GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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WEDNESDAY,
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The Board met in Room 280 North, One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 2001, pursuant to notice, at 10:00 a.m., Deborah K. Nichols, Chairman, presiding.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEMBERS PRESENT:

DEBORAH K. NICHOLS,  Chairman
STEPHEN I. DANZANSKY,  Member

ALSO PRESENT:

CECILY COLLIER-MONTGOMERY, Director
Office of Campaign Finance
KENNETH MCGHIE, ESQ., General Counsel
CLIFFORD D. TATUM, Executive Director
WILLIAM STANFORD, ESQ., General Counsel, Office of Campaign Finance
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CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Good morning.

Welcome. I hereby call to order the Regular Meeting of the Board of Elections for September 2014. It is Wednesday, September 10, 2014 and the time is 10:44 a.m. We are meeting in Room 280 North at One Judiciary Square.

I am Deborah K. Nichols, Chairman of the Board of Elections. Present with me this morning is Board Member Stephen Danzansky. Also present this morning Mr. Kenneth McGhie, the Board's General Counsel; Cicely Collier-Montgomery, the Board's Director of Campaign Finance and Mr. Clifford Tatum, the Board's Executive Director.

Without objection the agenda for this morning's meeting is adopted.

Are there any corrections or technical edits to the Minutes?

ALL: None.
CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: All right. So the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of August 6, 2014 are adopted subject to minor technical edits.

Are there any matters that members of the Board wish to address in this public meeting? Hearing none, we will move to the Executive Director's Report. Mr. Tatum?

MR. TATUM: Thank you Madam Chair. The first item on my report is the qualification of candidates for the November 4, 2014 election.

The challenge process was completed yesterday and the Board issued all orders out to candidates who have been challenged and who were either achieved ballot access or denied ballot access and we have prepared a finalized list of candidates for both ANC and the major party positions that is currently posted on the website and any voters can go to that website and take a look at who the finalist candidates are.
Based on that final list we are making changes to both our paper ballot and our electronic ballot. We will have the ballot lottery on September 12th starting at 10 a.m. and will proceed until concluded and after that lottery we will place the candidates on the ballot in the order in which they were drawn in the lottery and finalize the ballot and prepare for the UCOAVA mailing deadline which is September 19th.

The next items on my report is the polling place relocations and I'll ask Mr. Arlin Buddo to come forward and submit the report to the Board. There are five precincts that would need to be relocated for this upcoming general election.

MR. BUDDO: Good morning.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Good morning, Mr. Buddo. How are you this morning?

MR. BUDDO: I'm all right. The first item for relocation is Precinct No. 6. Precinct No. 6, which is Duke Ellington
School of the Arts which we used as a polling place for the April 1, 2014 mayoral primary, will not be available due to construction that is underway and not due to be completed until the beginning of the school year 2016.

Therefore, I am proposing that we temporarily relocate to the Georgetown Community Library located at 3260 R Street, N.W. I do want to make a note that the boundary for Precinct 6 and Precinct 5 is Wisconsin Avenue; the library is on the opposite side of Wisconsin Avenue so it is slightly outside the precinct boundaries.

But I did speak with the ANC Commissioner, chairperson for that area, and his recommendation was the library. So they have approved the relocation even though it is outside the precinct boundaries.

The building is accessible. We will be using the large meeting room downstairs. There is street parking and a small parking lot on the side of the library.
as well.

The next relocation is Precinct No. 28. During the April 2013 special elections and the April 1, 2014, the church had previously scheduled activities so we were not able to use the Church of the Annunciation as a polling place so therefore we combined with Precinct 12. This was the St. Sophia's Greek Orthodox Church.

I did speak with the facility contact, Ms. Belmonte, at the Annunciation Church who informed me that it would be available for the November 4, 2014 general election. So I am proposing that we relocate back to the Church of the Annunciation located at 3810 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.

The next relocation is Precinct No. 49 which is Raymond Elementary School. The area has grown in size and we were looking to relocate the precinct because we were using only a classroom inside the school, we did not have use of the multi-purpose room or any
larger area.

They have completed renovations at
a brand new recreation center which is
attached to the school, it's just around the
corner from the school, but it's part of the
block so I am therefore requesting that we
relocate to the Raymond Recreation Center
located at 3725 10th Street, N.W.

The next relocation is Precinct 99, Ward Memorial Church, which we did use in
the April 1, 2014. I was informed by the
facility contact that they had some structural
damage after the earthquake that we had a
couple of years ago that they did not know
about so I'm thinking that someone may have
come and looked at space and that the pastor
of the church did condemn the space for no use
at all and they are in the process now of
putting out bids for architectural firms to
come and renovate with the construction
underway so it would not be available for the
November 4, 2014 general elections.
Therefore, I am proposing that we relocate and combine with Smothers Elementary school located at 4400 Brook Street, N.E. It's directly around the corner from the polling space from the current spot about two blocks so will not be out of the way for the normal voters of that area.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Smothers is already used.

MR. BUDDO: Yes. Smothers is currently Precinct 98.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. BUDDO: Okay. In that room we would use the multipurpose room and in the past elections when we've had an issue with a certain spot and we were not able to relocate to something that the Board deemed reliable or a large enough space, what we would do is we would set up both precincts in the multipurpose room and we would have Precinct 98 on one side of the room and Precinct 99 on the other side of the room.
One note I do want to make though is that the registration for the area for Precinct 99 is 1,735 so even though it should be a large group of people at one location at one time if we're looking at the numbers it should move pretty smoothly. And we have done this before at that site because we did have prior issues at Precinct 99 where they have another issue with the facility as well. So we have done this before.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: I know we've done it at Bunker Hill.

MR. BUDDO: Right. We did it at Bunker Hill and we actually did it for some others then.

And the last relocation is Precinct 101 which is River Terrace Elementary School. As you know, prior to the April election they had come before the Board to make a recommendation of relocating to The Chateau which is at 3439 Benning Road.

