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COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
AND COVER SHEET REVIEW

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1:30 - 3:11 p.m.

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PRESENT:

President Patricia Ann Taylor

Secretary Frederic Umane

Commissioner Jose Araujo

Commissioner Miguelina Camilo

Commissioner Michael Michel

Commissioner Gino Marmorato

Commissioner Simon Shamoun

Commissioner Tiffany Townsend

Commissioner John Wm. Zaccone

Michael J. Ryan, Executive Director

Dawn Sandow, Deputy Executive Director

Pamela Perkins, Administrative Manager

Georgea Kontzamanis, Operations Manager

Steven Denkberg, Commissioners' Counsel

Kenneth Moltner, Commissioners' Counsel

Rafael Savino, Deputy General Counsel

Sherwin Suss, Chief Contracting Officer

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2 (The meeting commenced at 1:37 p.m.)

3 MR. MICHAEL J. RYAN: Yes, good
4 afternoon, My name is Michael Ryan, I'm the
5 executive director of the Board of Elections.
6 Today is Tuesday, October 20th and it's the
7 regular weekly meeting of the Board of
8 Commissioners of Elections in the City of New
9 York. I will start the meeting with the
10 commissioner roll call. President Taylor?

11 PRESIDENT PATRICIA ANNE TAYLOR: Good
12 afternoon, I am here.

13 MR. RYAN: Secretary Umane?

14 SECRETARY FREDERIC UMANE: Here.

15 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Araujo?

16 COMMISSIONER JOSE ARAUJO: Present.

17 MR. RYAN: Oh, Commissioner Camilo?

18 COMMISSIONER CAMILO: Present.

19 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Marmarato?

20 COMMISSIONER GINO MARMORATO: Present,
21 good afternoon everyone.

22 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Michel?

23 COMMISSIONER MICHAEL MICHEL: Good
24 afternoon everyone.

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2 MR. RYAN: Good afternoon. Commissioner
3 Pepe-Souvenir?

4 COMMISSIONER RODNEY PEPE-SOUVENIR: Good
5 afternoon, I'm present.

6 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Shamoun?

7 COMMISSIONER SHAMOUN: Present, thank
8 you.

9 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Townsend?

10 COMMISSIONER TIFFANY TOWNSEND: Good
11 afternoon, present.

12 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Zaccone?

13 COMMISSIONER JOHN WM. ZACCONE: Present,
14 good afternoon everyone.

15 MR. RYAN: And for the first time in a
16 long time, we have a full complement of ten
17 commissioners, so I would like to turn it over to
18 Commissioner Shamoun to be recognized
19 momentarily.

20 COMMISSIONER SHAMOUN: Thank you,
21 Director Ryan, and thank you to my fellow
22 commissioners. It's good to have a full slate
23 here, and I do want to welcome our newest
24 commissioner, my good colleague and counterpart

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2 here in the great borough of Brooklyn,
3 Commissioner Pepe-Souvenir, welcome to Brooklyn
4 and welcome to the Board of Elections.

5 COMMISSIONER PEPE-SOUVENIR: Thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER SHAMOUN: We look forward
7 to working with you for the benefit of the voters
8 of the city of New York.

9 COMMISSIONER PEPE-SOUVENIR: Thank you
10 so much. I'm looking forward to it as well.

11 COMMISSIONER SHAMOUN: And we're all
12 here to help and support you through the next few
13 days and weeks, which I'm sure will be very busy
14 ones.

15 COMMISSIONER PEPE-SOUVENIR: Mm-hmm.

16 COMMISSIONER SHAMOUN: And I also would
17 like to thank Commissioner Taylor for all of her
18 help and support on behalf of the voters of the
19 borough of Brooklyn. We did a lot of work in the
20 past few weeks and months and it was greatly
21 appreciated and I really, it was a pleasure
22 working alongside you and thank you again.

23 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you. It's my
24 pleasure as well.

