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BOARD OF ELECTIONS

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

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WEDNESDAY

MARCH 3, 2021

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The District of Columbia Board of
Elections convened via Video Teleconference,
pursuant to notice at 10:30 a.m. EST, Michael
Bennett, Chair, presiding.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS MEMBERS PRESENT:

MICHAEL BENNETT, Chair

MIKE GILL, Member

KARYN GREENFIELD, Member

BOARD OF ELECTIONS STAFF PRESENT:

ALICE P. MILLER, Executive Director
CECILY COLLIER-MONTGOMERY, Director, OCF
WILLIAM SANFORD, General Counsel, OCF

JACK GILMORE, Staff Attorney

MONICA EVANS, Special Assistant

CLIFTON PRINCE, Staff Attorney

TERRI STROUD, General Counsel

SYLVIA GOLDSBERRY-ADAMS, Operations

Manager

KAREN F. BROOKS, Registrar of Voters

LINDA JOHNSON, Assistant to the Executive

Director

NICK JACOBS, Public Information Officer

RANDY LEGETTE, IT Specialist

ALSO PRESENT:

JAMES HOWLETT

DOROTHY BRIZILL, DC WATCH

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

2 (10:44 a.m.)

3 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay. Good morning.

4 This is the March meeting of the D.C. Board of
5 Elections. Thank you all. We are still virtual,
6 but I tell you with all of the vaccines coming
7 out I am hopeful that we will not be doing this
8 in a few months, so thanks for your patience and
9 continuing to kind of stick with it.

10 I want to open the meeting with a
11 motion from Ms. Greenfield relative to the agenda
12 and the minutes from the last meeting. Can I get
13 a motion to accept the agenda for today and the
14 minutes from the last meeting from Ms.
15 Greenfield?

16 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Yes, I move that
17 we accept the agenda for the day -- for today,
18 and minutes from the last meeting.

19 CHAIR BENNETT: Can I get a second Mr.
20 Gill?

21 MEMBER GILL: Second.

22 CHAIR BENNETT: It is properly -- has

1 been properly moved and seconded, and I am going
2 to put a hold on that because I forgot to do the
3 notice that we have a quorum. So I will come
4 back and call for a vote on the agenda and the
5 minutes once we establish a quorum. So, Ms.
6 Greenfield, can you say aye that you are here?

7 MEMBER GREENFIELD: Aye.

8 CHAIR BENNETT: Mr. Gill.

9 MEMBER GILL: Aye.

10 CHAIR BENNETT: And I am here, Michael
11 Bennett, and so we have a quorum, and I will get
12 a vote on the agenda and the minutes from the
13 last meeting. Mr. Gill.

14 MEMBER GILL: Aye.

15 CHAIR BENNETT: Ms. Greenfield.

16 MEMBER GILL: Aye.

17 CHAIR BENNETT: And aye for me, it is
18 unanimous. The minutes have been properly -- has
19 been properly moved, and seconded, and voted, and
20 so it is unanimous that agenda and the minutes
21 from last week are -- or last month are accepted.

22 Before I go any further, with regard

1 to the agenda, I want to make sure that the court
2 reporter is here and able to be heard -- or can
3 hear everybody. Can I hear from the court
4 reporter that they are here, and able to be
5 heard?

6 (Off the record response.)

7 CHAIR BENNETT: Great. Thank you very
8 much. First item on the agenda -- or next item
9 on the agenda is -- after the adoption of the
10 minutes and the agenda for the day are Board
11 matters. Are there any board matters from you,
12 Mr. Gill?

13 MEMBER GILL: No Board matters.

14 CHAIR BENNETT: Great. Ms.
15 Greenfield, any Board matters for you?

16 MEMBER GREENFIELD: No, no Board
17 matters.

18 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay, great. There are
19 no -- well, the only Board matters for me is just
20 to -- for the record, I am starting to take a
21 look at, and we are starting to talk about -- the
22 Board and senior staff talk a little bit about if

1 -- a potential reorganization and that kind of
2 things we want to put in a report relative to
3 going forward, but this is the chairman's
4 initiative, nobody else's, and so at some point
5 in the next couple months we intend to have
6 public meetings just to talk about the election,
7 and activities about the campaign finance in
8 November and this last election season so that we
9 can make some recommendations to the Council, if
10 we need to, and also to the mayor relative to the
11 operation of those entities going forward.

12 Nothing to report, nothing
13 earthshattering, nothing is going on, but I just
14 feel the need to -- since we had such a momentous
15 2020 I feel the need to try and address that in
16 some way relative to how we look as a
17 organization going forward. So anyway just that
18 and for those in the public we will -- just as we
19 did with public meetings in -- prior to the last
20 election in getting public input on things we
21 will certainly do that going forward. There is
22 nothing to talk about at this point, just to give

1 everybody a heads up that we are going to start
2 looking at that, okay?

3 So, there have been no more Board
4 matters. First report we have is from Ms.
5 Montgomery, Office of Campaign Finance. Ms.
6 Montgomery, you have the floor.

7 MS. COLLIER-MONTGOMERY: Yes, good
8 morning. You can hear me?

9 CHAIR BENNETT: Yes.

10 MS. COLLIER-MONTGOMERY: Okay, good.
11 For the record, the Office of Campaign Finance,
12 we are continuing to operate under a modified
13 status. All of our services are still being
14 provided remotely, by email and telephone at 202-
15 671-0547. All candidates and committee reports
16 will continue to be received online at our
17 website on the required deadlines, and candidates
18 can contact the office for instructions
19 concerning the registration process.

20 On February the 18th, 2021 I attended
21 the hearing on the fiscal year 2020 performance
22 report, and the fiscal year 2021 performance plan

1 of the Agency before the Committee on the
2 Judiciary and Public Safety of the Council of the
3 District of Columbia.

4 In the Fair Elections Program Division
5 during the month of February I would report that
6 as of February 24th, 2021 the total sum of
7 \$4,016,797.64 has been disbursed from the fair
8 elections fund in base amount and matching
9 payments to the 36 candidates who were certified
10 in the fair elections program to participate in
11 the June 2nd, 2020, primary election, the June
12 16th, 2020, special election, and the November
13 3rd, 2020, general election.

14 During the month of February 2021
15 there were no disbursements authorized in
16 matching payments to the Fair Elections Program
17 participating candidates. During the month of
18 February the other activities in the Fair
19 Elections Program consisted of the desk reviews
20 of the mandatory January 10th, 2021 reports and
21 also other amended reports of receipts and
22 expenditures. They reviewed a total of 21.