I just want to make a note. River
Terrace Elementary School is now currently under renovation and if you know the area, you know that area sits off by itself and there is nothing within close proximity.

I did a survey of the area and there was a church and a few other locations but they were not accessible at all.

So my last choice was to reach out to the ANC and see if there was anything that they'd recommend in the area. And she has adamantly recommended The Chateau for this one temporary relocation. I do note that the renovations for the school will be complete by 1st September 2015 so this will be just a temporary relocation for this one election barring any other special elections that we may have.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: All right. Are there any questions? Then we need a motion to approve the proposed precinct relocations for publication and the D.C. Register for a period of comment.
BOARD MEMBER DANZANSKY: Just one question, Madam Chair, if I may. I remember on one of these precinct locations last year the council person in whose district that resided sent a note in, whatever. Do we regularly notify members of the Council?

MR. BUDDO: I'm sorry. Yes sir. After the Board meeting what I normally do is give the recommendations to the registrar for the Board of Elections who then puts it in the D.C. Register.

I also send out notices to the council members as well as the ANCs affected in the precinct areas as well.

BOARD MEMBER DANZANSKY: Okay. So they've been notified if they have any objections?

MR. BUDDO: Yes, they have.

BOARD MEMBER DANZANSKY: Okay. Thank you. I move we adopt the changes in voting places as outlined in the testimony of Mr. Buddo.
CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: The motion is seconded. All in favor, aye? All opposed?

(VOTE TAKEN)

The motion carries. Okay.

MR. TATUM: Madam Chair, the next item on my report is the preparation statement for the upcoming November general election. As indicated, we have the ballot lottery scheduled for September 12th at 10 a.m. We are currently conducting training for early voting, training which started on Tuesday the 9th and will continue through October 31st.

The training, as you may recall, we discussed the different types of things that we were going to do. The staff is conducting a straight one-to-one training class per position so checking clerks and training of checking clerks.

We've talked about whether we can do a team training by precinct and we resolved to simply train by position so checking clerks will train as checking clerks, ballot clerks
will train as ballot clerks and special ballot clerks will train as special ballot clerks.

We simply didn't have the time and the space to conduct the team training for this upcoming November election.

We, as discussed with the Board, have increased the number of early voting center locations from 13, which was used in the primary election, to 9. There's 9 locations. The Ward 1, Columbia Heights location; Ward 2, One Judiciary Square; Ward 3, Chevy Chase Community Center; Ward 4, Takoma Community Center; Ward 5, Turkey Thicket Rec Center; Ward 6, King Greenleaf Rec Center as well as the Sherwood Recreation Center; Ward 7, Dorothy Height/Benning Library and Ward 8, the Malcolm X Elementary School.

And the chief technology officer is working with OCTO to ensure connectivity at those locations and I think actually they went out yesterday or the day before to verify the
Malcolm X location. So far it's looking good for connectivity.

We will have 10 Ivotronics at each of the early voting centers and here at Judiciary Square, we will have paper ballots and there will be 14 and 100s to tabulate, to collect the paper ballots that are [inaudible] the scanned ballots.

We have set up the Ivotronic with early voting ballot styles and we've determined that all of the ballot styles will fit onto one Ivotronic, which means we won't have to go through that designation as we did two years ago so we're pleased with that. We used to have our vendor come in to support the programming effort there.

We've had discussions about the number of Ivos that will be deployed to the polling places and we'll finish that discussion as we've indicated.

As Mr. Buddo just indicated we've relocated five polling places. We will
propose to relocate five polling places and
publish those for notice and then provide
notices to the voters that are impacted by
those relocations and, as discussed with the
Board, we will send out multiple notices and
take additional steps to ensure those voters
are aware of their relocations.

We have proposed to train at least
1,800 to 1,900 poll workers and the training
staff have set up the scheduled classes to
accommodate 20 to 25 persons per training
class to allow for a mandatory training class
and to do more hands on assessment and to
evaluate whether the poll workers can
actually perform the tasks that are being
requested of them.

And, as indicated, we have
designed the ballot based on the number of
contests and the number of candidates who have
qualified for the ballot.

This will be a two-sided paper
ballot and, as indicated, as we've done in the
past a two-sided paper ballot will indicate both sides of the ballot so that the voters will be informed that there are two sides. We also train our poll workers to remind the voter that there's two sides to the ballot.

The touch screen has one contest that will spill over from one column to a second column and that is the At-Large contest and there was no other way to program the touch screen to avoid that. But all of the contests will be on the ballot as well, on the electronic ballot.

The initiative will appear on the second page of the paper ballot and the last page of the touch screen voting machine.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Can I ask you a question? Why do we have to do two-sided ballots?

MR. TATUM: Because of the number of contests that appear on the ballot and the length of the ballot is a 15-inch and all of the contests will not appear on the front side
of the ballot.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: The number of contests? ANCs and attorney general, at-large?

MR. TATUM: Yes.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Does the number of candidates have anything to do with that?

MR. TATUM: Yes, it does. It does.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. GURLEY: Can I ask a question?

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Not now, Mr. Gurley. No, not now. Proceed, Mr. Tatum.

MR. TATUM: Madam Chair, based on the layout of the paper ballot and the Ivotronics in its initial draft format, we have sent the ballot out to an external group to review for Spanish translation. We've had an internal translation, we've had the second translation reviewed by I believe it was the
Office of Latino Affairs for the mayor.

We have also had the training materials reviewed. We've created for the first time election materials in Mandarin. In the format that we've laid out the paperwork, the English language is written on the paper and the Mandarin translation appears below the English language and we will propose to do that with our Spanish language as well but didn't have the time to complete that for this upcoming election.

So we've had our translations reviewed. The Office of Asian Pacific, the mayor's office assisted with the Mandarin translation to make sure it was proper.

