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The Public Meeting convened in Room 280 North, 441 4th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20001, pursuant to notice at 10:00 a.m., Deborah K. Nichols, Chairperson, presiding.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS MEMBERS PRESENT:

DEBORAH K. NICHOLS, Chairperson
STEPHEN I. DANZANSKY, Board Member

BOARD OF ELECTIONS AND ETHICS STAFF PRESENT:

CLIFFORD D. TATUM, Executive Director
KENNETH J. MCGHIE, General Counsel
TAMARA ROBINSON, Public Information Officer

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Good morning. I hereby call to order the Special Meeting of the Board of Elections to declare and certify a vacancy in the Office of the Ward 8 Member of the State Board of Education among other information and to receive a preliminary update of the April 1, 2014 primary election preparation update.

It is Tuesday, March 18th. The time is 10:34 a.m.

I am Deborah Nichols, Chairman of the Board of Elections.

Present with me this morning is Mr. Stephen Danzansky.

We are meeting in Room 280 North in One Judiciary Square.

Also present this morning are Mr. Kenneth McGhie, the General Counsel to the Board and Mr. Clifford Tatum, the Board's Executive Director.
I will turn the meeting over to Mr. Tatum to make a presentation regarding the vacancy in the Office of the Ward 8 Member of the State Board of Education.

MR. MCGHIE: Before Mr. --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Oh, I'm sorry.

I'll turn it over to Mr. McGhie for the legal citation.

MR. MCGHIE: Yes, Mr. Trayon White who was the Ward 8 Member of the Board of Education submitted his letter of resignation on Friday which was -- no, on Monday, March 10th and pursuant to D.C. Code Section 1-1001.10(e)(1), the Board of Elections has to declare -- certify a vacancy in that office and after a vacancy has been certified, the Board must establish or set an election date.

So, the Board at this meeting will be required to entertain two motions. One would be to certify the Office of Ward 8 Member of the Board of Education as vacant and then to certify an -- or schedule an election
And Mr. Tatum has prepared an outline of how the Board would administratively go about that process.

CHAIR NICHOLS: All right. Thank you, Mr. McGhie. Mr. Tatum.

MR. TATUM: Thank you, Madam Chair. Mr. McGhie is correct in that we received a notice of resignation from Mr. Trayon White and as a result of that notice, the Board is required to certify a vacancy and then announce the election date.

Based on the date that we received the notice, the resignation, the Board has according to the statute the requirement to hold an election on the first Tuesday within or outside of 114 days at which the contest is certified vacant. So, as the Board certifies that vacancy for today, well, actually it's certifying it vacant as of yesterday, March 17th, the staff has determined that the first Tuesday after March 17th would be July 15th,
And as a result of that date, July 15, 2014, we then look to the calendar to determine when the nominating petitions would be made available and when the challenge period would be and I'm prepared to give the Board those dates and set them forth in the calendar.

According to the statute, the nominating petition would begin 90 days before the election contest itself. So, as of March the 24th, the staff would make the nominating petitions available for the Ward 8 vacancy. The nominating petition deadline would be April the 16th, 2014. The challenge period for those nominating petitions would be April the 19th, 2014. The challenge period would end on April the 28th, 2014.

At which point, the Board would then have 20 days to resolve any challenges. The deadline for the Board to resolve all challenge petitions would be May 19th, 2014.
which would then result in the contest appearing on the ballot on July 15, 2014.

This would be a Ward 8 only contest. There are 17 precincts in Ward 8 and one early vote center. We would be required to do the in-person absentee as well as the early voting. The question then becomes whether we'd open up a satellite location or simply conduct an in-person here in Judiciary Square.

We have done some preliminary projections on the cost for this election and we looked to our historical records for conducting a ward only contest and we found that in May 2012 we conducted a ward only contest and that contest cost exactly $280,536 and that contest was, of course, two years ago. So, we believe that conducting the contest for this special would cost us approximately the same. We, of course, would attempt to mitigate costs where possible to reduce the cost as much as possible.
We have looked at alternative options for this election for the Board to consider and those options are, number one, to conduct a vote by mail program for this special election wherein the Board would send a paper absentee ballot to every registered voter in Ward 8. There are currently 54,087 voters in Ward 8 and we would expend postage on the ballot going out to Ward 8 voters and the postage on the ballot returning to us from the Ward 8 voters and we project that that cost would at the current postage rate at 69 cents per ballot would cost us approximately $1.40 per ballot which would equate to $75,000.

And additional costs associated to ordering those ballots and extra ballots and establishing staff and working the vote center, we project that at a minimum the early -- if we conducted a vote by mail project, it would cost us approximately $162,000.

The second option is to
communicate to the Council and request an amendment of the vacancy statute which would allow the Board to waive the 114-day special election requirement to move the special election to the November general ballot so that there wouldn't be a special election on a separate day. We could hold that election on the same day as the November general election. That option would cost the Board no additional cost.

The third option that we discussed is to ask the Council to consider amending the statute to allow for the State Board or some interested stakeholder to appoint a replacement for the vacant seat that would fulfill that seat until holding a special election in the November general election.

Both of those options would require -- all three of the options would require an amendment to the legislation by Council. So, as the General Counsel's pointed out, we would have to amend 1-1001.10(b)(1) to
allow for mailing ballots. That statute requires us to open polling places on election day. So, we would add in the mailing option.

The second option would be to amend 1-1001.10(e)(1) to waive the 114-day time line to extent the contest to the November ballot.

And the third option would be to name a replacement which is also in 1-1001.10 and I don't have the specific -- (f), 1-1001.10(f). Yes, 10(f).

So, those are the three options for conducting this election. The first option would cost us -- the main -- the current statutory obligation would cost us a minimum of $280,000. The second option would cost us nothing. I'm sorry. The second option would cost us a minimum of $162,000. The third option would cost no money.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: Mr. Tatum -- may I ask, Madam Chair?

CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes. Yes.
MEMBER DANZANSKY: Do we have money in our budget, the $280,000, given the fact that we're holding a major election this year in November and primary in April?

MR. TATUM: No, we do not have those funds in our budget.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: Okay.

CHAIR NICHOLS: So, this would require a supplemental budget from the Council.

MR. TATUM: This would require a supplemental budget from the Council and --

CHAIR NICHOLS: And the Executive.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: Well, perhaps, this may not require a motion, but it seems to me that it might be our sense of the Board that we notify the Council of the fact that there are not sufficient funds to conduct a selection and give them the three options because it will require legislation on their part and do that in some formal way with proper notification to other parties who may
be of interest.

