr. McGann? And Ken McGhie, did you want to -MS. MILLER: You have to unmute.

CHAIR BENNETT: You have to unmute yourself.

MR. McGHIE: Hello?
CHAIR BENNETT: Yes.
MR. McGHIE: Can I be heard?
CHAIR BENNETT: Yes, you're -- you're on.

MR. McGHIE: Okay. But I will say something for Rudy but it's going to take about at least five minutes.

CHAIR BENNETT: Go for it. That's fine.

MR. McGHIE: All right. So good morning. As you may know, I was the general counsel for the Board of Elections from 1997 to 2019.

So I'm the person that hired Rudy McGann. Therefore, I appreciate you giving me
this opportunity to pay my respects to Mr. McGann.

I can't give an obituary and tell you about his family and all the great things that he did from birth, even though I do know about his mother, Beverly, who is deceased, his father, Rudolph, Sr., his wife, Madeleine, two children, Maverick and Maven, and my heartfelt condolences goes out to all of them during this time of sorrow.

I can only tell you about his more than 20 years at the Board of Elections.

Rudolph Michael Delano McGann first came to the Board of Elections as a second-year law student at Howard University. Back then, the Board of Elections was a relatively small agency.

There were not a lot of initiatives being filed and there were very few court cases. So back then the legal department was very small. It consisted of one office manager and me.

So I decided that I would spread some of the work around by hiring a part-time law
student. I received a number of applications, but $I$ recall only interviewing three people. Rudy had a solid GPA. His writing sample was very well written and he was very articulate.

Now, I know there are some people that think I hired Rudy because he had a New York connection or that his father was a Jamaican, which is just a coincidence, or that he was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, another coincidence.

But $I$ assure you, none of these factors entered into my consideration. Rudy was a solid candidate and he was my choice. He came in at least three days a week and he was a fast learner.

He was so good that if $I$ had a court case, Rudy wrote almost the entire brief by himself and $I$ would argue it. He didn't need a lot of supervision. Rudy would just take off and start researching and do the work.

Eventually, I decided that I needed another staff attorney. Enter Terri Stroud,
another very talented person who had just graduated from law school. When Rudy graduated from law school, I offered him a full-time law clerk position until he passed the bar.

At first, Rudy was not interested in election law because he said he wanted to be an entertainment lawyer, but said that he would work for me until he passed the bar.

I don't know when he changed his mind, but when he passed the bar on the first try, of course, a full-time staff attorney position. For the next 15 -plus years it was just the three of us -- Terri, who was my writing expert who I referred to often as my editor-in-chief, and Rudy was my litigator, who to this day had a perfect record.

I do not recall Rudy ever losing any cases in court. Rudy even argued before the U.S. Federal Court of Appeals less than one year after passing the bar, and that case, Marlin v. the D.C. Board of Elections, which deals with the prohibition of wearing campaign paraphernalia in
a polling place on election day, is cited to this day by numerous jurisdictions throughout the country.

That was Rudy the professional. Rudy the person was even better. Rudy the person was a wonderful young man full of life and promise. He always provided positive examples to everyone around here, even in his illness. He had an incredible personality and spirit.

Let me try and highlight the many faces of Rudolph "Rudes" McGann. Rudy was the Howard alumni. Rudy went to both Howard undergrad and the law school. He was the ultimate Bison.

He never missed a homecoming. He would always host a homecoming party at his house, which would last way into the morning hours. And he was the exclusive caterer, which brings me to now Rudy the chef.

Boy, Rudy could cook. He would make Southern meals. He would make mac and cheese. He would make greens. He would make chicken, all
of restaurant quality. If he wanted to, I'm sure he could have owned his own successful restaurant.

Then there was Rudy the professor. He taught election law as an adjunct professor at the David Clark School of Law, and on several occasions his students could be seen in the back of the courtroom. If Rudy was arguing a case, he invited his students to come and listen to him.

Then there was Rudy the athlete. Rudy completed the D.C. National Triathlon, which is a swim in the Potomac River, bike, and run. He could often be seen in the office doing his oneand two-handed pushups. Rudy stayed in shape.

And there was Rudy the sports fan. He was a diehard Redskins fan who followed every major sport. He would do the office pool for the Super Bowl and the brackets for March Madness.