We will conduct after the September 12 ballot lottery, we will finalize the ballots and we'll begin burning media cards the week of September 23rd. We will have all of our touch screens and N-100s serviced on the week of the 29th and 30th and we will conduct LMA on the final week once the
servicing has been completed on the touch
screens and N-100s we will then conduct LMA.
We anticipate LMA will be at least two days
and we will then finalize and lock the
machines down roughly about October 1st or the
2nd.

We have currently received
approximately 671 requests for UOCAVA, that's
the Uniformed Overseas Citizens and Military
Voters. We have 671 requests for absentee
ballots, 24 of those are military and the
remaining are overseas citizens. And we are
on schedule to send those absentee ballots out
to the UOCAVA voters by the September 19th
deadline so we anticipate no problems with
meeting that deadline. We had a conversation
with the DOJ yesterday. They call every state
and territory to ensure that we will meet the
45-day deadline. General counsel and myself
were on that call.

Outreach we'll continue as we have
in the previous elections with the exception
of increasing the activities associated in outreach. On September 23rd we have the National Voter Registration Day and we're combining efforts with the State of Maryland, some of the local counties in Maryland and Virginia through the Council of State Governments to participate and cooperate in a joint media effort to notify voters of the voter registration day and election day activities. And both of our outreach coordinators are working with the other states to carry that forward.

Election day we are proposing and are recruiting for 48 technical rovers and we have reached out to OCTO to I think what the Chief Technology Officers calls the augmentation program, staff augmentation program, to ask for their assistance. We're reaching out to several of the local universities and colleges to find students who are training in technical programs to assist and to work with us for election day with the
idea there'll be 48 tech rovers which will then allow each of those tech rovers to service three precincts only which will reduce the amount of time it takes for a technician to get from one polling place to the next, which we believe will assist our captains in any technical issues they may have with the E poll books and the Ivotronics.

Election night tabulation, we will begin tabulating early voting results, accumulating early voting results at 1 p.m. until completed and those results will then be loaded into Unity but not published from Unity until the polls close at 8 p.m.

As the polls close at 8 p.m., as indicated, the Board will be present. The first report will be generated for review and published to the web shortly thereafter. We will generate a reporting night schedule to provide to the public and to the media as well as in media packets to inform citizens what the process will be for election night and
what we anticipate the closing schedule to be for the entire process.

    And, of course, as we generate the preliminary reports that the Board approves, we then publish those reports to the website for public consumption.

    And Madam Chair, that concludes my update for elections preparations and the other item on the report which is Other Matters there's nothing to be reported.

    CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: All right.

    Thank you, Mr. Tatum. Are there any-- no sir.

    No sir.

    MR. GURLEY: Just a clarification.

    CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Not now. No, not now. You will have a chance to come up and make any statements. No sir. You will have a chance to come up later on the Agenda and make any statements that you like but now is not the time. Just hold your question.

    Mr. Danzansky, do you have any questions of
Mr. Tatum?

BOARD MEMBER DANZANSKY: No,

Madam Chair.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: All right.

We will move on now to the report of the Board’s General Counsel. Mr. McGhie.

MR. MCGHIE: Yes. The first item on my agenda is a proper subject determination for the initiative. The initiative is entitled "No worker shall make less than the Minimum Wage Act of 2016." I believe the proposers or the proposers' attorneys are present and would you please take a seat at the table.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Good morning.

All right. At this meeting the Board will conduct a hearing to determine whether the proposed initiative measure titled "No worker shall make less than the Minimum Wage Act of 2016" presents a proper subject of initiative in the District of Columbia.

MR. MCGHIE: In the Board's
determination of whether or not an initiative
is a proper subject, the Board has a specific
statutory criteria that it looks to, to make
sure that the subject matter of the initiative
does not fall in one of the prohibited areas.
It cannot appropriate funds, it cannot negate
or limit a budget act, it cannot violate the
Home Rule Act, it cannot violate the United
States Constitution, it cannot be in conflict
with a federal law and they must also properly
file a statement of organization with the
Office of Campaign Finance.

And that would the summary of the
initial--

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: All right.

Has the proposed measure met the statutory
administrative requirements with respect to
its filing?

MR. MCGHIE: Yes. They properly
filed all their paperwork with the Office of
Campaign Finance on July 30, 2014 so they are
in compliance with the filing requirements.
CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: All right.

Are there any opponents to this measure?

Hearing none, we'll move on for any comments from the proponents of the measure. Do you have any comments staff for the record?

MR. SWEET: We do not.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: All right.

MR. MCGHIE: Just for the record, the Office of the Attorney General filed written comments on September 5th and their comments were that it was a proper subject for an initiative.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: All right.

Mr. Danzansky, do you have any questions or comments? All right. Mr. General Counsel, do you have a recommendation to the Board as to whether the proposed measure presents a proper subject of initiative?

MR. MCGHIE: Yes. I would concur with the Office of the Attorney General that this is a proper subject for an initiative.

It does not violate any of the prohibitions in
the subject matter area.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: All right. The Board will take this matter under advisement and we will inform you of our decision as quickly as possible. Thank you so much. I know it's been a long process. Thank you for your patience. All right.

MR. MCGHIE: Okay. The next matter on my agenda is a litigation status report and the Board is familiar with all three of the matters. All three of the matters have been addressed before at the last Board meeting.

The first one is Zukerberg v. D.C. Board of Elections. As you know, this was a case brought by Mr. Zukerberg against the District of Columbia for attempting to delay the election of the Office of Attorney General.

The Office of the Attorney General which represented us filed a motion to dismiss based on the counsel legislation which placed
the initiative on the ballot for November and
the court granted the Office of Attorney
General's motion to dismiss the case as moot
on August 20, 2014.

The next matter is McMillian v.
D.C. Board of Elections. That was the case
dealing with an individual that was
complaining about the rent is too damn high
and the Board not using that language.

He does not live in the District
of Columbia. The Board filed a motion to
dismiss based on standing and that motion is
pending in the court.

The final matter is Cheeks v. the
Board of Elections and Ethics. Mr. Cheeks
filed a temporary restraining order, a TRO, in
court alleging that a person who had
challenged his nominating petition did not
timely file the challenge.

