The Special Meeting of the District of Columbia Board of Elections 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, Chairman, presiding.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Office of Campaign Finance
KENNETH J. McGHIE, General Counsel

Office of Campaign Finance
CLIFFORD D. TATUM, Executive Director
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10:09 a.m.

CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: I hereby call to order a special meeting of the Board of Elections. Today is Tuesday, February 18, the time is 10:10 a.m. We are meeting in Room 280 North of One Judiciary Square.

Without objection -- well let me start with I am Deborah Nichols, Chairman of the Board of Elections. With me this morning is member Stephen Danzansky. Also present Mr. Ken McGhie our general counsel. Mr. Clifford Tatum our Executive Director.

Without objection, the agenda for this mornings Special Meeting is adopted. Our first order of business will be the approval of the relocation of Precinct 121 for the April 1 primary election. And Mr. Tatum will walk us through that.

MR. TATUM: Madam Chair the Precinct 121, which is the Achievement Prep Academy Charter School, has served as our
polling place in November, 2012, is not available for the upcoming April 1, 2014 mayoral primary. And the facility manager, Tanya Griffith informed the Board that the multipurpose room would be used for the Citywide CAS Testing on that date. So therefore, the staff has recommended that we relocate the polling place to combine it with Precinct Number 125, Hendley Elementary School. I'm sorry, I misstated that. The staff has proposed that we relocate permanently to Ferebee-Hope Recreation Center.

Ferebee, F-E-R-E-B-E-E, Hope Recreation Center located at 3999 8th Street SE. There are approximately 3,885 registered voters. The proposed location would be the rec center in the auditorium. The facility is accessible. The voting area would be the auditorium. The staff has indicated the voting space is excellent. The lighting is excellent. And
there is a parking lot and street parking.

And it's approximately two blocks from the previous location which was Achievement Prep Academy. So this would be a permanent location for this precinct.

MEMBER DANZANSKY You say Polk, Polk, P-O-L-K?

CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: Ferebee-Hope, H-O-P-E.

MEMBER DANZANSKY Oh, okay.

CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: Recreation Center. All right, so we would need a motion to publish this relocation for comment.

MR. TATUM: That's correct.

CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: This proposed relocation for comment in the register. And so I would need a motion to that extent.

MEMBER DANZANSKY So moved Madam Chair.

CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: All in favor?
(Chorus of ayes.)

CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: All opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: Ayes have it.

MR. TATUM: Madam Chair?

CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: Yes?

MR. TATUM: In our last meeting, we proposed to move Precinct Number 101, 1-0-1, River Terrace Elementary School to The Chateau. The DCPS has determined that they will be able to open River Terrace Elementary School for us. So I would like for the Board to consider a motion to I guess, recall it, can we -- how would we say that to?

MR. McGHIE: To rescind.

MR. TATUM: To rescind the previous motion to relocate River Terrace to The Chateau.

MEMBER DANZANSKY I move we do rescind.

CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: All right,
the Board's preliminary approval of the
relocation to The Chateau back to River
Terrace, the motion's on the floor. All in
favor? Aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: All opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: The ayes have it.

MR. TATUM: Madam Chair that's all I have.

CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: Thank you Mr. Tatum. We will now move to consideration of the approval of a political party name. The people for A Sound Society Party. Mr. McGhie I will ask you to handle that matter for us. Present that matter rather.

MR. McGHIE: Would the Board consider its adjourning for five minutes for me to call the necessary --

MEMBER DANZANSKY I'm sorry I can't hear.
MR. McGHIE: I said would the Board consider adjourning for five minutes to have me call the proposer's cell phone number?

CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: All right we are recessed for five minutes to see if we can contact -- what is the contact?

MR. McGHIE: Mr. Ben Foshager.

Foshager.

CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: Okay. We are recessed for five minutes to see if we can contact the proposer of this political party.

(Whereupon, the foregoing matter went off the record at 10:14 a.m. and went back on the record at 10:21 a.m.)

CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: This is the call back to order the Special Meeting of the Board for February 18. The time is 10:22. We are in the -- about to discuss the consideration and approval of a political party name, the People for a Strong Society Party. Mr. McGhie is in the process of making
MR. McGHIE: All right, Mr. Ben Foshager made an application for the approval of a political party name. The proposed party name is People for a Strong Society. And the approval of a party name must be done pursuant to 3 DCMR, Section 1502, approval of political parties. And one of those requirements is that the individual file a completed Application for Approval. It states on the 1502.3 that each application shall include the name, address, telephone number and voter registration number of the Chairperson, Treasurer, and other principal officers and each member of the duly authorized local committee of its party in the District. Mr. Foshager's application is not complete. It does not have a complete address. I will also note for the record that he is not present. The telephone number that he gave us is for a homeless shelter. I tried
to locate him at that number at 10:15 this morning. And they answered this as Catholic Charities Homeless Shelter.

So my recommendation to the Board is that they deny approval of this application.

CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: Thank you Mr. McGhie. Is there any discussion?

MEMBER DANZANSKY Madam Chair yes. We do have a statutory responsibility and a -- there is provision in that statute by which the Board is to measure in its judgment whether a name tends to confuse or mislead the public or for any other good cause.

And I must say, one of the essential ingredients of this is that we're talking about political parties. And the political party is -- has a definition. It means a group of people organized to acquire and exercise political power.

Generally, and this is the reason we have a public hearing, in the past groups
who seek to get a name approved have come in with mission statements and bylaws and other provisions indicating that they are a genuine political party. And that the name does or does not, may or may not confuse the public. Here we have none of that. And basically, it makes it very difficult, in addition to the problems with the application to proceed. So I would just say this is not right for a Board decision at this present time and should not be accepted as a legitimate name.

CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: Thank you Mr. Danzansky. And I approve -- I agree, not approve. I agree that within the definition of political party, of course the definition it states members of an association committee or organization. And this seems to be just one individual.

So we don't really have a complete application. Can I say that?

MEMBER DANZANSKY Yes.
CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: A complete application. So I will entertain a motion not to approve the application for the People for a Strong Society political party.

MEMBER DANZANSKY For the reasons stated Madam Chair, I move that the application for a People for a Strong Society Party be rejected by the Board.

CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: A motion is on the floor. All in favor aye.

(Chorus of ayes.)

CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: All opposed?

(No response.)

CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: Ayes have it. Is there anymore business to come before the Board this morning?

(No response.)

CHAIRPERSON NICHOLS: Hearing none, this meeting is adjourned. The time is 10:26 a.m. on February 18, 2014.

(Whereupon, the above-entitled proceeding was concluded at 10:26 a.m.)
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