> I'm sure if he was able to have participated in this March Madness, he would have picked Baylor as the winner.

Rudy was also a tattoo aficionado. Rudy's tattoos were on both his legs and arms. It seems like Rudy got a new tattoo almost every other month. He had -- he had tattoos representing the Bill of Rights and, of course, his beloved Alpha Phi Alpha.

Last but not least, Rudy was a family man. He adored his wife and kids. He often bragged about his distinguished Natalie Hopkins, Ph.D., and her many publications.

Then there was his two student athletes, his star 6'3" collegiate soccer player at VCU, Maverick, and his star travel volleyball player, Maven.

Both Rudy's daughter and my daughter play travel volleyball, and there were many times that I was at the same all-day tournament for volleyball. But that gave us a chance to sit down together and really just talk about our daughters and how they were growing.

I could go on and on about Rudy. But he was a good son, husband, father, friend, and
all-around good person. Rudy fought his illness with great courage and hope. His spirits were always high. He never complained.

The quality of one's life is
determined not by the length of time but by the number of people one touches. He was a unique person who leaves a great legacy.

He has earned his eternal reward in heaven. He was a great guy and he will be missed by many. Thank you for letting me share my thoughts about Mr. McGann.

CHAIR BENNETT: Thank you for sharing, and it is more than worth the time and thanks for getting those comments on the record. Rudy is definitely going to be missed and has had a huge contribution.

> And so thank you for your
contribution, not just your own personal contribution but the contributions of bringing on such incredible bright people that would be as successful in any venue, in any field -- legal field in the country in Rudy and also Terri.

So thank you for that and thanks for taking the time to do it, Ken. I appreciate it. MR. McGHIE: Sure.

CHAIR BENNETT: Okay. Any other comments or acknowledgments from anybody with regard to Mr. McGann?

I know you couldn't -- you really -we need a comment from you, Terri.

No, you can you really comment from you, Terri.

MS. STROUD: Yeah. I think Ken said, you know, it all, but I just couldn't, you know, let the moment pass without acknowledging just how wonderful Rudy was.

And, you know, $I$ didn't have a brother. I had five sisters. I now have four. He didn't have any sisters, and I felt like we became, you know, that for one another over our decades-long professional relationship.

It evolved into a sibling relationship with all of the joy and frustration that goes along with that. And, you know, the moments for
me that I think about are how, when I lost my mom, Rudy brought his entire family to New York to share in that moment with me, and I will never forget that.

And when the time came when he was facing, you know, his mother's transition, I was able to be there for him and, you know, so many stories, so many memories.

And I was watching a TV show, I think, last week or the week before last, and one of the characters said that we don't really lose people. Everybody is with us all the time. Everybody that ever was is still with us all the time.

And so I feel like I needed to hear that because I feel like Rudy will always be with me, with us, and I'm just grateful to have had the opportunity to have our paths cross.

So $I$ feel grateful. I feel grateful to feel -- to have somebody that I loved so much that I -- it feels good to feel that way about a friend.

CHAIR BENNETT: Thank you, Terri.

What I'd like to do now is just, if I may, in memory, Rudy McGann just to have 30 seconds of silence.

MS. MILLER: Can I say something?
CHAIR BENNETT: I'm sorry. Ms.
Miller?
MS. MILLER: Before you do that, I just -- I just want to put briefly on the record -- oops, sorry.

Just wanted to chat a little bit about what I said last week when we did this and that is that Rudy always said to us, at least to me, after his surgery -- his initial surgery -- when he came back, in conversations that we had he always said, "It's okay. It's okay. I'm going to be alright. Don't worry about it. It'll be all right."

I think it's important that he wanted us to know and to think that he was going to be okay. I'm not sure that he really knew the magnitude of what his illness was.

And Terri and I were talking a little
bit about it yesterday and going through some things, and there, clearly, was some misdiagnosis going on with his medical care and what he was told, and that was realized six months later, as we appreciate it, based on some information that we looked at.

But that aside, even as he came to know what the true status was six months later, he still always wanted it thought that he was going to be okay. He wanted us to know everything was going to be all right.

So I think we need to know now that he believes everything's okay, and I want to know and I want to acknowledge and appreciate all of the kind words that we received from everyone about Rudy.