Mr. Cheeks' attorney contacted me
and requested a continuance on the TRO until
after the Board's determination on whether or
not he was on the ballot. I agreed to his
request to continue the matter. The matter
was continued and Mr. Cheeks is on the ballot
so it's my guess that at some point he'll be
filing a motion to dismiss.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: All right. Any
questions of Mr. McGhie?

(NO RESPONSE)

All right. We will move on now to
the report of the Board's Director of Campaign
Finance, Ms. Montgomery.

MS. COLLIER-MONTGOMERY: Yes. At
the last Board meeting in August I did not
have the staff available [inaudible] the
report which was filed by our Principal
Campaign Committee and Political Action
Committee to our Continuing Committee on July
31st. So the facts for that filing are as
follows:

The total number of required
filers for the July 31, 2014 Report of
Receipts and Expenditures was 33 and that
breaks down to 24 Principal Campaign Committees and 9 Political Action Committees. We had 26 timely filers and those are 17 of our PCCs and 9 PACs. There were no extensions requested and there were no late filers but we did have 7 failures to file and those were 7 PCCs and those PCCs have been referred to the Office of the General Counsel for the initiation of the informal hearing process.

As far as the electronic filing system is concerned, 23 of the required filers did electronically file.

For the August 10, 2014 Report of Receipts and Expenditures and those are for our committees who are active in the 2014 election cycle, with the Principal Campaign Committees and Political Action Committees the total number of required filers were 130; that breaks down to 80 Principal Campaign Committees and 50 Political Action Committees.

The total number of timely filers
is 111; 68 PCCs and 43 PACs. With extensions requested and granted there was 1 and that was a PAC. Total number of late filers, there was 1 and that was a PCC.

Total number of failures to file 18; 11 PCCs and 6 PACs and those matters were referred to the Office of the General Counsel for initiation of the informal hearing process.

With respect to the electronic filings, 100 of the 130 filings were electronically filed and I would just note for the record that under the law which was passed by the Council which becomes applicable on January 31, 2015, electronic filing will be mandatory in the District of Columbia.

With respect to new candidates and committees registered for the 2014 election cycle for the month of August 2014, Joey Weedon, Joe Wheedon for State Board of Education (Ward 6) registered as a candidate
on August 6, 2014.

With referrals to the General Counsel for failure to timely file, the July 31st, report of Receipt and Expenditures, again there were seven and they are Friends of Tarek Stevens, Tarek Stevens, Treasurer; Patterson for Ward 8, Timothy Lewis, Treasurer; Committee to Elect Natalie Williams, Natalie Williams, Treasurer; Gray for Mayor, Betty R. Brown, Treasurer; Committee to Elect Ronald Moten, Ward 7 City Council, Ron Moten, Treasurer; Barry for Ward 8, Re-Election Committee, Robert James, Treasurer; Committee to elect Villareal VJ Johnson, Timothy Lewis, Treasurer.

With respect to the failure to file the August 10th R&E Report there were 12 Principal Campaign Committee. James Cavendish for Mayor 2014, James Cavendish, Treasurer; Carson-Smith 4 DNC, Winifred Y. Carson-Smith, Treasurer; Jim Graham 2014, Nelson Ayala, Treasurer; Carter-At-Large 2014, Christian
Carter, Treasurer; Gaston 2014, Darrell
Gaston, Treasurer; Valentine At-Large 2014,
Justine Flemmings, Treasurer; Committee to
Elect John Settles 2014, Jennifer Leonard,
Treasurer; Martin Sterbal for U.S. Senate,
Martin Sterbal, Treasurer; Sewell for Mayor
2014, Otis Sution, Treasurer; Victoria Gordon
4 Mayor, Victoria Gordon, Treasurer; Michael
Green Mayoral Committee, Michael L. Green,
Treasurer; Beverley Wheeler for Ward 1,
Beverley Wheeler, Treasurer.

With our Political Action Committees there were 6 committees who failed to file. Gertrude Stein Democratic Political Action Committee, Terrence Laney, Treasurer; Youth Action Political Action Committee,
Gabrielle Moise, Treasurer; The National Association of Realtors Fund, John Pierpoint,
Treasurer; Ward 5 Democrats, Adrian Jordan,
Treasurer; Libertarian Party of D.C., Sarah Harvard, Treasurer; D.C. Building Industry Association PAC, Inc., Christopher Collins,
Treasurer.

With the Reports Analysis and Audit Division during the month of August the audit branch conducted 158 desk reviews of reports of Receipts of Expenditures which were filed with the agency. With ongoing audits, the Full Field Audits, Gray for Mayor is still ongoing.

The periodic random audits of candidates registered for the upcoming election, Bowser for Mayor; Tommy Wells for Mayor; Evans for Mayor; Charles Allen for Ward 6; Catania for Mayor. Those periodic random audits are ongoing.

During the month of August we did issue on August 4, 2014 the periodic audit report for Orange for Mayor and that report was of the March 10, 2014 R&E Report for the coverage period on February 1, 2014 through March 10, 2014 and that report is available at our website for review by the public.

And at this time I would ask Mr.
Sanford to provide the report for the general counsel's office.

Now I would also point out that under the new law, again which becomes applicable on January 31st of 2015, the way we will impose fines is also changing because the Office of Campaign Finance will then have the authority to impose civil penalties against candidates or any other person responsible for filing and the agency, whereas now our authority has been limited to imposing fines against committees.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Thank you.

MR. SANFORD: Good morning, Madam Chair. I have the statement for Board Member Danzansky. My name is William Sanford, General Counsel for the Office of Campaign Finance.

During the month of August 2014, the Office of the General Counsel received 29 referrals which included 25 referrals from the Public Information and Records Management
Division for referrals from the Reports Analysis and Audit Division.