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2 MR. RYAN: So, with that, Commissioner
3 Pepe-Souvenir is officially welcomed aboard the
4 Board of Commissioners and I will continue with
5 the balance of the staff roll call. First, we are
6 also joined by commissioners' counsel Steve
7 Denkberg and Kenneth Moltner. As I have stated, I
8 am Michael Ryan, the executive director. Dawn
9 Sandow is appearing remotely and appearing
10 remotely as well are the deputy executive
11 director and administrative manager Pamela
12 Perkins and the operations manager Georgea
13 Kontazmanis. Seated at the table before me is
14 deputy general counsel Rafael Savino. All of that
15 having been said, I'm prepared to move on to the
16 remainder of the agenda, and there will be an
17 Item C, a report on a finance committee meeting
18 that was conducted earlier today and Mr. Suss,
19 who is seated in the audience area will be joined
20 at the table when we get to that matter.

21 So, moving on, we have some updates for
22 the November 3, 2020 election, which also
23 includes nine days of early voting, which
24 commence this coming Saturday, October 24th and

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2 run for nine consecutive days thereafter.

3 With respect to the voter registration
4 deadline that passed on October 9th, all voters
5 that wanted to be eligible to vote in the
6 upcoming elections, whether it be at the start of
7 early voting or on election day, had to be
8 registered by October 9th. I am pleased to report
9 that between September 1st and the deadline, the
10 Board of Elections has received and processed
11 168,860 new voter registrations. So once again,
12 the staff met its legal responsibility and rose
13 to the challenge of the increased number of voter
14 registration applications that we see typically
15 before every general election, but more so of
16 course when where they'll lead up to presidential
17 elections.

18 So we met the deadline and those voters
19 who submitted their applications should have, and
20 I can tell you this, my middle daughter was one
21 of them, and timely received her acknowledgement
22 notice that she's registered to vote, which
23 prompted her to say to me, what do I do with
24 this. And so I explained it to her and she's

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2 going to vote in this election for the first
3 time. So that's a good thing and I'm sure that
4 there's thousands of proud parents around the
5 City of New York that share a similar experience.

6 With respect to the absentee ballot
7 process, which is quite substantial, as of close
8 of business yesterday, the Board has received and
9 processed, you ready? 1,006,565 absentee ballot
10 applications, and as of close of business
11 yesterday, there were 8,957 remaining in the
12 queues to be processed. So we have been keeping
13 up with that volume of work in record fashion for
14 this election. And that is, it's not an easy task
15 and the staff should be commended for its work in
16 this regard.

17 The reports back from the vendors, as of
18 close of business yesterday is that both vendors
19 are up to date with the mailing, that based on
20 the records that we've forwarded to them. So,
21 we're doing our part to ensure that the absentee
22 ballot process goes as smoothly as it can.

23 Getting on to election day, early voting
24 in particular, commences, as I said, this

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2 Saturday, October 24th. We have 88 sites that are
3 ready and will be opened for the nine days of
4 early voting. As I have said in the past and I
5 want to continue to reiterate, 61 early voting
6 locations in November of '19, 79 early voting
7 locations in June of 2020, 88 early voting
8 locations in November, October into November of
9 2020, a continued and steady increase in the
10 number of early voting sites to give the voters
11 as many options as they possibly can have to
12 effectively and safely participate in the voting
13 process.

14 Now, I can't say there are no other
15 jurisdictions that are increasing the numbers of
16 poll sites in this process, but I can tell you we
17 are bucking a serious trend in the opposite
18 direction, and that is also something that I
19 think this board of commissioners should be proud
20 of, taking their leadership on that matter and
21 giving that direction to the staff to continue to
22 move forward with our early voting plans. And
23 it's also something that we should be proud of as
24 a board, that we're providing as many

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2 opportunities for the voters to participate as we
3 can, especially in the face of the COVID-19
4 pandemic.