> I got a lot of emails, a lot of outreach, from individuals acknowledging and recognizing Rudy and I want to thank people for that, and it came from far and near and members of the Council as well and I want to put that on the record and I appreciate it, the outreach of
condolences that we received.
And while $I$ won't get into
specifically who all they came from, I do want to put it on the record and thank everyone for that because it means a lot and we do appreciate it.

CHAIR BENNETT: Okay. I'm sorry. Was there anyone else?
(No response.)
CHAIR BENNETT: With that then, I'm going to ask that in memory of Rudy McGann that we just take a 30 -second moment of silence for you to have a private moment to think about Mr. McGann and to wish his family well and support them in your thoughts.
(Pause.)
CHAIR BENNETT: Thank you. Well, we have to move on, and thanks for all those acknowledgments.

Next item on the agenda, were there any other board members, Mr. Gill? Did you have any other matters for the board?

MR. GILL: No, I'm good. Thank you.

CHAIR BENNETT: Okay, thank you. Next on the agenda is a report from the Office of Campaign Finance, and Ms. Montgomery is not here today to provide that, but we're going to have the general counsel of the Office of Campaign Finance, Mr. William SanFord, to provide that report.

Mr. SanFord?
MR. SANFORD: Good morning, Mr.
Chairman, and distinguished Board Member Gill. This is William SanFord appearing on the behalf of the director of the Office of Campaign Finance --

CHAIR BENNETT: Mr. SanFord, you are more than welcome to continue as you are. However, just so you know, if you wanted to show your face the light is not sufficient. But you're more than --

MR. SANFORD: Well, I'm a very shadowy
figure right now. I try not to be.
CHAIR BENNETT: No, indeed. I just want to make sure that were aware. So but you're
more than welcome to continue as you are. We can -- we can hear you fine. Thank you, sir.

MR. SANFORD: I'll try to share a little lighter.

CHAIR BENNETT: You're fine. You don't have to do it for our benefit. I just wanted to make sure you were aware.

MR. SANFORD: I'm aware. Thank you.
CHAIR BENNETT: Mm-hmm.
MR. SANFORD: The Office of Campaign
Finance continues to operate under a modified status. All services are being provided remotely, wire, email and telephone. My telephone number is 202-671-0547.

The following is an accounting of the Fair Elections program stats from March 2021. As of March 31st, 2021, the total sum of $\$ 4,016,797.64$ has been disbursed for Fair Elections Fund and base amount of \$1,120,000 and matching payments of $\$ 2,896,797.64$ with 36 candidates certified in the Fair Elections program to participate in the June 2nd, 2020,
primary, June 16th, 2020, special election and November 3rd, 2020, general election.

During the month of March 2021, there were no disbursements authorized for base amount and matching payments through the Fair Elections Fund.

During the month of March 2021, there were 14 desk reviews and five requests for additional information in connection with the Fair Elections program.

During the month -- as of March 31st, 2021, total funds remitted were deposited in the Fair Elections Fund from the campaign operation of participating candidates in the June 16th, 2020, special election, the June 2nd primary election, and the November 3rd, 2020, election is \$132,268.90. The details on each remission will be available at the Office of Campaign Finance website.

There are currently 10 ongoing postelection audit of committees involved in the June 2nd primary election. They include the
following.
Green for Ward 7. That audit is in progress. Kelvin Brown for D.C. Council, Ward 7. That audit is in progress. Evans 2020 audit is complete. It is under review by the Fair Elections Manager. Yilin for Ward 2, the audit is complete, under review by the Fair Elections Manager.

Patrick Kennedy for Ward 2. The matter was referred to the Office of the General Counsel and the audit is also in progress. Mike for Ward 8 audit is complete and under review by the Fair Elections Manager.

Kishan for D.C. 2020, a hearing was held by the Office of the General Counsel on March 10th, 2021. There was no response, and a second hearing was held on the 25th of March 2021, and there was no response.

Jordan Grossman for Ward 2, audit is complete. It is under review by the Fair Elections Manager. John Fanning for Ward 2, the matter was referred to the Office of the General

Counsel on February 12th, 2021.
And finally, Elect Renee Bowser, the audit is complete and is under review by the Fair Elections Manager.