The Office of the General Counsel issued 20 orders which included the following:

6 orders for failure to timely file in which no fines were imposed; 1 order for failure to timely file in which a fine of $950 dollars was imposed; 1 order regarding failure to timely respond to a request for additional information in which a fine of $1,100 dollars was imposed and 12 orders regarding failure to timely respond to request for additional information in which no fines were imposed.

The Office of the General Counsel imposed $2,050 dollars in files during the month of August and those fines were imposed against the following: Gaston for Ward 8 School Board in the amount of $1,100 dollars; Martin Sterbal for U.S. Senate in the amount of $950 dollars.

During the month of August no petitions for enforcement were referred to the
Board of Elections.

The Office of the General Counsel carried 7 open investigations from prior months during the month of August, there were no new investigations opened. During the month of August 2014 there were no requests for [inaudible] and no show cause proceedings were conducted. And this should conclude my report.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: All right.

Thank you. Are there any questions for Mr. Sanford?

(NO RESPONSE)

All right. Hearing none we will move on to public matters. Are there any matters? Ms. Brizill, come to the table and identify yourself for the record.

MS. BRIZILL: Good morning. My name is Dorothy Brizill B-r-i-z-i-l-l. My permanent residency is 1327 Girard Street, N.W. Washington, D.C.

I have two sets of questions which
I wanted to ask the Board about and hopefully leave today with some answers or a pathway to some answers.

My first set of questions concerns the preparations for the November general election and under that the first item is a matter you've just discussed, the relocation of polling site 101 from River Terrace Elementary School to The Chateau.

The Chateau on Benning Road is a nightclub. It is a rather notorious nightclub. I have never ever known of the Board approving the siting of a polling site in a nightclub. I stepped out and spoke to Mr. Buddo and he told me that while voting is going on, that portion of the building that will be devoted to nightclub activity will be open.

I cannot believe, I will not believe that in that entire neighborhood The Chateau, which has huge signs outside the last time I was over there, that says they check
you at the door regarding guns and everything, is an inviting atmosphere that this Board wants to send voters to on election day.

So I know you've already voted on it but I--

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Ms. Brizill, let me make clear. We didn't vote on anything. We are voting to approve the proposed relocation for publication in the D.C. Register for a period of comment. So let us be clear that that has not been approved and it hasn't. We have not voted on anything and until we get public comment we won't vote on anything.

MS. BRIZILL: When will it be published in the D.C. Register? Mr. Tatum?

MR. TATUM: Next Friday.

MS. BRIZILL: And so you will act if there is sufficient public comment? Is that my understanding? Or if you get public comment? Never mind. I'll move on.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Thank you.
MS. BRIZILL: I have sent at least two emails to Mr. Tatum inquiring about the next matter and I would hope that at this Board meeting I could get some answers.

My concern centers around the fact that we're going into the November election and you have several critical positions on the Board staff that are vacant. You have a supervisory information technology specialist who is responsible for the voter registration data base operation that plays a critical role on election night in the counting center. You are advertising currently for a public affairs specialist and you indicate in a job description that that person would coordinate media relations and community outreach activities -- again, a critical position with an upcoming election and especially given the debacle of the April primary and you have a third position listed as lead support services specialist. And in the description you say that person would supervise warehouse
activity.

Again, there were several instances where insufficient and improper materials were sent from the warehouse to the polling sites for the primary election.

Am I correct, Mr. Tatum, that these positions are vacant and you currently are advertising for them?

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Please direct your question through the chair to staff.

MS. BRIZILL: Madam Chair, is that correct, these positions are vacant?

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: We are in the process of filling these positions.

MS. BRIZILL: So they are currently vacant? Can you tell me which ones are vacant?

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: No. No. Which ones have been filled?

MR. TATUM: [inaudible].

MS. BRIZILL: I couldn't hear you, Mr. Tatum.
MR. TATUM: There are people filling the functions of these positions but we are looking to hire permanent staff for each of these positions.

MS. BRIZILL: Well, for example, the supervisory information technology specialist is a position that became vacant when the person who had held that position for a number of years retired at the beginning of this year. And then you brought that person back as a contractor? Correct?

MR. TATUM: Correct.

MS. BRIZILL: Can you tell me whether or not you filled the IT position from the agency?

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: The supervisory information--

MS. BRIZILL: No, the IT. The director of IT for the agency?

MR. TATUM: Oh yes.

MS. BRIZILL: Can you tell me the person's name?
MR. TATUM:   Sean Fagan.

MS. BRIZILL:   Sean?

MR. TATUM:   Fagan.

MS. BRIZILL:   F-a-g-a-n. And how long has he been on staff?

MR. TATUM:   Before they even-- we can get you specific dates, Ms. Brizill.

MS. BRIZILL:   I did not want to have to come in and ask this but I have sent Mr. Tatum three emails and I have not

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS:   Well, we will get get back to you. We will respond to your email with more detailed information.

MS. BRIZILL:   Okay. With regards to the preparations for the November election, I would ask this Board to make preparations for observers and press on election night contrary to what has happened in the past two elections.

There needs to be an availability of a BOE representative to the press and to observers election night, and not hiding
somewhere in the ladies room or in some back
office. There are also--

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Ms. Brizill,
wait. I will take exception to that
characterization. No one is hiding from
anyone.

MS. BRIZILL: She wasn't
available. She wasn't available.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Well, we're
not going to get into that.

MS. BRIZILL: She wasn't
available and I can bring 20 affidavits of
people who will complain. And I personally
brought it to Mr. Danzansky's attention and
beseeched him to go and get her. Okay?

Well, moving on, can you--

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: We will work
on preparations for observers and the press
but I don't think it will be any different
than in the past. What would you like?

MS. BRIZILL: I would hope if you
have a person who has the position, a media
and press person, that they would make
themselves available election night to the
media and the press.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Okay.

MS. BRIZILL: And provide
accurate information. That's all we ask.
Okay?

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Okay.