Is that all right, Madam Chair?

That sense.

CHAIR NICHOLS: I agree with that, Mr. Danzansky and that I don't think it would require a motion.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: No, not a motion. Just a sense of the Board.

CHAIR NICHOLS: That is a sense of the Board. Yes, that we should present these options with a recommendation --

MEMBER DANZANSKY: Absolutely.

CHAIR NICHOLS: -- to the Council as to the course of action we would recommend to make this most efficient and economical election to replace this member -- to fill his seat.

So, with that in mind, are there any other questions?

I will entertain a motion to certify the vacancy in the seat of the Ward 8 member of the Board of Education as of March
17th, 2014.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: Okay. Madam Chair, I move that the Board declare and certify a vacancy in the Ward 8 Member of the State Board of Education as of March -- sorry. What was the date?

CHAIR NICHOLS: Seventeenth.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: March 17, 2014.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Motion is before us. All in favor.

(Ayes.)

CHAIR NICHOLS: All opposed. Hearing no opposition, the motion carries and the next motion is to schedule the election to fill this vacancy for Tuesday, July 15th, 2014.

I will entertain a motion to that effect.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: So moved, Madam Chair.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Motion is before us. All in favor.
(Ayes.)

CHAIR NICHOLS: All opposed. Ayes have it.

Mr. Tatum, we'll go back to you to --

MR. TATUM: Madam Chair, based on the establishing of the July 15th date, we'll have staff complete a full calendar that shows all the particulars --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: -- associated to qualifying for the seat and all the statutory deadlines that we have to meet based on that -- on those -- on that July 15th date.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Can we go back momentarily to the options that are available to us that require Council action to find out when that action may occur and how it would affect any of the options other than having to conduct this with the November general election? What impact would that have?

MR. TATUM: Yes, ma'am. The
Council is meeting on a structured schedule if you will during this primary season. They're having one meeting per month. Their next meeting is scheduled for April. I'm not sure of the exact date. I think it's April the 8th which is after our -- we have a Board meeting scheduled for --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: Actually, I think our Board meeting is scheduled later in the month. So, I think we'll -- I think they're meeting the first or second week in April. So, we would communicate our recommendations to Council -- to the Government Operations Committee and then the Council Members.

If they take up the recommendation, it would require emergency legislation on their part and assuming that they pass emergency legislation, then that would by waiving the 114 days and announcing or either waiving the 114 days and/or creating the ability for the State Board to appoint a
Board Member, that would waive the 114 days which would then take our election off of the calendar.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: We would then announce that the special election will be held on the November general election and then thus to qualifying period would pick up for the general election which would be June 13.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: And then the entire contest would fall onto the November general election calendar for all the qualifying periods and the challenge period and the like.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: In the meantime, we follow the statutory order and petitions and all that. Correct?

MR. TATUM: That is correct.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: Okay.

MR. TATUM: That's correct. That would -- that includes publishing the vacancy in the register and announcing to the world
that the contest is scheduled for July 15th.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: And there are

other costs associated with that. I assume

so.

MR. TATUM: There are no costs

associated to publishing in the register. I

think we have a general -- that's a general

account with the register. So.

CHAIR NICHOLS: But, everything

that's done up to that point we might be able

to take it off the calendar. We do incur some

cost.

MR. TATUM: There are some --

there are some staff costs obviously --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Staff costs.

MR. TATUM: -- in creating the

petitions. I suspect as soon as we -- we know

that there are a number of candidates who

expressed interest. So, as soon as we make

the petitions available, I suspect folks would

start coming in, completing declaration pages

as well as picking up petitions and various
costs associated there. Staff cost and some resources.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Are there -- does this election have to meet the overseas, the Move?

MR. TATUM: It doesn't have to meet the --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Military --

MR. TATUM: -- Federal.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: It doesn't have to meet the Federal law in that we wouldn't report anything to the DOJ.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: But, the District has incorporated the Move Act into local legislation.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: So, we would still have to meet our military --

CHAIR NICHOLS: The time lines.

MR. TATUM: The time lines.
CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay. Okay.

MR. TATUM: As to -- which is 45 days. Ballots going out 45 days before the election.

CHAIR NICHOLS: And will we do early voting or just the election on this?

MR. TATUM: Early. Early voting.

CHAIR NICHOLS: You have to do early voting?

MR. TATUM: The question becomes whether we -- the question becomes how many sites we'd open.

CHAIR NICHOLS: I see. Okay.

MR. TATUM: Whether we'd be -- whether there would be a satellite location or we'd just use the one location downstairs.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Right.

MR. TATUM: Which will be the in-person location and that would be the only location of early voting.

CHAIR NICHOLS: But, under the current law on election day, to fill this
whenever that day -- if it does not occur with the November general election, we would have to open all precincts --

MR. TATUM: That is correct.

CHAIR NICHOLS: -- in Ward 8.

MR. TATUM: That is correct.

CHAIR NICHOLS: All right. All right. Thank you, Mr. Tatum.

MR. TATUM: Thank you, Madam Chair.

CHAIR NICHOLS: We'll move to the next item.

MR. TATUM: The next item is an update on the April 1, 2014 election preparation and up until yesterday, things were chugging along rather smoothly I would say. We generated our ballots and our absentee ballots meeting our February 7th, 2014 deadline and that included the supplies for absentee envelopes, instructions sheets and we've mailed out over 3,000 absentee ballots to domestic voters as well as 250-plus
ballots to military and overseas voters.

So, ballot-wise, we've received all of the paper ballots delivered to the warehouse from the vendor. We're going through and dividing the ballots. Accounting for all the ballot orders to make sure we've ordered the -- we've received the correct numbers and we're placing the ballot orders onto what we call the truck delivery schedule so that we can have ballots delivered to the precincts.

We conducted L&A on all M100s that are going out on election day and are used for early voting and we've completed the L&A for the iVotronics that are being used for early voting as well as for election day. There are a total of 130 units being used. Those being used for early voting and 286 units -- I'm sorry. Three hundred units being used for election day.

Every polling place will receive two iVotronics. There is 12 polling places
that will receive three iVotronics and that's
based on the captains requesting additional
units based on their -- the demand from
registered voters there.