1 There were 11 requests for additional
2 information.

3 I would also note for the record that
4 as of this date the total funds remitted for
5 deposit in the Fair Elections Fund, the Campaign
6 Operations of the participating candidates in the
7 elections which were conducted during calendar
8 year 2020. That amount is \$132,268.90. The
9 following committees to date remitted funds from
10 the June 16th, 2020, special elections, Patrick
11 Kennedy for Ward 2 special elections, \$39,252.38
12 on January the 11th, 2021, Jordan Grossman for
13 Ward 2 special elections, \$20,510.08.

14 On January 21st, '21, the following
15 committees to date have remitted funds from the
16 June 2nd, 2020, primary elections. First Evans
17 2020, \$795.64 on December the 10th, 2020,
18 Patrick Kennedy for Ward 2, \$30,201.49 on January
19 the 11th, 2021, Jordan Grossman for Ward for Ward
20 2, \$3,937.94 on January the 21st, '21, and
21 \$120.84, which was received on February the 9th,
22 2021, Yilin Zhang for Ward 2, \$5,782.05, which

1 was received on February the 12th, 2021, and
2 \$5,782.05, which was received on February the
3 21st, 2021.

4 To date, the following committees have
5 remitted funds from the November the 3rd, 2020
6 general elections. Fitz Reid 2020 \$876.04 on
7 December the 10th, 2020, Frasier for Ward 4,
8 \$409.58 on December the 10th, 2020, Friends of
9 Christina Henderson, \$17,457.49 on December the
10 29th 2020, Karen for Ward 7 State Board of
11 Education 2020, \$6.50 on January 21st, Committee
12 to Elect Jane Lewis for City Council, \$1,439.94
13 on February the 9th, 2021, Tander for Council,
14 \$5,696.88, which was received on February the
15 11th, 2021.

16 I would just say for the record and
17 for the public's information, that candidates who
18 are certified in the Fair Elections Program, and
19 who receive public funds, are required to remit
20 whatever the surplus is in their campaign
21 operations following the elections in which they
22 participated.

1 In the Fair Elections month -- Fair
2 Elections Program during the month of February I
3 would report that there are 14 ongoing post-
4 elections audits. There are 10 audits of the
5 Campaign Operations of the candidates who
6 participated in the June 2nd, 2020, primary
7 election, and there are also four ongoing audits
8 of the candidates who participated in the special
9 election.

10 I will not read it into the record in
11 terms of the status, but our report will be
12 posted at our website this afternoon, and the
13 public can review exactly the committees that are
14 under audit, and also the status of the audits.

15 I would again just note for the record that
16 during the month of March it is the intent of the
17 Fair Elections Program to also initiate audits of
18 the campaign operations of those candidates who
19 participated in the November 2020 general
20 election. In our Public Information and Records
21 Management Division, as I reported last month,
22 January 31st was a filing deadline for the

1 registrants in the Office of Campaign Finance,
2 but because the 31st fell on a Sunday, the filing
3 of the reports was due -- became due on February
4 the 1st, which was the first business day after
5 the weekend.

6 There were eight groups of filers as
7 follows. Due -- Monday, February the 1st the
8 report was due from the Legal Defense Committees,
9 and, again, that was the January 31st report of
10 receipt from expenditures. It was one required
11 filing and the filer timely filed, and also the
12 filer electronically filed.

13 With our principal campaign committees
14 and political action committees, again, the
15 actual filing deadline was January 31st, it fell
16 on February the 1st. There were 115 required
17 filers. Ninety-eight timely filed. There were
18 17 failures to file, and they were referred to
19 the Office of the General Counsel for
20 enforcement, and all of the required filers
21 electronically filed their report.

22 With our Fair Elections Program,

1 again, the report was due on January the 31st.
2 It fell on the Monday, February 1. There were 36
3 required filers, 26 timely filed. There were 10
4 failures to file, and those committees were
5 referred to the General Counsel, again, for
6 enforcement, and all of the required filers
7 electronically filed their reports.

8 With our Independent Expenditure
9 Committees for the January 31st report it was due
10 on February the 1st. There were three required
11 filers, all three timely filed and electronically
12 filed their report.

13 With our Exploratory Committees,
14 again, the report is a January 31st report which
15 fell due on February the 1st 2021. There is one
16 required filer, who timely filed, and the report
17 was electronically filed.

18 With our Initiative Referendum
19 Committee, again, the report is a January 31st
20 report. It fell due on Monday, February the 1st,
21 2021. There were seven required filers who were
22 timely filed, and three -- there were three

1 failures to file, and those were referred to the
2 Office of the General Counsel, and all of the
3 timely filers also electronically filed their
4 reports.

5 With our Recall Committees, again, the
6 report is a January 31st report, which was due on
7 February the 1st, 2021. There is one required
8 filer and the filer timely filed and
9 electronically filed the report.

10 With our ANC candidates, the ANC
11 financial summary statement was due on February
12 the 22nd, 2021. There are 430 required filers,
13 300 timely filed. We have 130 failures to file,
14 and those failures to file were referred to the
15 General -- will be referred to the General
16 Counsel. The exact number has not been
17 determined as of this date. With the ANC
18 candidates, we will send a delinquency letter to
19 them to give them the extended opportunity to
20 file their report. With the timely filers, all
21 300 also electronically file their reports. So,
22 again, with the referrals to the Office of the

1 General Counsel there were 30 referrals. The
2 list of the committees and the treasurers who
3 failed to file, or failed to timely file, will be
4 posted at our website for review by members of
5 the public before the end of the day. Again,
6 there were eight continuing principal campaign
7 committees who failed to timely file.

8 There were six principal campaign
9 committees 2020 who failed to file with the Fair
10 Elections Program. There were 10 principal
11 campaign committees who failed to file. There
12 were three political action committees who failed
13 to file, two initiative committees who failed to
14 file, and one referendum committee, which failed
15 to file.

16 In our Reports Analysis and Audit
17 Division during the month of February, and this
18 is the Division of the Office of Campaign
19 Finance, which is charged with the audit, and
20 also the desk review of the traditional -- in the
21 traditional Campaign Finance Program, and, of
22 course, that would be our committee, and also our

1 constituent service programs, and -- who are not
2 a part of the Fair Elections Program.

