The District of Columbia Board of Elections convened Regular Board Meeting in Suite 750, 1015 Half Street, S.E., Washington, D.C., 20003, pursuant to notice at 10:30 a.m., Michael Bennett, Chair, presiding.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEMBERS PRESENT:

MICHAEL BENNETT, Chair
MIKE GILL, Member
DIONNA MARIA LEWIS, Member

BOARD OF ELECTIONS STAFF PRESENT:

ALICE P. MILLER, Executive Director
ARLIN BUDO0, Facility Operations Manager
CECILY COLLIER-MONTGOMERY, Director,
Office of Campaign Finance
KENNETH MCGHIE, General Counsel
RACHEL COLL, Public Information Officer
RUDOLPH MCGANN, Senior Staff Attorney,
Office of the General Counsel
WILLIAM SANFORD, General Counsel, Office of
Campaign Finance
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CHAIRMAN BENNETT: We're going to call the October meeting to order. It's Wednesday, October 3rd.

Can you hear me okay for the recording? Okay, you're good? Okay.

I'll call the meeting to order and introduce the Executive Department, Alice Miller, Executive Director of the Board of Elections; Ms. Dionna Lewis --

MEMBER LEWIS: Good morning.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: -- Board Member; Michael Bennett, Chair.

To my immediate right is Mr. Ken McGhie, General Counsel, Board of Elections. To his immediate right, Mr. Michael Gill, Board Member; and Ms. Cecily Montgomery.

To his right is the Director of the Office of Campaign Finance.

We're going to open up the meeting with the adoption of the agenda. Can I get a motion
to adopt the agenda for today?

MEMBER LEWIS: So moved.

MEMBER GILL: Second.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: It has been properly moved and seconded, unanimous. I approve the agenda.

Okay, second on the item are the adoption of the Minutes from the Wednesday, September 5th, 2018 minutes.

Can I get a motion to adopt the Minutes from the last meeting?

MEMBER LEWIS: So moved.

MEMBER GILL: Second.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: It's been properly moved and seconded, and I approve as well, so it's unanimous.

Any Board matters, Ms. Lewis?

MEMBER LEWIS: No, not from me.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay.

Mr. Gill?

MEMBER GILL: None.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Great.
All right, I have none today.

Well, I do have one, I just want to put on the record, last month we had a pretty contentious matter regarding the ballot access for potential council race of Ms. Allen.

Ad, I wanted to thank the entire Board of Elections and all those who participated on the administrative aspect and the law department with the effort, fine efforts to make sure that we handled the matter effectively and efficiently and got a good quality product.

And so, for the record, thank you for all your hard work in that regard.

Next item on the agenda is the report from the Office of Campaign Finance.

Ms. Montgomery?

MS. MONTGOMERY: Yes, good morning.

The first thing I would like to report was that during the month of September 2018, there were no scheduled dates for the filing of reports of receipts and expenditures.

We did, however, have new candidates
committees who registered during the month of September. There were approximately five.

Kerry Heim, Education Tomorrow's Leaders, Ward 4, State Board of Education, registered on August the 29th, 2018.

Ameer Flippin, Ameer Flippin for Mayor 2018, registered on August the 31st, 2018.

And, I would point out that, with those two registrations, I did not report on those at the last meeting.

Frazier O'Leary, Frazier O'Leary for Ward 4 State Board of Education, September the 7th, 2018.

Joe Henchman, Attorney General, September the 13th, 2018.

Ethan Bishop-Henchman, Council Chair, September the 13th, 2018.

We also held entrance conferences during the month of September.

On September the 6th, there were seven participants, Violet J. Harris, Treasurer, Seniors United PAC, George Jackson, Candidate Mayor, Ryan
Tauriainen, Candidate, Ryan for Ward 4 State Board of Education, Chris Smith, Treasure, Ryan for Ryan for Ward 4 State Board of Education, Elani Lawrence, Candidate, Elani for State Board, Sekou Biddle, Treasurer, Elani for State Board, Rhonda Henderson, Candidate, Rhonda Henderson for State Board of Education.