Voter registration, the deadline
to register by mail is March the 14th.
Actually, it was March the 4th. The deadline
to register in person at the DMV or at our --
or at any NVRA location was March the 14th.
That has come and gone. We are processing
applications into the system, any last minute
applications, that came in through the mail
postmarked as of the 14th into the system.

We're conducting a vote at the
jail program and based on the snow that
happened on Monday, we weren't able to pick up
the applications from those folks. So, we're
picking those up today. Those applications
will be added into the system and that will be
the last of the NVRA applications being added,
registered voters being added to the system.

Any other voter that wants to
register now will have to do so same-day
registration at the early voting center or at
their polling place on election day.

We have -- as part of the early
voting process, we have opened One Judiciary
Square downstairs for in-person absentee --
in-person absentee runs from Monday, March
17th through Saturday, March 22nd and then
early voting starts March 22nd through March
29th with the exception we're closed on
Sunday, March 23rd.

The early vote center for One
Judiciary Square has both paper ballots for
every polling place as well as an iVotronic.
We were able to program the iVotronics to have
every ballot style on a single iVotronic. So,
we didn't have to bifurcate any of the
iVotronic machines. So, when a voter comes
in, they can go any machine and vote their
particular precinct ballot.

We talked about the early voting
queue which demonstrates -- indicates that the
wait times at the early vote centers --we've deployed the queue and as of today, it's working well and it shows that the early vote center at One Judiciary Square is open and as of last night, at the close of business yesterday, at the close of the early vote center, we had 158 voters who appeared at the early vote center to vote.

As part of the election process yesterday, we did observe and witness what we would describe as an error on the Spanish ballot, electronic Spanish ballot, in that the final page of the electronic Spanish ballot has a misinterpretation if the voter -- wherein the voter who has not cast a vote in all of the contests on the ballot receives a message that has been misinterpreted between English and Spanish and so, what we know is that when a voter votes on the touch screen, if they make every selection, the summary screen tells them you've voted your ballot, press confirm and cast your ballot.
If you skip a contest, the instruction sheet tells you that you've skipped a contest. The misinterpretation in the case is that you've left your ballot blank. That's an incorrect interpretation. It does not impact the way the machine actually tabulates the votes. The votes -- any selections that the voter has made will be tabulated. The instructions simply misinforms the voter.

So, to address that, we have created what we call a Spanish insert that will be handed to every Spanish-speaking voter that wants to vote on the touch screen. That advises them there's a misinterpretation on the last page. This is what it should say and your ballot will be counted regardless of whether you vote every contest or not.

We will deploy that Spanish insert to every early vote center and to every polling place to be used on election day. We will also do a press release that announces
that there's a misinterpretation and this is
how we intend to resolve it.

We believe that that will address
the misinterpretation, but we'll be prepared
to address any questions that actually come
forward.

We have at the early vote center
downstairs sample Spanish paper ballots that
we will pass out to the voters that come in
that want to vote in Spanish. That gives them
the Spanish interpretation of the paper
ballot. So, if they prefer to vote a paper
ballot, we have the sample Spanish ballot so
that they can vote the English paper ballot
and we'll do that same thing for the election
day voting precincts.

The other early vote center sites,
they only have iVotronic voting. So, if
someone wants to vote a paper ballot at those
early voting sites, they'll have to come down
to One Judiciary Square or they'll have to
wait and go vote on main election day.
CHAIR NICHOLS: So, not to interpret you but just to be clear, the issue is with the instructions only on the electronic ballot. The paper ballot instructions are accurate.

MR. TATUM: That is correct.

CHAIR NICHOLS: But, also, all the votes that you cast whether you cast them on every contests or not will be counted.

MR. TATUM: That is correct. That is correct.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Will be counted.

MR. TATUM: If you make a selection, it will be counted.

CHAIR NICHOLS: It will be counted.

MR. TATUM: And we conducted L&A launching accuracy on every touch screen unit as well as M100. So, we know that if you make a selection, that vote will be counted regardless of what that written instruction says.
CHAIR NICHOLS: Instruction says and we will have individuals at all of our early voting sites and on election day to make this clear --

MR. TATUM: That is correct.

CHAIR NICHOLS: -- to any of our Spanish-speaking voters who come in and need that kind of clarification.

MR. TATUM: That is correct.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: That is correct.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: And this was a translation issue from English to Spanish on the iVotronic only.

MR. TATUM: That is correct. Yes, just a translation issue from English to Spanish.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: Okay. And we're correcting that.

MR. TATUM: We can't correct it on the iVotronic. In that, we can't reopen the election database to fix it. So, the most
that we can do is to provide them with written
instructions that corrects the interpretation.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: Okay.

CHAIR NICHOLS: But, when it comes
to the November general election --

MR. TATUM: Yes.

CHAIR NICHOLS: -- we will have
corrected this issue --

MR. TATUM: That is correct.

CHAIR NICHOLS: -- at that time.

MR. TATUM: That is correct.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: For the November
general, we will have it corrected. If we end
up holding this special July election, we will
have it corrected.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Right. At all the
special election.

MR. TATUM: It will be corrected
as soon as we can --

CHAIR NICHOLS: After this
primary.
MR. TATUM: -- after this primary and I might add that that is the hard-wire language instruction. So, once we correct it, it'll be corrected.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: But, we will proof. We proof every --

CHAIR NICHOLS: We'll do a better job on this in the future.

MR. TATUM: Absolutely. Absolutely and I'm prepared to apologize to our Spanish-speaking community because it wasn't intentional --

CHAIR NICHOLS: No, it's not.

MR. TATUM: And I want them to be aware that every vote is precious and we expect every vote to be counted.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Absolutely.

MR. TATUM: And we know that every vote that's cast will be counted.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Absolutely.

MR. TATUM: The absentee process,
as indicated, is moving forward. The deadline to request an absentee ballot is March the 25th. As of today, we -- as applications come in, we're turning those applications around within the next business day. So, we're being steadfast in getting the absentee ballot out as quickly as it comes in.

The e-Poll Books at the early vote center are operating according to plan. They are syncing with one another and are syncing with what we call the broker here in the accounting center.

And at the end of the night, we're able to update the voter registration system with every voter that's voted on election -- during early voting so that we will update that list on election day. So, if you voted early voting, it will show that you voted early voting. If you go to your polling place on election day, it will already show that you voted and if you insist that you didn't, you will have to vote a special ballot.
CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: And for this election cycle, we've included -- we've added the -- well, we've reshaped the signature capture period. So, we'll be able to see every signature that's cast on the early voting to compare that signature from your early voting sign-in to your signature on the special ballot --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: So, we'll be able to see whether -- if perhaps -- we know historically folks have -- not hysterically, but historically some folks have signed in on the wrong line.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes. Right.