3 So during the month of February the
4 Reports Analysis and Audit Division conducted 306
5 desk reviews of reports that have been filed with
6 the Agency, and that would include 47 reports
7 which were filed by political action committees
8 including amended reports, two reports filed by
9 our Constituent Service Fund, 47 reports, and it
10 would also include amended reports filed by our
11 Principal Campaign Committees, and 203 reports
12 filed by our Advisory Neighborhood Commission
13 candidates, two expenditure reports, three
14 initiative referendum and recall reports, and the
15 one report filed by the Legal Defense Fund.

16 Also the Division sent out seven
17 requests for additional information, and they
18 resolved 17 cases, referred one case to the
19 Office of the General Counsel. There were no
20 audits which were issued during the month of
21 February by the traditional program.

22 That concludes my report, but I would

1 at this time request that the General Counsel,
2 William Sanford, provide his report to the Board.

3 MR. SANFORD: Good morning.

4 CHAIR BENNETT: Thank you, Ms.
5 Montgomery. Mr. Sanford.

6 MR. SANFORD: Good morning, Mr.
7 Chairman and distinguished Board members. I am
8 William Sanford, General Counsel for the Office
9 of Campaign Finance. During the month of
10 February the Office of the General Counsel
11 received 31 referrals, completed 12 informal
12 hearings, and issued 12 orders, which included
13 the following: five orders were issued in which
14 no fines were imposed. Four orders were issued
15 in which fines that totaled \$4,950.00 were
16 imposed, and three orders were issued pursuant to
17 motions for reconsideration. The original order
18 was vacated, and the fine was suspended in the
19 first case. The original fine of \$1,800 was
20 affirmed in the second case, and the original
21 fine of \$1,800 was reduced to \$200.00 in the
22 third case.

1 During the month of February 2021 the
2 Office of the General Counsel imposed fines
3 against the following respondents. A fine of
4 \$1,600 was imposed against the Keith Silver For
5 D.C. Principal Campaign Committee. A fine of
6 \$1,600 was imposed against Randy Downs, Ward 2,
7 Principal Campaign Committee. A fine of \$1,800
8 that was imposed against Edwards for Ward 4 was
9 affirmed after the denial of a motion for
10 reconsideration. A fine of \$1,600 was imposed
11 against the Seniors United Political Action
12 Committee. A fine of \$150 was imposed against
13 the Ward 2 Democrats, and a fine of \$200 was
14 imposed as a reduced fine pursuant to the
15 granting of a motion for reconsideration that was
16 filed by the Callie for State Board of Education
17 Principal Campaign Committee.

18 During the month of February 2021 the
19 Office of the General collected a \$200 fine from
20 the Callie for State Board of Education Principal
21 Campaign Committee. During the month of February
22 2021 there were no open investigations, there

1 were no requests for interpretive opinions, and
2 no show cause proceedings were conducted.

3 That should conclude my report.

4 CHAIR BENNETT: Thank you, Mr.
5 Sanford. Ms. Montgomery, does that conclude your
6 report?

7 MS. MONTGOMERY: Yes, it does.

8 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay. Ms. Greenfield,
9 any questions for Office of Campaign Finance?

10 MEMBER GREENFIELD: No, I don't have
11 any questions.

12 CHAIR BENNETT: Mr. Gill, any
13 questions?

14 MEMBER GILL: No questions.

15 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay. I have none as
16 well. Thank you, Ms. Montgomery.

17 MS. MONTGOMERY: You're welcome.

18 CHAIR BENNETT: The next item on the
19 agenda is, let me pull it up, is the -- Ms.
20 Miller, D.C. Board of Elections.

21 MS. MILLER: Thank you. Good morning.
22 I am going to start with the ongoing side of the

1 co-worker payments. Basically, at this point all
2 of our election day and early voting checks have
3 been received by election day workers.

4 CHAIR BENNETT: Yay, wow, great.

5 MS. MILLER: We are still dealing with
6 a few residual issues involving some supplemental
7 payments and bank fees for checks that were
8 stopped by the treasurer's office subsequent to
9 their deposit. So being that some co-workers
10 would have deposited checks, spent money against
11 those checks, but those checks were stopped, and
12 there were fees that were incurred, so the
13 treasurer's office is now reimbursing some of
14 those workers for those fees that were incurred
15 by the workers. So those are limited in number,
16 and they are handling those as they come up, but
17 I guess we can say we are almost there four
18 months later, and we hopefully will never have to
19 deal with this kind of situation again. So it
20 has been a bit of a challenge to get that taken
21 care of, but it is almost resolved.

22 CHAIR BENNETT: Good.

1 MS. MILLER: I want to talk about the
2 EAC CARES Act Fund. As you know, we received \$3
3 million from the EAC in support of the 2020
4 election. The funds were to be used for the
5 administration of federal elections to prevent,
6 prepare, and respond to COVID-19. We submitted a
7 final report to the EAC documenting the use of
8 the funds as we address the pandemic and the
9 challenges we faced as we responded to it. The
10 highlights of our report indicated that the money
11 was used to secure the services of the mail
12 house, to track ballots, and use of the
13 intelligent sale bar code, purchase of a high
14 speed ballot sorter machine, 55 valid drop boxes,
15 ballot-on-demand printers, postage to mail ballot
16 packet to every registered voter, and the voters
17 to return their ballots, and other things along
18 those lines.

19 EAC also requested that the report
20 include recommendations for future elections in
21 the jurisdiction. In our recommendations we
22 included that the district looked at changing

1 from precinct-based to voting themes, such as
2 vote centers that serve all voters regardless of
3 residences, automatically mail-in ballots all
4 registered voters, maintaining the mail ballot
5 drop boxes, mail ballots being deposited in the
6 online tracking system voting election week
7 versus election day, and the continued use of
8 super vote centers.

9 We also included the fact that we
10 found it extremely helpful to get feedback
11 through meetings in the community and with
12 community leaders as a great way to exchange
13 ideas. Also that kind of meeting helps voters
14 understand the legal requirements that allows us
15 to understand what the voters needed, and the
16 desires of the voters going forward to help kind
17 of communicate with each other and understand the
18 needs of each other so we were all on the same
19 page going forward and everyone understood what
20 the kind of back and forth was as we prepared for
21 the election and went forward with basic planning

22 So the report was submitted last week.

1 A complete list of the expenditures along with
2 the required narrative will at some point be
3 available on the website once they get every
4 income.