There are currently four ongoing audit of committees that were involved in the June 16th, 2020, special election in Ward 2. They include the following.

Kishan Putta, Kishan Putta for Ward 2 special election, the audit is complete and under review by the Fair Elections Manager -- the Fair Elections Manager.

John Fanning, John Fanning for Ward 2 special election, referred to the Office of the General Counsel on February 12th, 2021. Jordan Grossman, Jordan Grossman worked for Ward 2 special election.

The audit is complete and under review by the Fair Elections Manager, and Patrick Kennedy, Patrick Kennedy for Ward 2 special election and the audit is in progress.

There were 20 post-election audit
campaign operations during the November 3rd, 2021, general election. The details regarding those committees will be available at the Office of Campaign Finance website today with this report at the end of the day.

In the Public Information and Records Management Division, there was one required filers with the Legal Defense Committee. The committee timely filed its report on March 1st, 2021. There were a total of 426 required filers in the Advisory Neighborhood Commission financial summary statement program.

A total of 363 timely filed, and there's a correction on the report. There were a total of 63 who failed to timely file.

During the month of March 2021, James Butler, treasurer of the Butler Mayoral Exploratory Committee, and Detrick Campbell, treasurer of the Capital Stonewall Democrats, formerly the Gertrude Stein Democratic Club, completed Office of Campaign Finance entrance conferences.

In the reports, analysis and audit division, there were a total of 10 desk reviews completed during the month of March 2021, which included four political action committees, one U.S. Senate or Representative committee, and five principal campaign committees.

During the month of March 2021, the Reports Analysis and Audit Division also issued the following audit. Democrats for Education Reform political action committee's audit was issued on March 18th, 2021. D.C. Chamber of Commerce political action committee audit was issued on March 31st, 2021.

During the month of March 2021, the Office of the General Counsel completed nine informal hearings and issued 11 orders, which included the following:

Two orders were issued in which no fines were imposed. Seven orders were issued in which fines totaling $\$ 5,800$ were imposed, and two orders were issued in which notices of the hearings and statements of violations were
vacated.
During the month of March 2021, the Office of General Counsel imposed fines against the following respondents:

A fine of $\$ 800$ was imposed against the James from Ward 2 State Board of Education principal campaign committee. A fine of $\$ 300$ was imposed against the Peter Bolton for Ward 2 principal campaign committee. A fine of $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 2 0 0}$ was imposed against Fred for Ward 8 principal campaign committee. A fine of $\$ 600$ was imposed against Jacques for D.C. principal campaign. A fine of $\$ 1,200$ was imposed against the Goodwin for D.C. 2020 principal campaign committee. A fine of $\$ 1,200$ was imposed against Edwards for D.C. principal campaign committee and, finally, a fine of $\$ 500$ was imposed against the Elect Yaida Ford principal campaign committee.

During the month of March 2021, the Office of General Counsel collected a fine of \$500 from the Ward 1 Democrats for failure to timely file a report and that -- well, sorry.

During the month of March 2021, there were no open investigations, there were no requests for interpretive opinions, and no show cause proceedings were conducted.

And that should conclude my report.
CHAIR BENNETT: Great. Thank you, Mr. SanFord. Mr. Gill, do you have any questions for Mr. SanFord with the Office of Campaign Finance report?
(No response.)
CHAIR BENNETT: Mr. Gill, make your --
MR. GILL: Sorry. Sorry, Michael.
No questions for William. Thanks.
CHAIR BENNETT: All right. Thank you.
And I don't have any questions? Thank you, Mr. SanFord.

MR. SANFORD: Thank you.
CHAIR BENNETT: Next item on the agenda is the Executive Director's -- the Executive Director's Report.

Ms. Miller?
MS. MILLER: Thank you. Thank you,

Mr. Bennett.
First thing I want to talk a little bit about is where we are with respect to our voter maintenance process. We have sent out letters for in-state and out-of-state and undeliverables as a result of the mail ballot returns from the November elections.

The returns have been coming in in response to those mailings, which, of course, provides the final mechanism for the board to update those individuals with valid voter addresses and information and to permanently remove them from the registry in conformance with the process for doing so.

From those ballot envelopes of individuals that were undeliverable, in other words, mailed ballots that went out that were not deliverable but returned to the board, there were 52,000 of those.