Right. Right.

MR. TATUM: So, we'll be on the lookout for that.

The early vote center connectivity at the satellite locations have been tested and they're ready to go. We will retest them
on Thursday and Friday and deploy all
equipment to the satellite locations on Friday
night for opening on Saturday, the 23rd.

All notifications for precinct
relocations have been mailed out to voters.
So, everyone that had a precinct reassignment
or relocation has received notice of that.
The website has been updated with notice of
those relocations.

Voter Guides have been mailed out
to every resident in the District.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes.

MR. TATUM: And staff did a good
job on the Voter Guide. It contained no
errors. I'm pleased to say that and it also
lists the precincts that have been relocated.

The poll workers are being
trained. We obviously missed training a group
of captains yesterday because of the snow day.
Once the government was closed, the building
was closed. So, we didn't have a training
class. So, we'll reschedule those captains.
We've already rescheduled those captains to later this week and next week and anticipate having all the training completed by Wednesday or Thursday of next week. Which is well in time for the April 1 primary.

The media, we've been doing bus signs. So, running on the back of the buses throughout the city. We've placed what we call sandwich boards, the stationary ads, at key locations within the Metro stations. TV PSAs are running. Print -- not print and radio, but radio PSAs will begin --

MS. ROBINSON: Actually, they started on March 3rd.

MR. TATUM: Okay. So, radio PSAs are running as of March 3rd and print publications will go out on March the 16th. The Washington Post.

MS. ROBINSON: Well, the sample ballot will go out on the 16th, but there have been ads that have been running in communities and --
MR. TATUM: All right.

CHAIR NICHOLS: So, that was --

the 16th was Sunday.

MS. ROBINSON: I believe so.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Print. Okay.

Yes. Okay. So, that's already out.

MS. ROBINSON: Yes, it should be

out.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes. Okay.

MR. TATUM: So, the local --

Tamara, can you give us a quick update of the

media, the local media pieces that we've been

running.

MS. ROBINSON: So --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Identify yourself

for the record. I can see him.

MS. ROBINSON: My name is Tamara

Robinson T-A-M-A-R-A and I'm the Public

Information Officer.

So, we've run not necessarily --

what we've done is we've done a two-part

system. We have the sample ballot that is...

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MS. ROBINSON: But, we did

basically a voter FAQ that has been running in

community newspapers such as East of the

River, Senior Beacon. Just several varied


Informer and so, those ads have already run --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MS. ROBINSON: -- within the last
two weeks.

MR. TATUM: Great.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: And The Washington

Post will run their large insert on Thursday.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Who's handling our
twitter feed?

MS. ROBINSON: That is me.

CHAIR NICHOLS: That's you.

MS. ROBINSON: Yes, that's me.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Great job.

MS. ROBINSON: Thank you.
MR. TATUM: Twitter is -- we're getting really good feedback on Twitter as you're seeing.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Good. Good. Yes. Yes.

MR. TATUM: And Tamara's doing a great job of steering the communication the way it needs to go.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Great.

MR. TATUM: Someone that wants to air some complaint, she's asking them to communicate directly with us. But, otherwise, she's doing a great job.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes, all of a sudden my @DCBOEE went live and I just kept getting a lot of them. You got a lot of compliments also --

MS. ROBINSON: Thank you.

CHAIR NICHOLS: -- for the Voter Guide and BOE being open on time. Well, not -- in spite of the snow I should say for the beginning of early voting. So, all that has
been good news. Very good job.

MS. ROBINSON: Thank you.

MR. TATUM: And she might add
she's ramping up for election day and we'll
have --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Great.

MR. TATUM: -- some additional
support coming in to assist for the Twitter --

Twitter --

CHAIR NICHOLS: I'm sure. Yes.

MS. ROBINSON: Right. Absolutely.

CHAIR NICHOLS: That'll tie you
down if you don't.

MR. TATUM: So, as we mentioned,
outreach is going forward. Kathy Fairley is
visiting senior citizens' locations taking
absentee ballots to those folks that -- to
those facilities that, number one, always asks
for those there. Some of them that are
permanent requesters and then there are some
new additions that have been added.

We have two schools that have
contacted us to place students at some of the polling places on election day and I think that's Chavez and there's the other school that I can't recall a particular name, but there's two. We're going to -- Tamara's going to focus on expanding the school outreach after this primary election to all of the high schools to try to get them involved.

Poll watchers are being issued badges. I think today -- yes, today was the last day to request poll watcher badges and we've seen a number of candidates who has requested a good number of poll worker badges and we anticipate those folks to be at the early vote centers as well as at the polling places on election day.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Is there a way we could get a list of who those individuals are? I think at least for -- for me when I got to the -- visiting the polling places that folks were kind of walking in and not that I would know these people personally, but to have an
idea of who these individuals are as a Member of the Board would help me out a lot when we get some feedback from precinct captains, you know, on some of the activities that may be occurring if we'd know names, you know.

MR. TATUM: And there is a list that's created. In fact, we publish a list

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: -- poll watchers that are -- am I saying that right? Do we --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Poll watchers.

MR. TATUM: No, this is poll workers.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Poll workers or poll --

MR. TATUM: We reject poll watchers. Did we ever reject poll watchers?

CHAIR NICHOLS: And that's what we get feedback on from some of the precinct captains who find it difficult to control the poll watchers.
MR. TATUM: Yes.

CHAIR NICHOLS: I want poll watchers not --

MR. TATUM: Yes.

CHAIR NICHOLS: -- not poll workers.

MR. TATUM: The poll watchers.

CHAIR NICHOLS: The poll watchers.

MR. TATUM: The poll watchers.

CHAIR NICHOLS: To know who they are so that, you know, for example, when a poll captain expresses concern about a poll watcher, we can see if that poll watchers name appears on the list of people that you have certified.

MR. TATUM: Yes. That's correct.

Yes.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Because I'm getting the sense sometimes that they are not -- that they are kind of informal poll watchers that have not been issued any kind of badges, but have taken it upon themselves to
come and police their -- whoever they are representing. That count on the machine.
Okay.

MR. TATUM: We will do that. Yes, we can do --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes. Yes, just so we can --

MR. TATUM: Yes, we should.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes. Great.