5 Also as Ms. Montgomery indicated, we
6 also did provide testimony at the performance
7 oversight hearing on February 18th. My testimony
8 as well as the chairman did provide testimony to
9 the committee on public safety. That testimony
10 was live streamed on a councilmember's Facebook
11 live account, and to the best I know I believe it
12 will be available on the Council website.

13 CHAIR BENNETT: Ms. Miller, if you
14 could speak a little closer to the mic that might
15 be -- well, may be good. You kind of go in and
16 out periodically.

17 MS. MILLER: Actually, I'm done.

18 CHAIR BENNETT: Oh, so you -- okay,
19 great. That's why I didn't hear you. All right,
20 sorry about that. Mr. Gill, any questions for
21 Ms. Miller?

22 MEMBER GILL: Yes, so Alice, I'm going

1 to ask to unpack a few things. There is a lot in
2 there in your testimony. I now we have talked,
3 you and I, but I just wanted to get it sort of
4 into the minutes. So two points on that, the
5 question of going from precinct voting to kind of
6 a universal database, right? So you can go in
7 anywhere and get your name pulled up. It will
8 then create the correct ballot for you. Is that
9 something the Board of Elections can do on their
10 own, or does it need a statutory change to our
11 code?

12 MS. MILLER: We can do that on our
13 own. There is no changes needed in the law to do
14 that.

15 MEMBER GILL: And then I think we
16 should -- I know we don't have sort of notice and
17 comments type hearings, but I think if we decide
18 to investigate that, we should probably ask for
19 comments from the public before we do. I think
20 it is a great idea. I think absolutely, yes, we
21 would be way ahead of the game to be able to go
22 anywhere in the city, walk in -- especially if we

1 stay -- if we don't go to the all-mail voting, we
2 are going to have some sort of super center
3 regardless, but if there is a line one place. I
4 can remember people leaving a parish where there
5 is a voting center to go around the block to
6 another precinct voting center because the line
7 was short only to be frustrated and told, nope,
8 nope, sorry, you have got to go back to that long
9 line, no, or you do a special ballot. So I think
10 it is great, but I do not think -- I think we
11 need to at least get some input on that.

12 My second question is on the decision
13 to mail a ballot to everybody, again, that is
14 something we can do on our own, or does that
15 require a change from the Council?

16 MS. MILLER: We can also do that on
17 our own. I will refer back to the previous
18 special election where we did in fact mail
19 everybody a ballot without any legislation. We
20 decided on our own to do that when we looked at
21 the issues that came up with the June primary, we
22 did in fact mail everybody from the Ward 2

1 special elections ballot. There was no
2 legislation needed for that, but, yes, we can do
3 that.

4 I will say also at the hearing that we
5 had on the 18th there was testimony from members
6 of the public, although I agree with you. We
7 need to certainly get input, a lot more input
8 than what we had, but the Chairman can speak on
9 this as well. For those individuals that did
10 participate in that hearing they were all very
11 supportive of the vote centers and the mail
12 ballot process, but wasn't a lot of, with respect
13 for the number of people that we have in the
14 district, but we did have individuals that spoke
15 at that hearing, that testified at that hearing,
16 and they were all very supportive of that process
17 going forward, so these are those meeting
18 requirements.

19 MEMBER GILL: Right. I would
20 recommend we do some sort of -- allow for the
21 public to either contact us through a notice of
22 comment, or at least have a hearing specific to

1 this issue. On the --

2 CHAIR BENNETT: If I could interrupt
3 you for one second, Mr. Gill. I just want to
4 remind us all though that in the general election
5 the Council enacted emergency legislation that
6 required, even though we had intended to do it
7 anyway, but that required that we mail ballots to
8 all citizens without a request. We didn't think
9 it was necessary, but that was in the statute for
10 November, and that was a requirement.

11 MEMBER GILL: Well, but that sort of
12 begs the question of we think we can do it, and,
13 yet, they required -- they changed the law to
14 require -- I mean, it seems like we should get
15 input on that.

16 CHAIR BENNETT: Oh, no, I agree, but
17 I just want to make sure that that was on the
18 record that it was a legal requirement at that
19 point.

20 MEMBER GILL: Right. So -- and just
21 for the record then, also on mailing out the
22 ballots. We were going to do that, and the

1 pandemic was such that I think that was the right
2 call. I still think opening up to 80 precincts
3 was not necessarily the right call. I think that
4 you are going to do ballots where you are mailing
5 everyone a ballot to then turn around and open up
6 140 precincts was just a -- it is duplicative,
7 and a waste of resources, and it sends the wrong
8 message. Either we are migrating to
9 jurisdictions like Oregon and other places where
10 they do 100 percent mailing out the ballot, and
11 then maybe we have 10 super centers open for a
12 week. I think you got to pick one or the other,
13 and so when it comes to this particular issue, we
14 did it during the pandemic, and our voter rolls
15 were not to the level I think that the
16 jurisdictions that do this on regular basis are
17 at.

18 Some of the research that was
19 presented it takes many, many years and some
20 cycles before you get those voter rolls up and
21 accurate, and it requires much more sort of
22 intensive action to understand who has moved out

1 of your jurisdiction and who has moved in. And I
2 don't know that we have all those things in
3 place. Maybe we will have them all in place by
4 2022 or 2024, the next big election we have in
5 place, but I don't know that we are currently
6 able to do it, and I supported mailing out the
7 ballots because of the pandemic and the fact that
8 because we hadn't -- our system of improving our
9 voter rolls, we had put money towards it, we had
10 gotten better, but there were still plenty of
11 folks -- I am on a Listserv for Crestwood, and we
12 got plenty of little Listserv messages saying
13 somebody who lived here six years ago, and has
14 dead just got a ballot in the mail.

15 And my sort of casual conversations
16 amongst my neighbors are when you vote in person
17 dead people have an amazingly consistent habit of
18 not showing up. So there is not a fraud issue.
19 There is not sort of an issue from dead people
20 voting. We don't have that problem in the
21 District of Columbia on a scale that is even
22 remotely worth talking about, but optically, when

1 you have people on the rolls who have been dead
2 for a number of years, and then suddenly you move
3 to a mail voting system where everyone gets a
4 ballot you are going to cause all sorts of public
5 perception problems.