On September the 25th, 2018, there were five participants, Ralph Chittams, Sr., Candidate, Committee to Elect Ralph J. Chittams, Sr., Gregori Stewart, Treasurer, Committee to Elect Ralph J. Chittams, Sr., Frazier O'Leary, Jr., Candidate, Frazier O'Leary for Ward 4 State Board of Education, Frazier O'Leary, IV, Treasurer, Frazier O'Leary for Ward 4 State Board of Education, Mary "Gail" Gottlieb, Candidate, Committee Women at Large Democratic State Committee.

The following replied to the accounting of the Audit Division of the Office of Campaign Finance for September of 2018.

The Audit Financial conducted 38 desk reviews of the reports of receipts and expenditures
which were filed with us by political action committees, principal campaign committees as well as constituent service funds as well as reports by candidates for the Office of Attorney General.

We have several ongoing audits in the Office of Campaign Finance of the newly elected official, Sheika Reid for Ward 1 which was initiated on August the 29th, 2018.

We also have periodic random audits of the candidates in the upcoming 2018 election. With respect to the January 31st, 2018 filing, Kenyan McDuffie 2018 which was initiated March the 22, 2018.

Candidates in the upcoming 2018 election of the June 10th, 2018 filing, Anita Bonds 2018. The periodic random audit was initiated on September the 11th.

Elissa 2018, the periodic random audit was initiated on September 10th.

We also issued several audits, final audit reports during the month of September and they are available at our website for review by
the public of political action committees.

D.C. Political Action Committee was issued on September the 7th.

Professional Insurance Agents was issued on September the 7th.

Lawyers for Better Government Fund D.C. was also issued on September the 7th.

And, BB&T District of Columbia PAC was issued on September the 7th.

With principle campaign committees, we issued a final audit report of the Re-Elect Muriel Bowser Our Mayor and that was issued on September the 18th, 2018.

I would as the General Counsel to give the report for the Office of the General Counsel for the Office of Campaign Finance, Mr. Sanford.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Thank you.

Mr. Sanford?

MR. SANFORD: Good morning, Mr. Chairman and distinguished Board Members.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Are you guys able to hear him okay? You're able to hear him okay?
COURT REPORTER: Yes.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Thank you.

MR. SANFORD: Can you hear me now?

My name is William Sanford, General Counsel for the Office of Campaign Finance.

During the month of September, 2018, the Office of the General Counsel received one referral of the Reports, Analysis and Audit Division.

The Office of the General Counsel conducted eight informal hearings and issued eight orders which included the following.

Six orders regarding failure to timely file reports of receipts and expenditures were issued in which no fines were imposed.

And, two orders were issued regarding failure to timely file reports of receipts and expenditures in which a total of $3,100 in fines were imposed.

The fines were imposed against the following respondents.

A fine of $1,550 was imposed against
Melik for At-Large Council.

A fine of $1,550 was imposed against Holmes for D.C.

During the month of September 2018, the Office of the General Counsel collected a total of $1,500 in fines. And that $1,500 was submitted by Jeffrey Thompson in accordance with an agreement that the parties have reached in December of 2017.

During the month of 2018, the Office of the General Counsel did not carry any open investigations. There were no requests for interpretive opinions and no show cause proceedings were conducted.

And that should conclude my report.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Thank you, Mr. Sanford.

Ms. Montgomery?

MS. MONTGOMERY: Yes, and that concludes the report of the Office of Campaign Finance.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Great.

Any questions, Mr. Gill?
MEMBER GILL: No questions, thank you.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Ms. Lewis? Any questions?

MEMBER LEWIS: No, thank you.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Thank you.

That concludes the Office of Campaign Finance Report.

Let's go to Ms. Alice Miller with the Office of the -- the report from the Board of Elections.