MR. TATUM: Okay. And that -- I'm sure I could go on and on and on, but --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Well, go on and on and on.

MR. TATUM: The call center will be functioning on Saturday for all of the early vote centers. So, that the captain -- the site coordinators who are running the early voting sites if they are -- if they need assistance, they can call down to the call center and we have operators who will be manning the call center to take those calls.

We've tested payroll for all the
poll workers and the call center workers, the 
early voting center workers. Treasury 
actually processes payroll for us. So, we 
give them a list of all the workers who should 
receive a pay check and we work that system 
down to where the Treasury is returning -- is 
turning around the pay to workers within a 
week --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: -- of working the 
election. So, we're checking, dotting our i's 
and crossing our t's on the final preparations 
for the election day. Obviously, as early 
voting closes on next Saturday the 29th, we'll 
spend Saturday night and Sunday finalizing the 
e-Poll Books for election day and there's 
roughly 600 e-Poll Books that we have to 
finalize during that window of time and we'll 
then pack the trucks on Sunday to go to the 
parking lot to spend the night Sunday and then 
Monday we deliver those. Monday, the 31st, 
we'll deliver all the supplies, the voting
equipment to the precincts for a Tuesday election.

I mentioned and showed to the Board an equipment cart that we were using to transport the iVotronics out to the early voting centers and staff recommended that we run that in a pilot program just to insure that it's going to work --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Right.

MR. TATUM: -- successfully at the polling place. So, there are ten precincts that will have the iVote cart function at its location and we'll give you list of those ten voting sites --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: -- so that you can see how that new layout will --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay. Very good.

MR. TATUM: -- work for us and then based on how -- the feedback that we get from that, that'll tell us how to deploy them to the rest of the polling places and we know
that there's at least 20 polling places that
is not big enough. They aren't big enough for
the cart to fit.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay. I can
imagine.

MR. TATUM: So, in those
instances, the three -- two or three iVote
will just be handcarried in and standalone on
their legs.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Like the old --
like they have traditionally.

MR. TATUM: That's correct.

That's correct.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: And we'll know
in advance what those precincts are?

MR. TATUM: Yes. Yes.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes. They'll give
us --

MR. TATUM: We'll give you a list
of what those precincts are.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: So, when we
take our tours, we can maybe see one or two in
MR. TATUM: That's correct.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: Okay.

MR. TATUM: That's correct. The training, the captain's training, was -- training is going very well I might add with the exception of the missed snow days. This has been probably one of the heaviest snow periods that we've had while training. So, we've lost a couple of days, but make-ups have been going rather well.

The captain's class was restructured to Saturday. So, we're training all the captains on Saturdays and as opposed to the captains going into one room and being trained on all the positions by one person, we have changed the program to a rotation basis so that we divide the captains into groups of ten to 12 to 15 and we ship them from one class to the next class. So, as a check-in -- the check-in is a speciality class. The captains rotate the check-in.
CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: And then from check-in, they go to ballot.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: And then from ballot, they go to special ballot. So --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Oh, they basically follow the procedure in their training.

MR. TATUM: That is correct.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: And we're getting really good feedback from the captains on changing that format which helps them with their attention spans. Sitting in one room hearing the same person has been very monotonous for them. So, we're having them complete surveys. That gives us feedback on how to improve the process. So, we're seeing a really good feedback. I think we're going to see captains perform a lot better.

We've added in precinct management...
for personnel. We've added in logistics, line
management techniques. So that if we do get
lines at any of the polling places, we've
addressed some of the points that they should
consider.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay. Line
management.

MR. TATUM: Line management.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes.

MR. TATUM: So, we've -- the team
has done a good job in identifying changing
the curriculum to assist -- to better prepare
our captains for election day.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: So, that's one of the
biggest changes that we've had in the training
program and we've met our goals of -- I think
we've assigned 1600 and some voters -- workers
to work election day.

CHAIR NICHOLS: How many?

MR. TATUM: I don't know the exact
number, but I'll --
CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: -- supplement the record with that. I think it's 1680, but I know it's 1600.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: We've recruited those folks and now, we're trying to get the last 300 of those folks trained. So, we're on schedule.

CHAIR NICHOLS: And that's for election day or for --

MR. TATUM: On election day.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: All the workers for early voting have been trained.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay. So, they're in place. We -- for the early voting sites, we set up site coordinators. In the past, we've used staff to manage those sites. We now have teams of two site coordinators who were working interchangeably to manage the site and then staff is available to bounce
from site to site to provide assistance if they need.

MR. TATUM: The newer sites will have staff that's appointed, that's assigned to make sure that the new sites are working according to plan, but we're feeling comfortable with the site coordinators and their ability to manage --

CHAIR NICHOLS: How do they differ from area refs?

MR. TATUM: The site coordinator is assigned specifically to --

CHAIR NICHOLS: A specific precinct or voting --

MR. TATUM: To an early vote center. That's correct.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Early vote. Is it just early voting?

MR. TATUM: Just early voting.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: And that's a good question though. Some of our site
coordinators actually are -- they serve as our
area reps on election day.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: But, the area rep on
election day is assigned five precincts.

CHAIR NICHOLS: I know.

MR. TATUM: And they bounce from
-- in the past, they've been assigned to
eight. So, we've reduced that number.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Right.

MR. TATUM: We've increased the
number of area reps. So, they'll go to five.
They'll support five precincts with whatever
supplies, manpower.

We have -- we've recruited a
number of standby workers if we have some no
shows on election morning. Then we got -- I
think we've recruited over 100 workers to be
on standby --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: -- to be sent out to
the polling places if there's a shortage and
we've rented a number of vans to be able to
transport those workers out to those
locations. So, those workers will report here
and be on site to be sent out if we need to.

CHAIR NICHOLS: And I think, you
know, that this is one of the challenges that
we face. We'll see how it goes in this
primary, but one of the issues that we saw
with the site coordinators, not them per se,
but that whole process or operation on
election day in November with the difficulty
that site coordinators -- area reps, I'm
sorry, the area reps encounter when they have
to go from one part of the city to get
supplies and try to get back to their set of
precincts that they are servicing and the time
it takes because of traffic, parking.

Just a -- and so, that is just one
of the logistical issues I think that this
Board and Agency are going to have to face in
the future as to whether there's a more
workable solution for that or can we get more
cooperation from the MPD or, you know, some
other District agency on the --

MR. TATUM: I'm glad you said
that. We did address that to some degree.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: So, based on -- we do
a projection of what we believe the voter
turnout will be at each of those precincts.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Right.