6 So my observation analysis is I think
7 if we start moving on this track, a big part of
8 it is one or the other. Either we are going to
9 have 144 precincts, or 146 precincts, or we are
10 going to have a limited number of super centers,
11 and we are going to really, really spend all our
12 resources on making sure the voter rolls are up
13 to date, which is a fraught process, because as
14 soon as you say scrubbing the rolls then you get
15 voter disenfranchisement becoming an issue.

16 But if you don't scrub the rolls then
17 you are going to have all these perceptions of
18 dead people that are getting ballots, so I just -
19 - I don't take -- I want us to get to a universal
20 ballot so you can go anywhere and vote. I think
21 that is great. I think mailing a ballot to
22 everybody is someplace the District should get

1 to. That is no -- technology wise that makes
2 more sense, and we should always try to lean on
3 the side of being a in the forefront there. My
4 worry is we can't just -- we can't pick the last
5 link in this chain and lead with it. There's a
6 lot that leads up to it.

7 So that's my soapbox. I will leave it
8 there.

9 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay.

10 MEMBER GILL: You will know where I am
11 going with my comments later on in the year.

12 CHAIR BENNETT: Ms. Greenfield?

13 MEMBER GREENFIELD: I think Mike
14 touched on a couple of issues that I was going to
15 raise. One is, yes, I would like on the number
16 changing from precinct to vote center, which I am
17 favorable for, if I could vote anywhere if I
18 wanted to go into a vote center, but I think,
19 yes, it would be good to get some public input on
20 that, because I do know there are some people who
21 are used to walking around a corner and didn't
22 like they couldn't walk around the corner even

1 though, I will be honest, there is no great
2 distance between any vote center and us,
3 especially when you look at other states and the
4 distances they go to vote even in sometimes their
5 own areas, but -- and so that is the only -- I
6 agree, just get some public input, and I know we
7 will.

8 The mail-in ballot my only question
9 was what are we doing, and we probably need to
10 get a plan on how we continue to clean up voter
11 rolls and all of that. I traveled a lot, so it
12 always made sense for me to vote by mail or
13 absentee so I can ensure I can vote. And I know
14 a lot of people this time, and I know pandemic
15 during, but I also know a lot of people just
16 preferred it, and are now probably going to stay
17 that way going forward anyway, but I think it
18 would be good that we start getting a plan on how
19 we clean up and make sure, as much as we can,
20 consistently know we have good voter rolls.

21 I like the recommendation, so, yes,
22 and thank everybody for all the work on election

1 day on doing this, so thanks.

2 CHAIR BENNETT: The only thing I will
3 add -- thanks, Mr. Gill and Ms. Greenfield. The
4 only thing I will add is what I said at the
5 hearing -- gosh, I'm not even sure, was it last
6 week or the week before, but is we threw the
7 kitchen sink at the election in November, and
8 clearly it was overkill, but we had to because we
9 didn't know exactly what was going to work, and
10 we really -- and I think that the staff and the
11 team did a great job, but going forward I think
12 we need to really do some discernment, if you
13 will, in looking at the various processes.

14 Mail in balloting was reasonably
15 viable, or voting by mail was reasonably viable
16 when you had a post office that was reasonably
17 reliable, now you don't. Who knows what is going
18 to happen going forward, so having the vote
19 centers were great. Having the super vote
20 centers were even better. Well, in a pandemic
21 those facilities were not being used, but when
22 there's not a pandemic, those facilities have

1 other things going on, and it doesn't make sense
2 to try and use that same number. So I think that
3 we have got to -- that we have to do some
4 assessment of the kinds of things that we need to
5 settle in. Clearly we cannot go backwards.

6 Clearly the pandemic has changed things forever,
7 but how things look going forward I think will be
8 a combination of some of the things that we have
9 done -- that we have had to do over the last year
10 here that seem to make sense, but I agree with
11 both of you. We need to do some -- add some
12 analytics on that, and then also to get some
13 input and feedback from the public as to what
14 they really want and what makes sense. I mean, I
15 had lots and lots of people who were just happy
16 as pie when it comes to getting their ballot in
17 mail, so -- and being able to put it in a drop
18 box.

19 So, anyway, that's it. Those are
20 comments, and not necessarily questions, Ms.
21 Miller. Did you have something else you wanted
22 to add to that, Ms. Miller.

1 MS. MILLER: Yes, just a few things.
2 One, we are in the middle of our canvas process
3 with respect to canvassing voters who did not
4 vote in the general election, and so that assists
5 with cleaning up the voter roll. And I say that
6 to say this, often times we do the canvas and we
7 never get a response back from voters, or
8 individuals who received that mail. And it may
9 be going to a household, or home, or somewhere
10 where the voter no longer lives there. We would
11 clearly suggest that if mail comes to that place,
12 to that household and the voter does not live
13 there, or the voter is deceased, that you please,
14 please, please respond to the canvas for us so
15 that we can -- that would assist us with getting
16 the voter roll cleaned.

17 We cannot remove anyone from the voter
18 roll when we don't have information that we need.
19 That is not something we can do. We cannot just
20 take a voter off the voter roll because they
21 elect not to vote. That's called failed to vote.
22 The idea is they choose not to vote, so the

1 canvas process is really, really important to us
2 with respect to cleaning the voter roll up, so
3 canvas process is underway now.

4 It consist of a couple of mailings
5 that we will do. If you get a card that comes to
6 your household, and the voter no longer lives
7 there please request that you just return the
8 canvas card back to us, checking the information
9 that's appropriate, indicating that the voter
10 does not live there, and we can do what we need
11 to do on our end and assist us in getting the
12 rolls clean.

13 Also, to Mr. Gill's point, I agree
14 that we would never, ever generally mail a ballot
15 to everybody and open as many vote centers as we
16 did. That is, as you said, counterproductive.
17 That's not a system that works. Most
18 jurisdictions that do that would never do that.
19 We did that this time just because we were trying
20 to make sure we had enough of what we needed. As
21 Chairman said, kind of like throwing the kitchen
22 sink out there, but that is not the way most

1 jurisdictions do it. It's usually you mail
2 everybody a ballot, and you limit the number of
3 vote centers. Now what we did do is mailing
4 everybody a ballot and limit the number of days
5 that we had those centers open. Normally vote
6 centers would be open for 10 days, and we had
7 them open for 14 days. I think this time we had
8 them open after December, and we had them open
9 for a week. So all of those, as you said, are
10 analytics that we have to look and make some
11 determinations. You are absolutely right that
12 all that all that needs to be looked at and
13 examined and then final determinations can be
14 made on that.