MS. MILLER: Thank you, Mr. Bennett.

First item on the agenda for me is the location of the polling place, Precinct Number 60.

Mr. Budoo?

MR. BUDO: Good morning.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Good morning.

MR. BUDO: My name is Arlin Budoo, I'm the D.C. Board of Elections Facility Operations Manager.

We come before the Board today for a relocation and this will not be a proposed relocation. We will need to make the decision
today of we are relocating from Nativity Catholic Church which has served as Precinct 60 in the past.

The Precinct will not be available for the 2018 general election. They are scheduled to renovate the gym and notified the Board of the conflict on September 6, 2018.

This will be a permanent relocation.

Therefore, I am requesting that we relocate to St. John United Baptist Church located at 6343 13th Street, Northwest.

We'll be using the church hall at St. John United Baptist Church.

We have -- I have went out and surveyed earlier with Terika Jennings. She did a survey. It is accessible with a slight modification.

When I say a slight modification, we will have to place a ramp at the side door entrance. There's a one-step up into the facility.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: But, we can do that modification or would they do it?

MR. BUDOO: We would do that.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay.
MR. BUDO0: We would do that. We would do that through a contractor where we would contract the contractor to come and place the ramp there at that side door entrance.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: And so, it's just putting a ramp there and then --

MR. BUDO0: Yes, once --

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: -- once it's over, they take it up?

MR. BUDO0: -- it's over, they take it back, yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay.

MR. BUDO0: Okay?

The voting space is excellent. The lighting is excellent. There is a small parking lot in the back of the church as well as street parking.

And it is approximately three blocks from the current voting place.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: So, Nativity is out completely? They don't --

MR. BUDO0: Nativity is out
completely.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: -- but they want us out?

MR. BUDOO: Pretty much, yes.

(LAUGHTER)

MR. BUDOO: Pretty much, yes.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay.

MR. BUDOO: So, that's all.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: And, St. John's is

--

MR. BUDOO: Right there on 13th Street.

If you go around the corner, it's one block over from Piney Branch.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: One block over from Piney Branch?

MR. BUDOO: I do --

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: One block --

MR. BUDOO: If you're crossing Georgia and Piney Branch --

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Yes?

MR. BUDOO: -- where the subway is, it's right down that side street there. It's like
two blocks from getting to Fort Stevens Recreational Center.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Oh, yes. So, that's -- but that's -- that church is more like in that neighborhood.

MR. BUDOO: Yes, yes.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: It's in that -- I can't remember what -- is that neighborhood called 16th Street Heights or is that --

MR. BUDOO: I'm not sure of the name of the neighborhood.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay, yes, yes. I know where it is.

And so, yes, because it's -- that's about, yes, that's about three blocks from Nativity.

MR. BUDOO: Yes.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. Well, parking is good around there, too.

MR. BUDOO: Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. I'm sorry, go ahead.
MR. BUDO0: No problem, no problem.

So, I just would like the Board to approve the relocation so then, therefore, I would notify the affected ANCs as well as the council members of Ward 4 as well today.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Any questions, Ms. Lewis?

MEMBER LEWIS: No, thank you.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Mr. Gill?

MEMBER GILL: No questions.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay, can I get a motion to approve?

MS. MILLER: Just before you do, I just want to make sure you’re clear that this is not going to be proposed, it's an emergency because we have to do it right away in light of the November election.

We will post it in the Register and do the normal things that we always do with relocations, but we do have to take action today.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: And, our regs support the emergency action?
MS. MILLER: Yes.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay.

Okay, anything else, Ms. Miller?

MS. MILLER: No.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Can I get a motion from Ms. Lewis?

MEMBER LEWIS: Yes, I move to approve the voting place relocation for Precinct Number 60 on an emergency basis.

MEMBER GILL: Second.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: All in favor?

(CHORUS OF AYES)

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: It's unanimous.

