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OF
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

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WEDNESDAY

OCTOBER 26, 2022

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The District of Columbia Board of
Elections convened via Videoconference, pursuant
to notice at 10:00 a.m. EDT, Gary Thompson,
Chair, presiding.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEMBERS PRESENT:

GARY THOMPSON, Chair

KARYN GREENFIELD, Member

BOARD OF ELECTIONS STAFF PRESENT:

MONICA HOLMAN EVANS, Director

TERRI STROUD, General Counsel

1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 (10:03 a.m.)

3 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay. Hey, good
4 morning, everybody. This is Gary Thompson, Chair
5 of the Board of Elections, and with me is Karyn
6 Greenfield, our Board member. That's two out of
7 three, so we do have a quorum and we will proceed
8 with our Special Meeting.

9 Our agenda for this meeting has been
10 distributed in advance and duly noticed, and I
11 would move that we adopt the agenda as
12 distributed.

13 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Second.

14 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right. I guess,
15 for formality, all in favor?

16 MEMBER GREENFIELD: All in favor.

17 CHAIR THOMPSON: Okay, we have an
18 agenda, it's pretty straightforward. We are here
19 to do just one quick thing, which is to certify
20 the results of a special recall election of Ms.
21 Amber Gove, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner
22 for Single Member District 6A04, on Capitol Hill.

1 With that, I will turn it over to --
2 I don't know, General Counsel Stroud?

3 MS. STROUD: Actually, Executive
4 Director Evans.

5 CHAIR THOMPSON: Oh, okay. Go ahead.

6 MS. EVANS: Yes, thank you, and good
7 morning. As you mentioned, the only item of
8 business is certification of the October 23rd
9 special recall election for 6A04. Four-hundred-
10 and-sixty-seven votes were cast. There were 15
11 special ballots. Fourteen special or provisional
12 ballots were accepted, one special ballot was
13 rejected.

14 The results, we had 109 votes in favor
15 of the recall of Amber Gove, ANC Commissioner
16 6A04, 357 votes against the recall of Amber Gove,
17 ANC Commissioner 6A04. The petition to recall
18 Amber Gove, ANC Commissioner 6A04, failed.

19 Mr. Chair, I ask for a vote to certify
20 the October 23rd special recall election results
21 as presented.

22 CHAIR THOMPSON: Thank you so much.

1 I so move that we certify those results.

2 MEMBER GREENFIELD: I second it.

3 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right. All in
4 favor?

5 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

6 CHAIR THOMPSON: The motion passes.

7 And I just want to say thank you to the voters of
8 Single Member District 6A04. This is a rare
9 bird, a recall election at the ANC level. They
10 don't happen too often. And I'm glad that the
11 BOE was able to administer the election with two
12 locations to vote last Sunday. There was a
13 pretty good turnout, from what it sounds like,
14 and I really thank the voters for taking the time
15 to come out and participate.

16 And I understand that the DC Council's
17 legislation, which affects a lot of -- most
18 recent legislation, which affects a lot of things
19 about voting, provides that in future recall
20 elections, even at the ANC level, there will be
21 mailed ballots in the future. So if there's
22 another one of these in the next cycle, or

1 whenever, next year, there'll be that added
2 element of voter participation.

3 So it all went off this time around,
4 went very well, thanks to voter participation
5 especially. And if called upon to do this again,
6 we'll add the element of mailed ballots and make
7 sure everybody gets a chance for their voice to
8 be heard. Just a comment.

9 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

10 CHAIR THOMPSON: As you know, I'm
11 sensitive to ANC issues because I was on the ANC
12 for eight years. So, I don't think we ever had a
13 recall election when I was on our ANC, but I
14 heard about them in other ANCs.

15 Well, with that, I would move that we
16 adjourn.

17 MEMBER GREENFIELD: I second it.

18 CHAIR THOMPSON: All right. We are so
19 adjourned. And thank you, four our three
20 attendees. Thank you to everybody at the BOE, I
21 didn't say that. Thank you to everybody at the
22 BOE who went out there on a Sunday to work those

1 voting locations. Much appreciated.

2 MS. EVANS: Thank you.

3 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Thank you. That's
4 it.

5 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
6 went off the record at 10:05 a.m.)

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