MS. BRIZILL: And I thought that
was part of the job. And also with regard to
observers and press, I would also ask that a
clear path be provided and access to the area
outside the counting center, that glass area,
so that observers and press can actually
observe the counting and not blocked as it has
been for the past two elections.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Can you give
me more detail on the problem?

MS. BRIZILL: The problem is you
have a glass area that's about the size of
these two tables and media and press and

observers are supposed to stand outside and be
able to see the cartridges arrive, the
cartridges fed in and what have you. What
you've done for the past two elections is
you've put all sorts of huge machinery in
front of the glass so you can't see anything.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Okay. We'll
work on that.

MS. BRIZILL: And this has been
brought to the director's attention several
times.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: And Mr. Tatum
will you make sure that that happens? But I
would say this, Ms. Brizill, and maybe this is
something you and other residents in the city
can help us with, is that we need better
space. We need better space. We're working
with what we have. If you can get us better
space, we can make arrangements for you to see
as much as you want to see but we're working
with a pre-deigned space that does not serve
our purpose and I have said that time and time
again.
MS. BRIZILL: Better space will not solve--

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Yes, it will.

MS. BRIZILL: Excuse me. Better space will not solve the problem of deliberately putting machinery in front of the only glass that one can look through and see the actual tabulation. Okay? Space will not solve the problem.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: I would take exception to that only because--

MS. BRIZILL: You can move the--

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Wait. Move it where? It has to be secure. We don't have space. That's the problem. But we will look at that.

MS. BRIZILL: Well, some of the tables they have--

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: We will look at that. Can you move on.

MS. BRIZILL: Some of the tables they have back there with food and
refreshments on could be moved out and then you can move those machines to the window.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Well, I don't know about the food and refreshments.

MS. BRIZILL: Okay. Well, I can show you the pictures.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Well, do it. Send the pictures.

MS. BRIZILL: The other thing is the tabulation at early voting centers. In your presentation, Mr. Tatum, did I understand you to say that the tabulation of the ballots on the early voting machines will begin at 1 p.m.?

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Did you say that?

MR. TATUM: The accumulation.

Accumulation.

MS. BRIZILL: What does that mean?

MR. TATUM: We will consolidate all the votes from the IVOs to one machine
that they will be read into.

MS. BRIZILL: Wait. Wait. You will consolidate all the votes from the early voting machines onto what?

MR. TATUM: Onto one IVO function machine that will then be prepared for loading onto the--

MS. BRIZILL: And what is the purpose of that? Have you done that before?

MR. TATUM: Yes, we have. We do it every--

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: That's standard operating procedure. You would have observed that.

MS. BRIZILL: I have-- Let me finish. Just let me finish. I want you to answer me what I observed. Just tell me what I observed.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: But no, I don't know how you would. That occurs--

MR. TATUM: We open those doors to the press and observers and they watch us
print off the closing tapes that she's referring to. The accumulation, there's two parts to that. The accumulation that takes place before that and we generate the tapes for the--

MS. BRIZILL: [inaudible]

MR. TATUM: Each of the votes that are stored on the one IVO, on the ten IVOs that will be accumulated to one IVO. And that one IVO--

MS. BRIZILL: When would that occur and--

MR. TATUM: That will occur at 1 p.m. and all the IVOs would be -- all the reports would generate--

MS. BRIZILL: So then you would have one IVO for each early voting center?

MR. TATUM: That's correct.

MS. BRIZILL: And when will you run those machines?

MR. TATUM: At one o'clock.

MS. BRIZILL: Wait a minute. You
have one IVO machine from each precinct and
you will run them at one o'clock?

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: No, they will
not be running at one o'clock.

MS. BRIZILL: I would like to
know--

MR. TATUM: I'm not sure what
she's asking.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Neither am I.

MS. BRIZILL: Okay. Let me see--

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: We want to
give you the appropriate answer but we need to
be clear on the question. We won't count
votes until 8:01 if that's the question
you're--

MS. BRIZILL: No, that's not my
question.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Well, what is
the question?

MS. BRIZILL: My question is, in
his presentation I clearly wrote down we will
begin the tabulation of votes from the early
voting machines at 1 p.m.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: No, he didn't say tabulate. He did not say anything like that.

MS. BRIZILL: Okay. What are you doing at 1 p.m.?

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: You can read the transcript when--

MS. BRIZILL: What are you doing at, just explain to me at 1 p.m., which you can either answer it now or you can answer the question later.

MR. TATUM: Sure. Accumulation.

MS. BRIZILL: Okay. What is accumulation? Explain to me what accumulation is?

MR. TATUM: I just explained it.

MS. BRIZILL: No, you didn't. What is accumulation?

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: We'll get back with you.

MS. BRIZILL: No, no, no.
CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Yes.

MS. BRIZILL: No. What is accumulation? What is accumulation, Mr. Tatum?

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: We'll get back to you within--

MS. BRIZILL: Ms. Nichols, he does not get back to anybody.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Well, I will ensure that he gets back to you with an answer.

MS. BRIZILL: When?

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Today. Today. Now we're going to answer your question. Don't sit here and press us to give you an answer.

MS. BRIZILL: This is the only time when I can get an answer.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Well, we will give you an answer, Ms. Brizill. I will ensure that you get an answer. But please don't come down here and browbeat us.
MS. BRIZILL: If you think this is browbeating, wait until next week. Wait until next week. Wait until next week. Okay?

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: I'm sure.

MS. BRIZILL: Mr. Tatum, will citizens be able to observe this accumulation that you referred to?

MR. TATUM: Yes.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Yes. None of-

MS. BRIZILL: In your media advisory will you tell people that you're doing this accumulation?

MR. TATUM: Yes.

MS. BRIZILL: Okay. My next question has to do with the Office of Campaign Finance.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Yes Ms. Brizill.

MS. BRIZILL: Several individuals have entered guilty pleas based on the U.S. attorney's investigation of a group
of campaigns in the District. Kelvin Robinson, Mark Long, Jeff Smith. The plea agreement itself details their violation of the District's Campaign Finance laws.