Okay, thank you, Mr. Budoo, you are approved to move.

MR. BUDOO: Thank you.

MS. MILLER: Before he leaves, you also have on the agenda the identification of new early voting sites.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay.

MS. MILLER: When we were at the budget hearing last year, we were requested to see if we
could not put additional early voting sites in each
of the eight wards.

Mr. Budoo has done an excellent job
identifying five additional early voting sites.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay.

MS. MILLER: Which will just be used
for early voting. I'm going to ask him to just
put those on the record.

And, it is five, we are two short. We
do not have an additional site in Ward 1 or Ward
2, although he did make a valid effort to try to
identify.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: You failed Mr.
Budoo.

MS. MILLER: So, we have two of six.

But, Wards 1 and 2, we couldn't find
anything, so we'll have two in every Ward except
Wards 1 and 2.

He has definitely indicated that we are
good for Ward 1 in 2020, but the location that we
found, we could not use on Friday --

MR. BUDOO: The Friday --
MS. MILLER: -- for early voting.

MR. BUDOO: They could give us Friday through Thursday, they couldn't give us the last Friday.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: The last Friday?

MS. MILLER: So, I'm just going ask him just to basically put those on the record --

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay.

MS. MILLER: -- so that we'll have it done.

MR. BUDOO: Okay, as Ms. Miller spoke, we do not have an additional location in Wards 1 and 2. So, I'll begin with Ward 3.

We'll be using the Cleveland Park Neighborhood Library located at 3310 Connecticut Avenue, Northwest.

We'll be using a multipurpose room there. That is a newly renovated library and it is a large space that we'll be using at the library.

In Ward 4, we'll be using the Emery Heights Community Center located at 5801 Georgia Avenue, Northwest.
We'll be using the gymnasium there.

At Ward 5, we'll be using Trinidad Recreation Center located at 1310 Childress Street, Northeast.

We'll be using the gymnasium there as well. That is also an election day voting place.

In Ward 7, we'll be using Benning Stoddert Community Center located at 100 Stoddert Place, Southeast.

We'll be using the gymnasium there.

And then, Ward 8, we'll be using the Barry Farms Recreation Center located at 1230 Sumner Road, Southeast.

And, we'll be using the gymnasium there as well.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay.

MS. MILLER: Okay, thank you.

So, that does take us to 14 early voting sites in the city and we'll obviously try to get the other two together --

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Great.

MS. MILLER: -- between now and 2020.
Thank you.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Any questions, Mr. Gill?

MEMBER GILL: No questions.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Ms. Lewis?

MEMBER LEWIS: No, thank you.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay.

Thank you, Mr. Budoo.

MS. MILLER: All right, the next item on the agenda that I wanted to mention and talk about is, during the summer, we've filmed a couple of short videos with DC Media Connection.

And, we do have an award-winning performance by our fearless leader, the Chair, Mr. Bennett.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Oh, I haven't seen it yet.

MS. MILLER: Right, which we're going to show.

And, there are a total of three videos.

They will be available on YouTube, on the website and then the two other ones, poll worker one and
registration will also be available ComCast.

So, I'll pull those up and start with
the registration one. We want to save the best
for last, we'll save the best for last.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: I take it there must
be a reason why I never got a preview. So, okay.
I'm not sure if we need to see this, but --

(REGISTRATION VIDEO PLAYED)

MS. MILLER: Registration.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay.

MS. MILLER: And then, one on poll
workers.

(POLL WORKERS VIDEO PLAYED)

MS. MILLER: Obviously, the poll
worker.

And, somebody ready to hand out an
Oscar?

(VOTING VIDEO PLAYED)

MS. MILLER: That's it.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Aw.

(LAUGHTER)

MS. MILLER: Do you want to see it
again?

(APPLAUSE)

MEMBER GILL: Very touching, good view.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: I know, you want me to tell you, I'm about to cry right now.