MR. TATUM: And we have directed
the warehouse to provide the supplies specific
to that number of registered voters as opposed
to a supply schedule.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: So, there's more
supplies going out to each of those polling
places now.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Up front.

MR. TATUM: Up front.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Up front. Okay.

MR. TATUM: Up front. So, that
we'll have it and then the area reps still
have a supply --

CHAIR NICHOLS: On their trucks.

MR. TATUM: On their trucks.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: So, right out of the gate, we should be able to handle more volume requests than we have in the past.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: And then the area reps will not have to serve as many polling places.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Correct. Yes.

MR. TATUM: So, then we'll be able to get around to the --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Quicker.

MR. TATUM: -- fewer polling places quicker.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay. Okay.

MR. TATUM: Yes, and with the idea that as you go to -- as you stop at your first polling place, early morning, there won't be a run on supplies, but as you make your second and third stop, you should be assessing their
supplies.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Right.

MR. TATUM: And specifically for that November election, it was the special ballot envelopes that we ran out of.

CHAIR NICHOLS: That were -- yes.

MR. TATUM: So, we have quadrupled to a trillion. Don't put that in the record. We have hundreds of thousands of special ballot envelopes at the warehouse.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: So, we will not run short of special ballot envelopes, but we also don't anticipate the special ballot turnout like we have in the past.

We've been working the address change with DMV. The online address change with DMV --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Right. Okay.

MR. TATUM: -- to the voter registration system.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Oh, okay.
MR. TATUM: So --

CHAIR NICHOLS: So, that should help streamline that process.

MR. TATUM: -- we're picking up -- that's right. We're picking up more change of addresses than we have in the past.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: So, we shouldn't see that same level of special ballot because of the address changes. There will be some.

But, it should not be as much.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Now, my next question is this. Do we have enough English speaking -- I mean English language I voted stickers --

MR. TATUM: Yes.

CHAIR NICHOLS: -- at all -- available to all the precincts, early voting sites as well as our Spanish language?

MR. TATUM: Yes. Yes, we do. We identified that the number of I voted stickers in English matched the number of projected
voters. Come out.

Chair Nichols: Okay. And a few extra.

Mr. Tatum: And a few extra.

Chair Nichols: Okay.

Mr. Tatum: And the area reps also have those on their trucks.

Chair Nichols: On their trucks.

Mr. Tatum: That's right.

Chair Nichols: Okay.

Mr. Tatum: So, we know that each then got the I voted English and the I voted Spanish.

Chair Nichols: Okay.

Mr. Tatum: So, we not see the running out of stickers.

Chair Nichols: In the proper --

Mr. Tatum: In the --

Chair Nichols: -- requested --

Mr. Tatum: That's correct.

Chair Nichols: Or in the requested language.
MR. TATUM: In the requested language.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay. So, there should be enough of both --

MR. TATUM: That is correct.

CHAIR NICHOLS: -- at each precinct.

MR. TATUM: That is correct.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: That is correct.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Any other questions? Any questions, Mr. Danzansky?

MEMBER DANZANSKY: No, that's --

CHAIR NICHOLS: You have any more? I mean you can go on and on because I --

MR. TATUM: Which I think that highlights the --

CHAIR NICHOLS: The major areas.

MR. TATUM: -- the major areas.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: And the major areas that we realize we needed to refocus on.
CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: And the -- it was apropos for the I voted sticker because that's the end of the process.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes. Exactly.

MR. TATUM: They're walking out of the polling place with I voted sticker.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Exactly.

MR. TATUM: And I think that's as good --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Now, well, one other thing I want to bring up is the curbside voting and the bells. I know that there have been some issues in the past about the distance between the bell and the actual location of the buzzer in the precinct with -- connectivity has been an issue, you know, and so, how have we -- or the bells didn't work. The buzzers didn't work at all.

MR. TATUM: So, we -- another good question. We revisited the curbside voting process and we created larger signs first of
all --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: -- for curbside voting.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: So, it's a different billboard that stands higher than it has in the past.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: Shows this is curbside voting.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: And there's still the orange cones that go out.

The curbside bell is a misnomer.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: The bell should never have been at the curbside.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: The bell is supposed to be set at the entrance of the building where the door that needs assistance. Where
someone needs assistance --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay. I see.

Okay.

MR. TATUM: -- rings the bell.

So, that puts the bell that much closer to the voting center.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: So, the signal should travel properly to alert the inside bell.

So, when curbside pulls up, they aren't ringing a bell.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: Our voter assistance clerk is walking back and forth to curbside to process those voters.

CHAIR NICHOLS: I see.

MR. TATUM: If a disabled voter is traveling to the polling place and they need to press the bell, the bell is by the door by the disabled entrance.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: So, that they can
press the bell to ring -- press the button to ring the bell on the inside.

We've had the teams check all the batteries --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: -- in each of the -- each of the machines. An interesting note, what I didn't realize and I'm not sure why, as we pack batteries -- as we load batteries into those units, somehow, I'm not sure why, but the batteries are corroding very quickly.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Really.

MR. TATUM: Yes, so, replacing the batteries days before the election is important.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay. Okay.

MR. TATUM: That has a direct impact on the functionality of the bell. I'm not sure why that is. It may be that we need to switch to another product. But, that's been identified as what one of the issues is and we'll -- and so, we're keeping an eye on
that.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: We've changed some of the signage at the polling places to be bigger for curbside as well as bigger for the disability entrance. So, it's a much bigger sign that has multi-colors, red -- I think it's red, white, blue. So, we should not have any complaints that folks weren't able to identify the early -- the disability/handicap entrance.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: For the precincts that have been relocated from one location to the next, we have created signs. We have two signs. That'll be placed at each of those locations and our staff has been instructed to take pictures of those signs when they post them on the old precinct. So, and they've been instructed to send those pictures to Tamara and to --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.
MR. TATUM: -- our voter registrar.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: So, that we can say we posted them. If someone else pulled them down after we posted them, that's fine.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Right.

MR. TATUM: But, we'll go back and put up another sign.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Right. Right.

MR. TATUM: So, and we know that happens. Some of the old precincts, they take the signs down. We're not sure why.

CHAIR NICHOLS: You don't know who or why?