15 That's it. Thank you.

16 CHAIR BENNETT: Thank you. Well, that
17 concludes the Executive Director's report of D.C.
18 BOE. I think we are at the General Counsel's
19 report. Ms. Stroud?

20 MS. STROUD: Good morning everyone.
21 I don't have substantive matters for them having
22 no litigation status for the first time in a long

1 while, nor rulemaking, but what I do have is two
2 new staff attorneys --

3 CHAIR BENNETT: Good.

4 MS. STROUD: -- that I have to
5 introduce to you. First we have Clifton Prince,
6 who comes to us from the U.S. Department of
7 Veterans' Affairs where he was an appellate
8 litigation attorney, and --

9 CHAIR BENNETT: Awesome.

10 MS. STROUD: Yes, and then I have Jack
11 Gilmore, who is coming to us from the D.C.
12 Superior Court where he served on several panels,
13 the Criminal Justice Act, Persons in Need of
14 Supervision, and Guardian Ad Litem Panels, and so
15 I will say for the record, Mr. Chairman, that
16 Jack is from North Carolina, and he is a rabid
17 Tar Heel fan.

18 CHAIR BENNETT: That's unfortunate.

19 MS. STROUD: And I don't know about
20 Clifton, but I am sure he is as well, so just
21 wanted to let you both know that -- let you all
22 know. I know, Mike, you're a basketball fan too,

1 and Karen goes to that other school as well, so I
2 just wanted to get for the record that we have
3 another Tar Heel fan in the house.

4 I'm looking forward to working with
5 them. They are here in the office today, and
6 they are in the VA, and so they -- we are happy
7 to have them on board.

8 CHAIR BENNETT: Well, since they are
9 there -- I can't see the people very well in the
10 office, but I would like for both new --

11 MS. STROUD: Clifton and Jack.

12 CHAIR BENNETT: -- attorneys to say
13 hello in some way or another.

14 MS. STROUD: They are on their
15 desktops, so I am not sure the way that our
16 desktop is set up that they can be heard.

17 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay.

18 MS. STROUD: I think that they --

19 CHAIR BENNETT: I see Prince is on
20 mute, but I'm not sure if he can take himself
21 off. Okay.

22 MEMBER GILL: He just texted hello, so

1 they figure it out.

2 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay. All right.

3 (Laughter.)

4 CHAIR BENNETT: Well, thankfully --
5 hello, and -- there we go.

6 MR. STROUD: I see Jack. There's Jack
7 with his mask on with the iPhone.

8 (Laughter.)

9 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay, great. Well,
10 welcome to both of you. Is the other person
11 there?

12 MEMBER GILL: He said he doesn't have
13 a microphone.

14 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay, no problem.
15 Well, welcome to both, and you are joining a
16 incredible group of professionals that are second
17 to none, and so we look forward to your service,
18 and your sage advice, so. Now, just remember you
19 got a bunch of other people who are not sitting
20 in attorney roles who are also attorneys, so we
21 often have -- we often know better than we do, so
22 we look forward to your sage advice, so thank you

1 so much, and welcome, okay?

2 Ms. Stroud, do you have anything else?

3 MS. STROUD: No, that wraps up the
4 general counsel's report for the Board meeting.

5 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay, so I assume that
6 there are no questions, Mr. Gill or Ms.
7 Greenfield for Ms. Stroud.

8 MEMBER GILL: No, just good job Terri,
9 you hired two attorneys and you cleaned up the
10 pipeline. I mean, that's really a good --

11 (Laughter.)

12 CHAIR BENNETT: Awesome.

13 MEMBER GREENFIELD: I don't have
14 anything else.

15 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay, great. Okay, we
16 are at public matter now, and I am not quite sure
17 how -- I guess, Ms. Miller and Randy, you guys
18 will figure out who is raising their hand so we
19 can hear public matters.

20 MS. BRIZILL: This is Dorothy Brizill.
21 I'm trying to raise the public matter.

22 CHAIR BENNETT: We can hear you, Ms.

1 Brizill. Please go ahead.

2 MS. BRIZILL: I have two areas I want
3 to --

4 MR BENNETT: Can you identify
5 yourself, please, and your address as usual?

6 MS. BRIZILL: My name is Dorothy
7 Brizill. I'm Executive Director of D.C. Watch,
8 and mailing address of D.C. Watch is 1327 Girard
9 Street Northwest.

10 I have two public matters I would like
11 to --

12 CHAIR BENNETT: Thank you.

13 MS. BRIZILL: -- raise with the Board.
14 First has to do with this proposed
15 reorganization. Can you share at this monthly
16 public meeting what you think the process and the
17 timetable will be?

18 CHAIR BENNETT: I don't have a process
19 right now, and I don't have the timetable. I
20 would like to -- I have just started taking a
21 look at the organization and the things that we
22 do, and thinking about the things that we do

1 going forward. There is a report that was done.
2 We had an assessment done a couple of years ago
3 that was available to the public that took a look
4 at the organization, both organizations actually,
5 and various functionality, that kind of stuff. I
6 am hoping to get something -- to start talking
7 about it with the public in a month or so, and we
8 may end up saying, well we will just kind of
9 leave things as they are, but there is nothing to
10 report or to share at this point, because we
11 haven't really thought through. We just had a
12 introductory, or at least I just started looking
13 at old charts recently, just a few days ago.

14 MS. BRIZILL: Ms. Miller, do you know
15 what assessment or report Mr. Bennett is
16 referring to and what year, under what chairman
17 that report was done?

18 MS. MILLER: Yes, it was under him.

19 CHAIR BENNETT: Yes, it was done under
20 me. There is a -- it was 2018, I believe it was.

21 MS. BRIZILL: Was it ever made public?

22 CHAIR BENNETT: I'm sure it was. I'm

1 happy to provide it to you, Ms. Brizill, it's not
2 a problem.

3 MS. BRIZILL: But you think it was
4 made public.

5 CHAIR BENNETT: I think so. It's been
6 --

7 MS. BRIZILL: Is it on -- is it on the
8 BOE website under reports?

9 CHAIR BENNETT: Ms. Brizill, I don't
10 have an answer for you except --

11 MS. MILLER: I'm not sure.

12 MS. BRIZILL: Oh, okay. Since Mr.
13 Bennett has committed to making it available, I
14 would like to try to get it sent to me by email,
15 and your press person has my email address as
16 does Ms. Miller.