(SIMULTANEOUS SPEAKING)

MS. MILLER: The envelop please?

(LAUGHTER)

MS. MILLER: Yes, those, as I said, will be available on --

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: On Blue Light One?

Okay.

(LAUGHTER)

MS. MILLER: -- our website, YouTube and the shoot -- the two shorter ones for the poll worker and registration will also be on ComCast.

So, I want to also thank Rachel and her crew for pulling these together with the DC Media Connection.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Absolutely.

MS. MILLER: Election Day, we are fast
approaching the November 6th general election.

The staff has been doing a lot of accuracy testing on the voting machines. We are scheduled to do acceptance testing this weekend and hopefully that will go well and everything will accept -- well, it should accept.

The machines have been tested for -- already tested.

Poll worker training, early voting training was completed in September. We trained 701 early poll workers. We trained with the idea in mind that we would have the additional staffing needs for the addition five precincts.

So, we're ready to go with that.

We also now are in the process of continuing training for the election day sites. We are scheduled to get everyone trained.

We have approximately ten captains that -- vacancies that will need to be filled. But, at this point, no one's going to be worried about that. The worst case, will recruit from staff.

We'll pull staff if we don't have what
we need.

We also have a number of mailers. Also, I've handed each of you this. This is the poll worker training manual. Again, kudos to the staff for getting this done.

This is what we're using for training. They are going through this and they will have every poll worker who goes through training will get one of these.

There will also be one sent to the precinct so that it will be available at the precinct. So, it identifies and talks to each and every position on the precinct teams so that everybody has, after they are trained, what they need in the case they need it for a quick reference.

The -- we have a number of mailers that also are either gone out or in the process of going out.

The first one is we identify individuals who are eligible but not registered to vote and that's this mailer here that has been sent out to 8,500 individuals.
CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Wow.

MS. MILLER: Once this goes out, we do notice a spike in registration of individuals that receive it.

That information is identified through our cooperation with Eric. And, our workers there are identifying individuals who have relocated to the area that may be eligible but are not yet registered.

So, that has gone out.

The next item that we will be sending out is, of course, our voter guide. We're finalizing and putting the final touches on that today. And, it should be ready to hit in the mail hopefully early next week.

There's a paper shortage, I understand, but I'm told we will have enough paper to get this out. We mail this to households, not to individuals.

So, it will be to every household in the District of Columbia that will get a voter guide.
And then, finally, about a week or so out from the election, we do like to remind people of election day. We will send out a postcard to, again, all households that talks about early voting beginning on October 22 though November 2nd at 1 GS Square and then the satellite locations for Friday, October 26th through the 2nd.

Lists the contest on the ballot and the locations of all the early voting sites. This is just a short kind of like reminder. It comes out after the voting guide, but it's just one more thing to remind people to go vote.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: And also the next door app.

MS. MILLER: Next door, that's right.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Yes, so they -- and I assume that -- I've been getting notices anyway --

MS. MILLER: Good.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: -- with regards to that. So, kudos for that, too.

MS. MILLER: So, recognizing all that
our attorneys put a whole lot of work into this,
I do want to recognize her for this because she
stays on me about this.

And, then, one other thing, special
election, as you all know, we will have a special
election for the Ward 4 State Board of Education
vacancy.

That election will be December 4th, so
we're overlapping wards right now with preparing
for that election and finalizing the plans for the
November general election.

We did a ballot lottery for the Ward
4, we have four candidates running for that
election.

We did a ballot lottery on Friday, past
Friday. That is up on the website, it shows the
order of the ballot for that.

We will have 20 precincts in Ward 4 that
we will open and it will be open on election day
from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

And, that's it.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay, great.
Any questions, Ms. Lewis?

MEMBER LEWIS: No, thank you.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Mr. Gill?

MEMBER GILL: No questions.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay, great.

Next on the agenda is Mr. McGhie and our litigation status and all the other things you want to deal with.