MR. TATUM: We don't. We don't know who or why they disappear. But, we're prepared to go back and put the signs up.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Right.

MR. TATUM: And the teams have been instructed make sure you check those signs --

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CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes.

MR. TATUM: -- election day to make sure the signs are still there.

CHAIR NICHOLS: And they're posted on the doors, the entrances to these facilities?

MR. TATUM: The entrance to the -- on the wall.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: Some of the facilities may -- if they're doing something else, they may prop their door open.

CHAIR NICHOLS: I see.

MR. TATUM: They may not want us to have that sign on the door. Which may be why some of them have come down in the past.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Down.

MR. TATUM: So, we're posting in a conspicuous area so that they can be seen.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Right.

MR. MCGHIE: I just want to make sure I'm clear. So, we're going to have a
worker that's going to be at the curb that's going to go --

MR. TATUM: Push the bell.

MR. MCGHIE: -- that's going to be walking back and forth?

MR. TATUM: Walking back and forth for curbside and then if the bell rings,
there's two voter assistance clerks in each polling place. So, one voter assistance clerk will rotate in and out watching the curbside for the people that drive up in their car and the other will be assisting voters on the inside and then they'll keep an eye on the entrance-way. If the bell rings, they know to go to where the door is to open the door.

CHAIR NICHOLS: And that's in each precinct?

MR. TATUM: That's in each precinct.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay. So, I should -- when I roll up, I should be able to see --
MR. TATUM: That's correct.

CHAIR NICHOLS: -- two people standing out front.

MR. TATUM: Not standing out front, but because there's a --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: There's a table on the inside. So, there's a station on the inside. But, you should see a worker that's working back and forth between the outside and inside.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay. Because we said at curbside.

MR. MCGHIE: So, there's going to be at least one person outside at all times.

CHAIR NICHOLS: And I think therein lies the issue.

MR. TATUM: Therein lies the issues. So, for curbside, most of the precincts you can see when someone pulls up. So, once someone pulls up, the voter assistance clerk then takes the sign-in sheet out to the car and starts processing the
1 voter.

For accessible entrance-way,
2 there's some back and forth, but no one is
3 stationed right there to watch. So, as voters
4 are coming in to use the bell, the bell will
5 alert the VAC that she should go help open the
6 door or help the person in to the door.

    CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

    MR. MCGHIE: Yes, I'm thinking
8 about the person that just drives up.

    CHAIR NICHOLS: Right. That is
9 not --

    MR. MCGHIE: That's not coming out
10 their car.

    MR. TATUM: Right.

    CHAIR NICHOLS: To push that bell.

    MR. TATUM: So, as I understand
16 the practice, the in and out checking the
17 curbside would not have someone sitting there
18 for any considerable amount of time waiting
19 for someone to come out and check.

    CHAIR NICHOLS: Somebody has to
make contact with somebody in the --

MR. TATUM: Yes.

CHAIR NICHOLS: -- the precinct captain --

MR. TATUM: Yes.

CHAIR NICHOLS: -- to say that there is someone at curbside, but we don't -- I've not seen that work well at some precincts. I've seen it work, but I've not seen it work well at some precincts.

And I tell you one is my precinct where they got notice that there was someone at curbside who wanted to vote at curbside and the person who was checking people in -- one of the persons who was checking people in got up, went to curbside with the voting material that she needed which meant that there was nobody there taking her place to continue check-in.

So, I think that staffing complement is one thing and how many people you have on staff and whether everybody shows
up that you don't have sometimes that person who is kind of a swing person that is available, you know, to constantly be back and forth checking to see and handle that.

MR. TATUM: And that is -- you've hit the nail on the head. If everyone shows up, if every worker shows up as they should, there will be two voter assistance clerks working voter assistance who will be curbside and assisting voters in and out of the precinct and with any other assistance that they need in the polling place.

If someone doesn't show up, we do see that the captain will rotate people around to cover the --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Right.

MR. TATUM: -- lower area. So, what should happen is as the captain has people that didn't show up, they call us. We send out replacements.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: So that they don't get
caught short. But, you're right. We do see
that some precincts get caught short.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes.

MR. TATUM: And then they make do
with what they have.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Right. And that
impacts sometimes the rest of the process.

MR. TATUM: That is exactly right.

CHAIR NICHOLS: You know, which,
you know, leads me back to that that's an
issue, a performance issue that we need to
just work on a little better to figure out how
to do it that it's more effective.

MR. TATUM: That's exactly right.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes, you know.

MR. TATUM: Typically, we see
about --

CHAIR NICHOLS: But, we'll keep an
eye on that. Yes.

MR. TATUM: Typically, we see
about ten to 20 curbside voters per election.

Some precincts don't have any.
MEMBER DANZANSKY: Ten to 20 altogether?

MR. TATUM: Altogether.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: Citywide?

MR. TATUM: No. No. No, per polling place.

MEMBER DANZANSKY: Per voting --

MR. TATUM: Per polling place.

Per polling place.

Some have more than others, but you're right. It's a balancing act for us in terms of personnel.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes. Yes.

MR. TATUM: One of the things that we -- one of the new programs that we're going to implement is to work with -- attempt to recruit veterans --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: -- to work at the polling places --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes.

MR. TATUM: -- as another source
of personnel who can work for us and we haven't fully designed that as of yet, but in working with UDC, part of that training program was to incorporate a veterans' program into that platform so that we have a continuous flow of workers.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Right.

MR. TATUM: People who are willing to work --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes.

MR. TATUM: -- and able to work.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes.

MR. TATUM: So.

CHAIR NICHOLS: So, that is one of the areas.

MR. TATUM: Yes.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes, that I know we've been struggling. Okay. Anything else?

MR. TATUM: Election night, election night itself, we have the website. As we display the election results in the previous election, we have the -- Datanet is
setting up the website to display. The website is there, but we'll test the file to insure that it displays those accurately on election night.

We'll have the same set-up with the media observation room here in the Board hearing room. We'll have the conference room set up for the Board Members to review the results as they come in.

We have election night support from our ES&S vendor. There will be four individuals who will be here to assist on election night and that includes with tabulation and shutting down of the early vote machines during the election day.

The early vote results will be the first results that'll be posted on election night and we have -- with the increase of the area reps and technical rovers, we anticipate each rover is assigned to a smaller number of precincts so that they -- on paper, they should be able to get the results back down to
us faster. Caveat to that, each precinct now will be closing two iVotes instead of one.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Right.