What action, if any, is OCF taking with regard to these individuals?

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Mr. Sanford?

MR. SANFORD: Good morning, Ms. Brizill. We have open investigations into all of those matters that you referred to and if you go to our website we list them as open investigations. And we've been carrying them as open investigations.

And what we have done is we have contacted either the individuals or their attorneys and advised them that the Office of Campaign Finance has opened an investigation based upon information that we have gotten from either the criminal information or the plea agreement. And in all cases they have indicated that they are willing to cooperate with our office as soon as they have concluded
their business with the U.S. Attorney's
office. And that's the status of those cases.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Thank you,

Mr. Sanford.

MR. SANFORD: You're welcome.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: All right. Mr.

Gurley?

MR. GURLEY: Good morning. My

name is Calvin Gurley, 612 Underwood Street,

Washington, D.C. 20012 is my address.

I came with one issue but the

second issue is concerning the presentation of

Director Tatum on the ballots for the November

2014 election. As we know there's about 15

At-Large candidates.

Now there was a procedure he said

that on the electronic ballots that some of

the names would appear and others will spill-

over and the term he used "spill-over" I

didn't quite understand what he meant by that.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Mr. Tatum, do

you want to answer that question?
MR. TATUM: Sure. Mr. Gurley, you recall what the IVO looks like. There are columns, one contest in which a list of names and the names would carry over to the next column so that when you're looking at that contest you're seeing names and the two names at the top.

MR. GURLEY: Okay. What I'm saying is that how many names can appear, how many candidates' names can appear on a screen at one time without the spill-over?

MR. TATUM: I don't know the -- I don't recall the number of names that's in that contest but the number that's there would not appear in the one column. I don't know the exact number--

MR. GURLEY: It would not. You see, that's the problem I'm having with that and that is if there's a split in the presentation of 15 names, then the primary names which lists that we split it in half, seven and eight, that the primary names of
seven that first appear then there's a
continuation or spill-over may cause a
disadvantage.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: What would
you have us do?

MR. GURLEY: Well if all 10 could
appear and--

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: And if they
can't, what would you do?

MR. GURLEY: If they can't, then
what we could do -- we'll come back to that.
What could we do? I need to think about.
There has to be some kind of way to get -- if
they can't appear then there has to be some
kind of way it should appear by minimizing the
format, the contest, just the names and where
you can have all 15 candidates where you have
a read down.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Yes, but how
are we going to do that?

MR. GURLEY: Minimize it I guess,
the text.
CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: How can -- just the font size?

MR. GURLEY: Yes.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Then how are the visually handicapped -- how are we going to provide--

MR. GURLEY: Perhaps then there would be an option in case if those who are visually handicapped cannot see, they can enhance it or either increase it. At least they can see there's 15. If they can't visually identify each one, they can enlarge it, no different from on the screen where you can take it from 100 to 125 to 150 to 200. But at least let them know that the initial--

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: But what about on a paper ballot?

MR. GURLEY: On a paper ballot. Hopefully, on a paper ballot--

MR. TATUM: It doesn't spill--

MR. GURLEY: It doesn't spill,
yes thank you. That's why I was just referring to electronic. The electronics were important that there is a content of 15 names as visualized.

The reason why I say it is this, because back in the presidential election, a lot of young folks just came to the precinct and I did exit polling and a lot of young folks said well I just voted for Obama and left the rest of the ballot just clean and didn't even turn the other side over. And that's just from the young beginning voters. But as far as the vintage voters, the vintage voters are the ones who--

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: As you [inaudible] from where you have to click on the electronic now more where you have to click those with different screens--

MR. GURLEY: Yes.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: You're asking that everything be on one screen?

MR. GURLEY: For that one
election. For the At-Large.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: For the At-
Large. Okay.

MR. TATUM: It's all in one
stream.

MR. GURLEY: Okay. I understand
but when viewing, when you go to-- you used
the term spill-over so I didn't quite
understand the term you say spill-over. All
right.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. GURLEY: So how are we going
to do that now?

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: We don't know.
We're going to look at it again. Yes, we're
going to look at it again. You raised a
valid point.

MR. GURLEY: Yes, because if my
name is 1 to 12 I don't care. But if my name
is 15 and there's a split and I'm hoping
somebody saw--

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: I agree.
MR. TATUM: We get it.

MR. GURLEY: Can I pass this thing on to you?

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: I think we already have that. Yes. I already have that.

MR. GURLEY: So you know what I'm talking about. Okay. Now on this one there's voter electronic signature pads that was used in the April primary election. And we all know that pad did not record the number of signatures or did not record signatures of those particular voters that enter and participate in voting. I'm just hoping that this mechanism won't be used again. I guess I'm from the old school--

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: What mechanism?

MR. GURLEY: The electronic signature pad.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: But we have to.

MR. GURLEY: You don't have to.
CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Yes, we have to. We can't go back--

MR. GURLEY: I'm not asking you to go back.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: We can't go back to those signs. You know what I'm saying. With the A through B. You remember those?

MR. GURLEY: Yes, I understand.

But what I'm saying is that those electronic signature pads did not record my signature as being there April 1st and I believe that those signatures also could be used as an audit type of mechanism to ensure that for each signature you have a ballot. Okay?

And that from a simple cursory review would be the number of signatures, the master number of ballots be it electronic or either the paper ballots. So that from a beginning is something I just would like to ensure.

Now without the signature there's
no assurance that the actual number -- all it
would bring up with me a flag that those
numbers in the box, those electronic ballots,
are they authentic to the real number of folks
who came to the polls? And that's no
reflection on any of you folks here but it's
just a point of assurance.

Now I know you're saying you have
the master book and you turn the book around
and they say there's a sign.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: You want us to
go back to that?

MR. GURLEY: That's more assuring
right now until we can get that particular
electronic signature pad.