MR. MCGHIE: All right, the first thing I have on my agenda is the Office of Campaign Finance Petition for Enforcements. And, I'll ask Mr. McGann of my office to make the presentation on that matter.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Great, thanks.

MR. MCGANN: Good morning, Board members.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Good morning.

MR. MCGANN: My name is Rudolph McGann, Staff Attorney with the Board of Elections here to present matter for your consideration for enforcement before the Superior Court.

The first matter is OCF Docket Number
17A-016. The Respondent's name is Mr. Keith Cohen. He's a Treasurer for his campaign of an advisory neighborhood summary financial statement which is the missing document. And the fine is for $2,000.

The next matter is OCF Docket Number 17A-021. And, Respondent's name is Kendall Simmons, another Commissioner. He failed to file his summary financial statement and the fine is assessed at $2,100.

The next matter is 17a-024, Monica Watts, another advisory neighborhood Commissioner who failed to file her summary financial statement. The amount of the fine is $2,100.

The next matter is 17A-028, Maurice Dickens, candidate for ANC failed to file his summary financial statement and the fine is in the amount of $2,100.

The next matter is 17A-029, Travon Hawkins, failure to file a summary financial statement. And, the amount of the fine is $2,100.

The next matter is 17A-033, Joshua Johnson, failed to file an advisory summary
financial statement. The amount of the fine is $2,250.

The next matter is 17A-035, Davina Callahan, the amount of the fine is $1,450 for failure to file ANC summary financial statement.

The matter is 17A-041, Ms. Inez Johnson, failure to file a summary financial statement. The amount of the fine is $2,250.

The next matter is 17A-049, Tyrell Holcomb, failure -- excuse me, excessive contributions totaling $470. The amount of that fine is $4,500.

The next matter is 17C-007, report of receipts and expenditures failure to file. And, the Respondent's name is Natalie Williams. And the amount of the fine is $1,600.

The next matter is 17C-008, Committee to Elect Khaleed Hicks, failure to file a report of receipts and expenditures and the amount of the fine is $1,600.

The next matter is 17C-009, Carter At-Large 2014, failure to file a report of receipts
and expenditures and the amount of the fine is $1,600.

And, the last matter is 17R-001, Sheets for Council 2016, request for additional information that was failed to be filed. The amount of that fine is $2,850.

And that concludes the matters that the Office of General Counsel is seeking to enforce in Superior Court.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: And, all these are -- I'm sorry -- all of these are under the current law where the candidate and the treasurer are personally liable?

MR. MCGHIE: Personally liable, yes.

Yes, sir.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Any questions, Mr. Gill?

MEMBER GILL: No questions.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Ms. Lewis?

MEMBER LEWIS: No, thank you.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay.

MR. MCGHIE: So, we're asking that
Board entertain a motion to issue a Board Order in each on of these matters so that my office can present that to the D.C. Superior Court for a judgment.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Do I hear the motion?

MEMBER LEWIS: So moved.

MEMBER GILL: Second.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: All in favor?

(CHORUS OF AYES)

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay, it's unanimous.

Go forth and file.

MR. MCGHIE: Yes, sir.

Okay, and the next matter is litigation status update.

The first 12 matters where you see that the Board is the Plaintiff on all of Petitions for Enforcement, earlier Petitions for Enforcement which we did file in Court for various of fine amounts from the Office of Campaign Finance.

Those matters are the Board v. Gaston
2014, the Board v. Carter At-Large, the Board v. Bruce Majors, the Board v. Nyasha Harley, the Board v. Christy Love Davis, the Board v. Walter Garcia, The Board v. Flanders Sharps, the Board v. Milton Bell, the Board v. Robert Whitaker, the Board v. Bruce Majors, II, the Board v. Christian Carts and the Board v. Joe Davis.