MR. TATUM: So, there will be a little bit of -- I anticipate that they'll be a little bit of delay in getting those results down to us because now they're closing more --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Right.

MR. TATUM: -- machines than they have in the past.

The tech rovers will be assisting the captains. We identify the captains who we anticipate -- which precincts will need some support in closing those machines and we measure that throughout the day with how effective the captain is performing with changing the roll on the iVotronics.

The M100s is the turning of a key. So, that's not a big deal for us there.

As always has happened in the past, somehow there's a captain who does close a machine down properly. Which means we don't
get those iVote results back to us election
night and we arrange with PSD to or Public
Works to try to get into some of those public
calities to get the results that night, but
if we don't, we'll get the results. We'll
print. We'll run the paper results that night
and if we have to go back, we'll run the
iVotronic results the next morning.

It seems to always happen. That's
one of the performance measures that we've put
into place for our captains, but with their
being two iVotes this time, I'm being
cautiously optimistic.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: So, that's election
night. If all goes as expected, we should be
out of here by 11:15/11:30.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: Eight mayoral
candidates on the ballot. As well as the
State Committee -- Democratic State Committee
folks, there'll be a large number of folks in
the viewing room to see the process. Some of
the candidates may want to come back and watch
the tabulation of the votes as they have in
the past. So, we'll have that set up as well
so that they can look through the glass.

We'll raise the windows and clean the glass to
insure that -- the shades and clean the glass
so that they can see in. We still don't have
the space back there to allow --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Right. Yes.

MR. TATUM: -- folks into the
room.

So, we've had the 650s tested to
run the absentee ballots and the special
ballots.

Absentees, they have until April
the 11th to come into the voting -- into our
-- back to our office. They have to be
postmarked by election day, April 1.

Special ballots, we start
processing immediately after the election to
be completed by the following Tuesday and we
post those -- any special ballots that have
been rejected onto the website so those folks
can appeal the rejection of their special
ballot.

And we anticipate counting
specials and absentees on April the 9th and
10th so that on the 11th there are just
straggler absentees coming in.

All the specials should be
completed, but the absentees that come in
through the mail on that April 11th will be
processed.

At the end of the day, we should
have all the preliminary -- preliminary
results will go out April 1 and all of the
preliminary results including absentees should
be completed by April the 11th.

CHAIR NICHOLS: And the machine,
the 16 --

MR. TATUM: Six fifties.

CHAIR NICHOLS: They all work?

MR. TATUM: They all work.
CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay. All right.

MR. TATUM: We've had ES&S on site to provide technical support and they'll be here on that tabulation day as well to assist with reading the absentees in case we have any problem.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay. All right.

MR. TATUM: The post-election audit is scheduled for the -- the 11th, 12, 13, 14 -- for the 15th, 16th, 17th. Which then would place us on having the certification of the election on I believe -- I'm sorry. I have it on my calendar here.

CHAIR NICHOLS: The 24th I think.

The 24th.

MR. TATUM: The 24th.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes.

MR. TATUM: Yes, so, the -- there's a tentative Board meeting scheduled for the 14th to certify the election.

And looking at this calendar brings me back to the certification of the
special ballot, the special Ward 8 contest.
The challenge period actually falls -- Easter Sunday falls within that challenge period. We initially thought it was going to catch Palm Sunday, too, but it did not. If the contest is not removed to the November ballot, I would like to talk to the Board about us being closed on that Easter Sunday. Which means we would then extend the challenge period for one more day which would not impact the election or the schedule of the election. For consideration I would just say.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay. All right.

MR. TATUM: It crossed my mind as I saw that. I know that a number of staff have indicated their concerns about that and I'm sensitive to that. So.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes. Okay.

MR. TATUM: And if all goes according to plan, we will certify the election on April the 24th and then, I'm sorry, I can go on vacation on April the 25th.
CHAIR NICHOLS: I know. Yes, well deserved.

MR. TATUM: I might add -- I should add that in both the Republican -- in not both, but in the Republican, Statehood, Green and Libertarian primaries, there are a number of contests with no candidate. Which means we anticipate a large number of write-ins.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: Write-ins cause us --

CHAIR NICHOLS: A lot of grief.

MR. TATUM: -- a lot of grief and delay in how we process those write-ins and typically, I have to say this very gingerly and if you can, please backstop me here. In a contested election, write-ins are not counted if there aren't enough write-ins to defeat the candidate on the ballot.

CHAIR NICHOLS: I see, but you have to count them.

MR. TATUM: Well, the machine
tells us. So, it'll tell us that there's 100
write-ins.

CHAIR NICHOLS: I see.

MR. TATUM: It doesn't tell us who
they're for.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay. Okay.

MR. TATUM: On the inward --

CHAIR NICHOLS: I see.

MR. TATUM: It just tells us that
there's 100.

CHAIR NICHOLS: I see.

MR. TATUM: So, we know that 100
won't beat 1,000.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Right.

MR. TATUM: So, we don't process
those.

CHAIR NICHOLS: I see.

MR. TATUM: But, as it relates to
the down ballot contest and where there aren't
any contested contests, we're going to have a
go with write-ins.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.
MR. TATUM: And there will be write-ins for every -- almost every contest on the Republican, Statehood, Green and Libertarians. So, I just wanted to make the Board aware of that.

We have an electronic -- that should say electronic, but a laptop kind of system that we've used and we generated separation -- paper separation, but it's --

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay. By the party?

MR. TATUM: By party and by write-in.

CHAIR NICHOLS: I see.

MR. TATUM: By contest.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay. So.

MR. TATUM: We -- it's an Excel sheet and a drop number. It's an Excel sheet.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay.

MR. TATUM: And in fact, that -- so, it's a pass -- it's a tedious process.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Yes, I can
imagine.

MR. TATUM: And then as we get into the post-selection audit, it'll be just that more tedious to have to deal with the write-ins and the rolls that have the write-in vote. So, it could take us some time.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Okay. We'll be sensitive to that. I hope for the best.

MR. TATUM: Hope for the best.

CHAIR NICHOLS: Any questions, Mr. Danzansky?

MEMBER DANZANSKY: No, that was a very complete report. Thank you, Mr. Tatum, very much.

CHAIR NICHOLS: All right. There being no further business before us, this meeting is adjourned. The time is 11:41 a.m., Tuesday, March 18th, 2014.

(Whereupon, at 11:41 a.m., the meeting was adjourned.)
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