And additionally I have a master
authentically signing my name on that slippery
screen which my name does appear as it does in
written form on paper and pen, is the
disconnect and the pressure or the style of
the handwriting from an electronic that that
from a simple paper and pen. But you use
that anyway. I was reading right here where you use that to check, what's it Cheeks or somebody, I was reading here that -- oh no it was the initiative in which he took a sample of 100 from each ward and you try and he attempted to make sure that those signatures were unique to the initial original voter's signature.

I mean but that, you won't get that type of comparison if you do it electronically because electronic it's just some kind of way it slips and slides and it doesn't give you those curvatures.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: We'll look into that.

MR. GURLEY: I did look into it.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: We'll look into that.

MR. GURLEY: But then again there's that signature pad. And the signature pad did not record the signatures.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Okay. We'll
look into that and we'll look at the training aspect and the technical aspects of that also. But also the methodology but you need to check in.

MR. GURLEY: Well, can I get some kind of final decision?

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Not today.

MR. GURLEY: No, not right now but some kind of final decision of what is going to be used. And you're very adamant about not going back to--

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Well, I mean I wouldn't say never, you know, but we're trying to move forward. If anything, I would just try to get up to date the poll book technology. See that's where we are trying to go.

MR. TATUM: Mr. Gurley is under the misconception that that's the only--

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: It's not.

MR. GURLEY: Oh no, no, no.

MR. TATUM: There's the voter
card that you receive as well. In fact, in
your particular instance, the voter card was
printed from the E poll book and I have the
voter card that was used to vote so we count
voter cards and your signature may not have --
but you were given credit to vote because if
you had shown and we kept your signature vote
you'd have to receive credit for voting which
is how we compare the number of votes cast to
the number of voters.

So it's not simply the signature;
there's a number of steps involved that allow
us to verify the number of voters who appear
and the number of votes they cast.

MR. GURLEY: Okay. Just thinking
aloud for 30 seconds. Those particular cards
that he's speaking of does not ensure that a
particular person who voted actually voted.
It's just the thought. Now that's taken from
the ballot roll -- Okay. Right. Is that
correct?

That card that you're speaking of
did he sign? You're saying that card that we sign. Okay.

MR. TATUM: The ticket that you get when you get your ballot stamp is collected by the ballot clerk or by the touch screen and he knows it's counted.

And to allay your concerns, if the pad doesn't capture your signature you're going to have to sign that card. That way you ensure--

MR. GURLEY: I never did. I never was required to do that.

MR. TATUM: Not in this past election but that's the step that we took.

MR. GURLEY: Okay. Fine. But if that's the step that you took then perhaps that's a shoo-in for -- What I'm saying to you is that I trust that signature from the voting more so than as you were saying. And if that's the new step then I wasn't aware of it. But some signature, but you're using a signature, some signature is needed and a
legible signature at that.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Yes.

BOARD MEMBER DANZANSKY: We'll look at it.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: We'll look at that and maybe on election day you'll be surprised that you'll see those A, B, C placards up.

MR. GURLEY: Well, let's say that the signature pad does fail. I mean I think I talked to Director Tatum and he said he would implement the master log which--

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Implement what?

MR. GURLEY: The master log. The log.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: I don't know what you're talking about.

MR. GURLEY: The computer.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Oh if the E poll book fails, yes we would have to go back to a manual process.
MR. GURLEY: But then when I brought it to the attention of the poll workers and to the captains of those three particular polling places, they refused to.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: To what?

MR. GURLEY: To use--

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: We don’t use both unless the--

MR. GURLEY: I didn’t ask you to use both. No. No. When my signature did not record at Coolidge, I brought it to the attention of the person that did this and also to the captain. And I asked them do you have the master log? That’s the little computer printout names log. And I can’t think of what she said but she did not have it or either she wasn’t going to use it.

So what I’m saying to you is would that be in place at every polling place in case there’s a failure in the signature?

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Yes, there is. Yes, there is at every polling place.
MR. GURLEY: So why doesn't she use it?

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Because we use E poll books, that's why. We use E poll books.

MR. GURLEY: If there's a failure in the E poll then--

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: But there was no failure in the E poll book. There was no failure.

MR. GURLEY: I'm sorry. E poll, when you say E poll books.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Electronic poll books.

MR. GURLEY: Oh electronic poll booths?

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Book.

BOARD MEMBER DANZANSKY: The poll books used to be an actual book where people would sign in.

MR. GURLEY: Yes.

BOARD MEMBER DANZANSKY: This is
all electronic now.

MR. GURLEY: But it's recorded from the signature pad. Yes?


We will take your issues under advisement. I think I understand what they are based on what you--

MR. GURLEY: Okay. I understand what you're saying. When somebody checks in you check off that they're there but there's no signature to--

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: When you sign you get--

MR. GURLEY: I understand that they check off. And they check off whatever the poll, the E poll book, all right, they check your name. But there's no signature.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Is there any reason to have a signature?

MR. GURLEY: Yes.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: I'm not asking you.
MR. GURLEY: I'm sorry.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Legally is there any reason to have a signature when one goes to vote?

MR. MCGHIE: I'm not sure about that.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: Okay. Well, we will look at that, Mr. Gurley, and see if there is a legal requirement to have a signature as a pre-condition to getting a ballot for you to go through the check-in process. And if there is, we will, for audit purposes, there are various security features in our process to ensure that ballots of people who checked in are accounted for because there is either under or over-vote in terms of even the voting.

So we have checks and balances in that system. It's not simply you sign in at check-in. That is not the only check and balance. There are checks and balances in the system that you're not even aware of.
MR. GURLEY: Okay.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: So we will look at this. Okay? And we will certainly either strengthen our policies and procedures and make sure that the equipment is working. We'll improve training to make sure that our poll workers when they check you in, they get your signature. They get your signature in writing on a card as well as your electronic signature at the pad that you sign and until we get better equipment this is what it is. And we have to work with what we have to make this whole election process move forward.

Thank you for coming this morning.

MR. GURLEY: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN NICHOLS: All right.

There being no further business before us, this meeting is adjourned. The time is 11:54 a.m.

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