As indicated, we filed that in Superior Court already and the Court has simply asked us to return to Court on Thursday, October 4th with certified copies of the record of the proceedings below which is just pretty much the certified copies that will properly serve.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay.

MR. MCGHIE: And, our last matter --

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: And, these are all in the same boat? It's just that they just simply wanted certified copies they were served?

MR. MCGHIE: Yes.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: For all of those, correct?

MR. MCGHIE: Yes, yes.
CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay.

MR. MCGHIE: And, the last one is Ameer Flippin v. the Board. Mr. Flippin filed for a preliminary injunction against the Board.

Mr. -- the Board currently on lists the name of candidates that have officially filed and nominating petitions and are ballot candidates.

Mr. Flippin would like to be a write-in candidate or initiate some kind of write-in effort to be a mayoral candidate. And, he wants to have his name also included on the Board's website as a write-in candidate.

We explained to Mr. Flippin that we only list the names of ballot candidates and not people that are trying initiate some type of write-in candidacy.

So, he -- in any event, he filed something in Court to have his name placed on our website and that matter is set to be heard in Superior Court this Friday.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: That's interesting. Okay.
Interesting. Any comments, thoughts, questions? Not to get a result here, it's just that I didn't recall he had filed that. That's an interesting argument.

The Board?

MEMBER LEWIS: None from me.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Mr. Gill?

MEMBER GILL: No.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay, all right, Mr. McGhie?

MR. MCGHIE: Okay, that would conclude my litigation status update.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Great, any questions for Mr. McGhie? Mr. Gill or Ms. Lewis?

MEMBER LEWIS: No, thank you.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay.

All right. That concludes that.

MR. SINDRAM: I can ask now, Mr. Chair, or wait?

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Oh, I guess we need to go to public matters.

I think we need to raise the sound a
little bit. Okay, we've concluded all the reports we have and now it's time for public matters.

And, I assume, Mr. Sindram, you'd like to make some comments or ask questions?

MR. SINDRAM: Thank you. Thank you, Mr. Chair, Michael Sindram, Disabled Veteran, served our country.

As I listened intently to Mr. McGhie's representation about Mr. Flippin being omitted on the ballot, competition is good. Is there any possibility -- we know the law is not etched in stone but written in ink that the statute would be told.

Presumptively, there's some kind of deadline or maybe requisite that Mr. Flippin missed, but is there anything that can be done to preserve and protect the citizens' right, albeit Mr. Flippin's name to be on the ballot.

Once again, competition is good.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Yes, let me respond to that, Mr. Sindram.

I think, you know, the process of
getting on the ballot, anybody that's on the ballot, has to follow that. You know, they've got to get signatures and do that in a tablet way and make sure the signatures are valid.

It's a pretty extensive process to actually get on the ballot.

And so, the point is, once they've done that, then they're on the ballot and they are able to be voted on by the citizens.

If they haven't done that and gone through that process, it wouldn't be fair to those candidates who have followed the process and certainly would not be lawful for us to include someone even though they haven't followed the process.

So, you know, while I think that the law prevents us from doing that, it also, at least from my perspective, a basic sense of fairness.

MR. SINDRAM: That helped me some, Mr. Chair. It sounds to me like the requirements to get on the ballot may very well be onerous. And so that would then call for you all to review and
streamline, make it a bit easier for the common man to be able to run for office.

Because if you've got all kinds of hyper technicalities to attend to, you know, only those very much learned or those very much endowed are going to be on the ballot.

Others like Mr. Flippin, you know, are left out in the cold. We don't want that. Competition is good.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Yes, the Board doesn't draft the laws or enact the laws, the Council does. So, we don't really have the authority to change those.

MR. SINDRAM: I appreciate that, Mr. Chair. But, you guys, with the ANC, you guys carry great weight. If you were to knock at the Council's door and say, we offer for you, you know, some streamlining issues for candidates to get on the ballot, and maybe give suggestions or how it might be made easier.