17 My second question goes to Ms. Miller
18 and Ms. Stroud. In response to comments by Mr.
19 Gill and Ms. Greenfield, you indicated that you
20 thought that some of the changes that the Board
21 wanted to make regarding the conduct of the
22 election, such as mailing ballots to every voter

1 in the District of Columbia, as well as opening
2 vote centers as opposed to having precincts is
3 something that the Board can do on its own
4 without any need of legislation or changes in
5 regulation.

6 MS. MILLER: Yes, and we have had that
7 discussion with members of the Council, and with
8 other attorneys, and additional stakeholders in
9 the District of Columbia, and so, yes, it was our
10 position that we could do that.

11 MS. BRIZILL: Doesn't the current law
12 simply state that you can get -- receive an
13 absentee ballot, but the voter has to request an
14 absentee ballot, and it doesn't make any
15 reference to the Board just blanketly mailing
16 absentee ballots?

17 MS. MILLER: Well, the current statute
18 specifies for the June 20 and November 3rd
19 primary and general elections, so, of course, we
20 are past that year. So it doesn't say anything
21 about elections going forward.

22 MS. BRIZILL: Taking out the special

1 legislation that was adopted to conduct elections
2 for the past calendar year, it's standing law, as
3 I always understood it and has always been
4 interpreted to other people, has been that, yes,
5 the District does provide for absentee ballots to
6 be mailed, but the voters themselves has to request
7 it.

8 What Mr. Gill and Ms. Greenfield are
9 talking about are essentially what was done the
10 last calendar year, where the Board did not wait
11 for an individual to request a ballot, but that
12 ballots were mailed to everyone. Now you seem to
13 believe that if we were into the pre-pandemic
14 laws and regulations that the Board of Elections
15 has the ability just to mail ballots to every
16 citizen even if they don't specifically request
17 one?

18 MS. STROUD: Yes, I do.

19 MS. BRIZILL: Who is in -- I can't
20 tell who the -- I do, who's saying that.

21 MS. STROUD: That was Terri Stroud.

22 MEMBER GILL: So, Terri, this is Mike

1 Gill, if I could ask a quick question here too.
2 When you say we can do it, we would vote on a
3 change to our regulations and then that would
4 allow us to do it, or we could do it because the
5 regulations as they currently stand would allow
6 us to do it?

7 MS. STROUD: I think that there is
8 flexibility in the statute, and we would
9 promulgate regulations that would support
10 whatever the Board decided to do in accordance
11 with the existing statute.

12 MEMBER GILL: All right.

13 CHAIR BENNETT: Yes, the point is I
14 think, Ms. Brizill, is that the statute just
15 simply says that the Board shall conduct
16 elections, and it doesn't give the specificity as
17 the emergency legislation did in 2020 as to how
18 we conduct elections.

19 Right now we have the precinct system
20 and people would request ballots to be mailed to
21 them, but that's because we have the precinct
22 system, but the statute itself does not require

1 that we maintain the precinct system. It just
2 means that we will conduct elections.

3 MS. BRIZILL: Mr. Bennett, this is a
4 division of code and in the regulations that has
5 been discussed and activated many times. The
6 Council would not have enacted special COVID 19
7 emergency legislation if what you are saying were
8 true. The Board does not have blanket authority
9 to mail out ballots currently. It got that
10 authority because the Council adopted emergency
11 legislation. Under current law, the individual,
12 the voter, has to request a ballot, and I
13 believe, and I haven't had a chance to refresh my
14 memory, you do not have the blanket authority
15 just to do away with a polling precinct either.
16 That was an issue that was debated several years
17 ago and a plan was but forward by the Board of
18 Elections to the Council, and the Council
19 rejected it, so how are these things that Ms.
20 Miller and Ms. Stroud are trying to convince you
21 that you have the authority to do is not true,
22 and can be documented because the issue has come

1 before the Council before.

2 CHAIR BENNETT: Ms. Brizill, I am sure
3 you believe what you are saying is true, but I
4 don't agree with you, so we will be talking about
5 it a lot over the next few months, so --

6 MS. BRIZILL: That's the problem, Mr.
7 Bennett, who is whispering in your ear and giving
8 you the wrong advice?

9 CHAIR BENNETT: Ms. Brizill, that's
10 really kind of a inappropriate comment, but do
11 you any other thing to say?

12 MS. BRIZILL: No, I do not.

13 CHAIR BENNETT: Thank you. Do we have
14 any other public comment? Do you see anybody
15 else, Randy?

16 MR. LEGETTE: Yes, James, he is
17 unmuting himself now. You can go ahead.

18 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay, great.

19 MR. HOWLETT: Hi, I was --

20 CHAIR BENNETT: Can you identify
21 yourself, please?

22 MR. HOWLETT: Sure. Can you hear me?

1 CHAIR BENNETT: Yes.

2 MR. HOWLETT: All right. My name is
3 James Howlett. My address is 301 M Street
4 Southwest.

5 I was one of the site coordinators in
6 last election.

7 CHAIR BENNETT: I'm sorry, say again.
8 You were who? You did what now?

9 MR. HOWLETT: One of the site
10 coordinators during the 2020 election.

11 CHAIR BENNETT: Oh, yes.

12 MR. HOWLETT: I was at the park.

13 CHAIR BENNETT: Thank you for your
14 service.

15 MR. HOWLETT: Yes, thanks. I didn't
16 receive any kind of email saying about the site
17 coordinator's feedback, so I -- that's why I'm
18 here today.

19 One of the comments I noticed that was
20 included is the previous elections there was
21 something in the poll pads called advanced search
22 that wasn't in the November election, and that

1 kind -- there were fewer options to search for a
2 voter. Previously there was, say, you could look
3 up somebody's voter registration number, and that
4 was taken away and that caused some issues with
5 some voters who we couldn't find them any other
6 way, but if they did have their voter
7 registration number. I don't know if that was
8 taken away because of maybe not wanting to
9 overwhelm the worker so much information, but
10 that was just me, first time issues. We had a --
11 I had one voter who had his voter registration
12 card, but he had no -- it was so old that the
13 address no longer existed and had no bar code, so
14 there was no way we -- I couldn't find him
15 anywhere in the poll pad. So that would have
16 been a way to find him -- well, there was no way
17 to look.

18 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay.