Of those that we have canvassed a second time, we have received 10,286 back at this point, so we can consider that a second mailing
and can begin to remove those individuals from the voter roll.

This is an ongoing process. As you know, we will continue to receive mail back from these individuals as this process continues. But as of this point, of those 52,000 we have received 10,286 back.

As it relates to the canvass itself of individuals who did not vote -- who chose not to vote in the November election, there were 101,968 individuals who were mailed ballots that did not vote in the November election.

In accordance with the canvass process, we have mailed those individuals notifications requesting they confirm their voter information since they did not vote in the general election.

The information on those cards are now beginning to come back. This process involves multiple mailers, one that -- this first one is not forward able.

The second one will as the law
requires. With respect to the first one, we have so far received 5,271 returned cards. We are processing those as the law requires.

Once we have a good sense of moving forward, we will begin sending a second mailer, which would be the forwardable mailer, which is what the list maintenance process requires.

Again, this is an ongoing process. It's a process that takes about six to eight months to complete.

As we have put out on our social media page and our website, if anyone receives these cards for someone who does not live at your home and you receive it, we ask that you take time and return it back to us indicating that the individual does not live there so that we can take the proper action and update the voter registry or do the maintenance that we need to do with respect to the voter registry.

It is what the law requires us to do with respect to updating and conforming to the process to keep the registry clean. So it
requires attention from everyone with respect to the list maintenance process.

Also I want to talk a little bit about ANC legislation. Last month, the council introduced and the mayor signed emergency legislation that provided the board to support the vacancy-filling process for SMDs within the ANC in conjunction with the Office of Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner.

What that essentially means from our end is that we will conduct those elections for now during the regularly scheduled meetings of the ANC as long as the emergency -- public state of emergency exists as proclaimed by Mayor's order.

We will work with the staff of the office of ANC and provide a COVID-safe election process for the residents of the SMD to have those elections conducted.

As of now, we know there are eight vacancies. We have published notice of vacancies in three SMDs, which will appear in the D.C.

Register on Friday. Those vacancies are 4E05, 7F07, and 8E03.

With respect to 7F07, that SMD sits within the Department of Corrections and there are some specific directives within the legislation with respect to that SMD since at this time no one has access to the jail.

However, anything outside of the jail
that is within the SMD will be responsible for conducting that election as well with respect to those registered voters.

This information won't be on the website. But once the notice is published on Friday, there will be 21 days for petition circulation to begin, which will begin on Monday, April 12th. It will end on May 3rd.

There will then be a five-day challenge period beginning on May 6th. It will end on May 12th. And, as I have said, the information will be posted on our website.

The elections will be conducted at their regularly scheduled meeting of ANC with the
proper notice given by the ANC. We are not involved with that. That's up to the ANC. We will be only involved with the actual conduct of the elections.

As I said, it will be over a specified period of time, within a window of time, to conduct those elections at their meetings.

Also, we are in the process of developing a few short videos for posting on our website and sharing and educating with various populations such as returning citizens and incarcerated residents for information on the voting process and the election process in general.
We're just in the development stages.

I want to show you a little bit of what it's going to look like, for example, on how to register to vote, how to complete your ballot, qualifying for ballot access. This one I'm going to show you is one that we are working on on how to register to vote.

Ready?
(Video played)
MS. MILLER: Stop. This is just an idea of what it's going to look like. These are just short videos that we will share on our website just to get through the -- to give to various populations such as the returning citizens.

Incarcerated residents have their own website for individuals to go through. We'll have where to register to vote, how to complete your ballot, how to qualify for ballot access, and other like things.

So just to give an idea of what they'll look like.

And one other thing I want to mention is that we on, I think it was Friday, March --the last Friday in March the -- we were visited by the state director of the Maryland Board of Elections and other local election officials.

The Montgomery County and Prince
George's County local election officials reached out to us to ask if they could tour our warehouse
facility to observe the process that we operate during the November election with respect to our Agilis equipment.

That was the equipment that was our mail sorter and was used to separate the mailed ballots by ward and capture our scanned signatures that we use to verify and to compare signatures on file.

They're interested in also using that process in their elections, and so they just wanted to see how it worked. So we just kind of hosted them for that day and I think they're going to move in that direction with their elections, going forward.