Understood, you all don't make the law, but you have a say so and you have a part to play
in this.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: I appreciate your point.

MR. SINDRAM: One other thing I wanted to ask, too, Mr. Chair, Ward 4, there's a special election for the Board of Ed. Is there any way possible to consolidate with the general election or is that not possible?

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Yes, the answer is no, and Ms. Miller can answer that more specifically.

MS. MILLER: No, the vacancy was declared too late for it to be consolidated with the November election.

We did look at that and, obviously, that would have been the better, more cost effective and easier way to do it, but based on the requirements in terms of the signature requirements and the filing deadlines, there was no way to accommodate that for the November election.

MR. SINDRAM: The danger is, as we
know, special elections, particularly after the
general election, and I want to keep hope alive,
but low voter turnout, particularly for an
education position, sad but true.

And, that's critical, you know,
certainly to our youth and community. But, again,
the general election --

And, actually, if we are truthful, we
don't have an election in D.C. But, the primary,
the Democratic primary, are you listening there,
Mr. Gill -- we've got an elephant in the room --
is what carries the day.

That is the election and then,
thereafter, is just the icing on the cake.

But, more to say that, the danger with
low turn out -- and we've seen that at the at-large
special elections and so on and now for even --
I don't want to minimize but for a lesser position
school, we may even see less of a turnout, sad but
true, which is not good.

And, I know you all, I do, want to see
the greatest turnout possible.
One thing, I understand, too, Mr. Chair, I missed the beginning of your presentation or opening of the Board, there is going to be an advertisement elicited. Could you just, in a nutshell, enlighten me as to what that's about?

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: I'm not sure what advertisement you're speaking of. Are you talking about the new things -- the new campaigns, or not campaigns, but the videos we've done to increase registration?

MR. SINDRAM: Yes, that's -- my understanding, there's something involved with you that you're spearheading to get greater voter involvement?

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: We just -- we've created a couple videos that focus on registration and also trying to get people out to vote.

Ms. Miller, do you want to note at least where those things are located so Mr. Sindram can go find them on YouTube?

MS. MILLER: Yes, they are on our website, on YouTube and ComCast will also be showing
MR. SINDRAM: And, you know, lest we forget, Mr. Chair, voting is crucial, critical, it's the cornerstone of our democratic -- of our democracy and Adolf Hitler assumed power by the vote of one.

So, when someone says that their vote does not count, they're as wrong as two left shoes. And, you probably already knew that about Hitler.

But, be that as it may, crucial, critical to vote. And, I know you all push the envelop along that line and that brings joy to my heart.

And, I did want to say about Ms. Jennings, she does an excellent job, very faithful ADA coordinator and I appreciate her staying on top of things.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: We appreciate you, we appreciate Ms. Jennings as well. And, we do agree with you relative to voter turnout. It is very important to us to get as high a voter turnout as possible.
And, without going into a lot of detail, we have looked at a number of different ways to try and make sure we got greater voter turnout on the special election for the Ward 4 Board of Education seat.

MR. SINDRAM: And, maybe, Mr. Chair --

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: And, we are kind of where we are.

MR. SINDRAM: -- those videos to promote voter turnout, to indicate that the polling paces are ADA compliant. That may be, you know, a selling point and helpful to include in the material on the videos.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay, we'll certainly take that under consideration. I think we have included. So, take a look at it. If you -- if there are things that you're unclear about or concerned about, please let us know.

MR. SINDRAM: Will do, thank you, Mr. Chair.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Thank you.

Any other public matters?
(NO RESPONSE)

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: With that, if there's anything, I will go back to the Board members, Ms. Lewis, anything?

MEMBER LEWIS: No, thank you.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Mr. Gill?

MEMBER GILL: Nothing.

CHAIRMAN BENNETT: Okay. This meeting is adjourned.

Thank you.

(Whereupon, the above-entitled matter went off the record at 11:27 a.m.)