19 (Simultaneous speaking.)

20 CHAIR BENNETT: Thanks for your input.

21 I'm sure -- I think Monica Evans is on the line.

22 I think she -- probably take note of that.

1 MR. HOWLETT: Yes, so that would be
2 really helpful. I know there were a lot of new
3 poll workers, so I don't know if it was just made
4 simpler to not confuse them and overwhelm them
5 with so much information, but that would have
6 been helpful for at least for me, who knew that
7 existed previously.

8 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay.

9 MR. HOWLETT: Yes, --

10 MS. EVANS: Chairman Bennett, this is
11 Monica --

12 CHAIR BENNETT: Yes.

13 MS. EVANS: -- Evans, I am on the
14 line, and I am taking notes. Thank you.

15 MR BENNETT: Oh, yes, thank you. No
16 problem. I'm sorry, sir, are there other inputs
17 that you have?

18 MR. HOWLETT: Just with the poll
19 workers, there was a lot of issues with trying to
20 get in contact with the hotline, and they would
21 ask when am I scheduled to work, what days am I
22 scheduled to work, where do I go, what is my

1 position, so if there was some kind of online
2 system to be created for workers to find out
3 where they are scheduled to work, what shifts
4 they are scheduled to work, if they needed to
5 switch their schedule around because something
6 came up, they had child care needs, or something
7 that they could go online and make it easier to
8 get in contact, versus just calling on the
9 hotline, because they would ask me and, like, --

10 CHAIR BENNETT: Yes.

11 MR. HOWLETT: You are going to have as
12 much luck as I am, because I would just be
13 calling the same number you just called, so --

14 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay.

15 MR. HOWLETT: Yes, and maybe having
16 some kind of online system where workers can look
17 at some kind of, like, training information to
18 refresh their memory between training sessions.

19 CHAIR BENNETT: Yes.

20 MR. HOWLETT: I know that with vote by
21 mail there probably going to still need to be at
22 least some vote centers for people who have

1 disabilities, or building access issues. So
2 there is still going to be need for poll workers.

3 CHAIR BENNETT: Yes, one of the things
4 we need to look at -- that is great input, but
5 one of the things we need to look at is our
6 systems going forward, and how do we make sure
7 that we connect in ways that we will allow more
8 people to connect, and have that connection be
9 timely.

10 One of the things that is painfully
11 obvious is that those who -- who are like me who
12 really like to talk on the phone and to actually
13 talk to a person, that is just beginning to be
14 more and more difficult to connect in real time
15 that way, so while I think -- I personally would
16 be very sad to see telephone connectivity go
17 away. We do have to figure out ways for there to
18 be instant communication, and, like, in response
19 in various circumstances, and I certainly
20 appreciate and understand your point with regard
21 to poll workers.

22 MR. HOWLETT: And just for -- I know,

1 like, I know with the vote by mail and all of
2 that that I was in their heavily advertised
3 public meeting, and public meetings are going to
4 be needed, because there is a lot of people who
5 were, like, -- I know we had some voters who
6 were, like, why can't I go to Friendship Baptist
7 Church, and then they didn't see any signage, so
8 they went home, and -- because they didn't see
9 any kind of signage and they were, like, Oh, no
10 you can at least -- at least on election day you
11 can go to the nearest one which was on (audio
12 interference) closest one, so I think it is going
13 to be needed a lot, signage, and just information
14 maybe with -- I know some super sites might not
15 be used, but many of these sites kind of have
16 advertising for the ADA meetings and all that.
17 Some sites might have the ASL, or other
18 languages, kind of advertise that beforehand, so
19 voters can -- tend to one center over another,
20 because -- especially with the ASL that needs
21 kind of an in-person interpretation. I know that
22 there is the iPads, but some people might not be

1 comfortable using the technology, so --

2 CHAIR BENNETT: Yes.

3 MR. HOWLETT: -- we need something that
4 can be advertised what sites have curbside, and
5 any kind of other mobility or disability needs.

6 CHAIR BENNETT: Yes, that's good
7 input. One of the things we did in June was when
8 we -- we had signs up at the -- at every -- at
9 all the precincts. There actually was a listing
10 of all the vote centers that were open and
11 available. Obviously in 2020 we were not able to
12 open some of the locations, although we opened
13 many in November, but some of the locations we
14 couldn't open just simply because they were too
15 small, or churches, and churches weren't having
16 services, so of course they weren't allowing up
17 to come in to have vote centers, but all those
18 are really good inputs, and I think at the end of
19 the day a lot of it boils down to how we
20 communicate more effectively in various
21 situations. Some of them are nuisanced, but some
22 are not as you noted. So thanks for that input.

1 MR. HOWLETT: Yes, I know, especially
2 Friendship Baptist Church, that is small place.
3 It was small in the best of times, and it's not
4 it's not -- is not -- pandemic or not it was
5 small, and a lot of voters would complain, why is
6 it so cramped. They would feel claustrophobic, so
7 --

8 CHAIR BENNETT: Well, we couldn't
9 maintain the CDC requirements of 6 foot
10 distancing in many of the places, so that's what
11 drove a lot of that.

12 MR. HOWLETT: So I guess, yes, I think
13 a lot of feedback with people wanting to know
14 what locations would be best for them, and I
15 guess just trying to get feedback from different
16 disability groups and all of that to figure out
17 what may be best for their particular disability
18 and all that, because some sites are going to be
19 better than others.

20 CHAIR BENNETT: Yes. Well, that's a
21 real good point if we go to vote centers
22 completely versus precincts, but we do actually

1 have a group where -- that regularly provides
2 comment and feedback when it comes to ADA
3 requirements, so -- but we will engage in even
4 more, so thanks for that.

5 MEMBER GILL: Yes, thank you very
6 much. That's super helpful.

7 MR HOWLETT: I think that was all I
8 had unless someone have questions for me, I am
9 pretty much done.

10 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay. No, I don't
11 have any, but thanks for that. Anybody else
12 raise their hand? Randy, did you -- we have
13 anybody else?

14 MR. LEGETTE: No, that's it.

15 CHAIR BENNETT: Okay. Well, thank you
16 so much. That concludes the -- it is now 11:50,
17 and so sorry we were a little bit late, but thank
18 you so much for your participation, and this
19 concludes the March meeting of the D.C. Board of
20 Elections. Thanks so much.

21 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter
22 went off the record at 11:50 a.m.)

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