So that's it.
CHAIR BENNETT: Thank you. Okay.
Mr. Gill, do you have any questions for Ms. Miller from her report?

MR. GILL: No questions. Thank you.
CHAIR BENNETT: Thank you. Thank you, Ms. Miller.

MR. GILL: Thanks. Thanks, Alice.

MS. MILLER: Sure. Thank you.
CHAIR BENNETT: Next is the General Counsel report.

Ms. Stroud?
MS. STROUD: Good morning, everyone.
The item that I have on my agenda is an emergency and proposed rulemaking. These amendments will replace -- oh.

CHAIR BENNETT: Your speaker.
MS. STROUD: I apologize.
MR. GILL: Ah, thank you.
MS. STROUD: The time on my agenda is emergency and proposed rulemaking. The purpose of these amendments are to place the board's regulations into conformity with the newlyenacted Initiative and Referendum Process Improvement Amendment Act of 2020, which became effective on March 16th.

And so this rulemaking makes adjustments to the board's regulations to reflect the legislation. It requires, among other things, that the board's drafted summary
statement for the initiative be written in plain language.

We are required to request a fiscal impact statement with respect to initiative measures from the Office of the Chief Financial Officer and to request within a defined time frame advisory opinions from the Office of the General Counsel for the council as well as the Attorney General and other interested parties.

It requires us to publish in the D.C. Register divorce formulations, which were adopted at a public meeting in the D.C. Register, at least one newspaper of general circulation and it requires a posting on the board's website.

So these are some of the changes that have been made to the regulations, and I'm requesting that the board approve that they be sent to the Register for publication so that they can take effect in emergency and proposed form.

CHAIR BENNETT: Okay. Can I get a motion from you, Mr. Gill, with regard to the proposed emergency rulemaking just described?

MR. GILL: So, Michael, $I$ don't -- I can't hear you. I don't know if others can hear you.

CHAIR BENNETT: I'm sorry. It was my -- I had my speaker off. I said can I get a motion from Mr. Gill from you with regard to the emergency rulemaking that Ms. Stroud just described?

MR. GILL: So I move that we vote on the emergency rulemaking.

CHAIR BENNETT: Okay, it's been properly moved. I second. Can I get a voice vote from you, Mr. Gill?

MR. GILL: Aye.
CHAIR BENNETT: An aye from me as well.

Ms. Stroud, you have approval to move forward with the emergency rulemaking.

MS. STROUD: Thank you.
CHAIR BENNETT: Okay. Any other items on your agenda?

MS. STROUD: No, that's it.

CHAIR BENNETT: Okay. That's a short agenda from you.

Okay. So last item on the agenda -MS. STROUD: Oh, Mr. Chair, I would add that a big reason why my agenda is so short is that we don't have any cases right now. And just last week, I got a mandate for the court with respect to a case that -- the last case that we had pending, which was Rudy's last case.

CHAIR BENNETT: Okay.
MS. STROUD: Which he won.
CHAIR BENNETT: Okay. A perfect record.

Great. I'll have -- the last item on the agenda are public matters and so I'd ask for, one, the public to either, $I$ guess, raise your hand in the chat as well as when you do speak please help us focus on the matter and indicating what your name and address is for the record.

Okay. So if you could -- let's start out. Who do we have on the -- who raised their hand in the chat?
(No response)
CHAIR BENNETT: No one? Okay. Since we have no one to raising their hand in the chat, we will close the meeting. I'll also -- just a final item is to put on the record that our next town hall we want to hear from registered voters in the district relative to their experience that they have had and that they would like to have, going forward.

We had, I think, a very good town hall. We got a lot of good information on yesterday and I'm looking forward to the next one that's scheduled on April 20th.

If you have something specific that you'd like to talk about and you're registered voter in the district, then please, please, please contact Nick Jacobs, and Nick will help you kind of focus the topic that you want to talk about.

These town halls are opportunities for us to hear from voters in the district and to be able to focus our efforts administratively, going
forward, based on what works or doesn't work for the voters.

So thanks so much for the participation on yesterday and we look forward to participation on April 20th.

The meeting is now adjourned. Thank you so much.
(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 11:25 a.m.)

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