5 So, just as a reminder to anyone that's
6 watching, early voting locations are assigned
7 locations, similar to election day, so the
8 easiest way -- well the easiest way to find out
9 what your early voting location is to have not
10 discarded the annual information notice that we
11 have sent to you and all of that information is
12 printed on that notice, as well as the fast pass
13 tag card that has all of that information.

14 If for some reason, a voter may have
15 misplaced that document, all that information is
16 available on the website and in the find your
17 poll site application, you can type in your
18 address and it'll tell you exactly where you got
19 to go. So that's a very important reminder for
20 early voting.

21 And all the 88 sites, just as a matter
22 of perspective, and we are deploying a total
23 number of pieces of equipment of 7,586 individual
24 pieces of equipment which includes 365 scanners,

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2 980 electronic poll books, 490 ballot on demand
3 systems printers, 176 ballot marking devices, 176
4 supply carts, 1,366 privacy booths, 2,904 chairs
5 and 11,129 tables.

6 That by itself would be a monumental
7 undertaking and we'll report later on as we get
8 closer to election day, well I guess next week,
9 we'll report on what the equipment deployment
10 will be for the general election. That is all I
11 have for Item A on the agenda item 1A, and unless
12 the commissioners have any questions in that
13 regard, I would like to move on to Item 1B. Yes,
14 Commissioner Taylor, you're muted.

15 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Could you just state
16 for the watching citizens what the website
17 address is?

18 MR. RYAN: Oh, yes. That's very well.
19 Vote, www.vote.nyc, very easy. The other thing is
20 it's optimized for mobile device use, and it has
21 a significant amount of information and I know
22 that the staff is very proud of the work that
23 they've done with some of the instructional
24 videos that are up there. They're not long in

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2 duration, but they're very informative and to the
3 point if you have questions about filling out
4 your absentee ballot, that video is between 30
5 and 40 seconds, but it tells you everything you
6 need to know about your absentee ballot
7 application. Most importantly, the don't forget
8 to sign the oath envelope because the signature
9 is the gateway to the ballot whether you're at
10 the poll site, or whether you're voting by
11 absentee, we need your signature in order to
12 verify that you are who you are.

13 There's that. There's also, you know,
14 videos regarding the efforts that we're making
15 with respect to social distancing and the
16 cleanliness of the poll sites, and that's done
17 all under a button, a couple of buttons down from
18 the top, Vote Safe NYC, and they're good
19 instructional videos.

20 They show the importance of either your
21 fast pass tag, which you can, as I have done, put
22 on my keychain, so that you can use that barcode
23 to scan in at the poll site, and if you don't
24 want to put it on your keychain or you don't have

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2 a keychain, you can put it in your wallet or your
3 handbag and there's the card that's about the
4 size of a driver's license or other type of
5 credit card or something like that. And it also
6 has the barcode on it, which will scan in the
7 poll pad, and get you right to your voter record,
8 so that you limit the amount of time that you
9 have to interact with the poll workers. The poll
10 workers don't have to worry about spelling of
11 names and things like that and it eliminates
12 errors that might have occurred in the past under
13 those circumstances.

14 That having been said, it is encouraged
15 that people bring this with them, but it is not
16 mandatory. We would prefer it to happen but if a
17 voter doesn't have it, they can still be looked
18 up using the spelling of their name, or if
19 there's trouble with that, they can go to the
20 address function. There's various ways that it
21 can happen. The quickest way is to use the
22 barcode. The other ways still remain available
23 and videos like that are available on the website
24 for the voters to pay attention to and to have

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2 use of and they've done a great job with it, and
3 it's a consistent theme and messaging that's gone
4 out there.

5 And my understanding is as well,
6 although I am not Mr. Twitter or Mr. Facebook or
7 anything like that, but I know that there are
8 social media platforms. The links have been
9 shared with elected officials and have been
10 pushed out into the social media platforms as
11 well.

12 MS. KONTAZMANIS: Mr. Ryan, I'm happy
13 that you mentioned Twitter, can you just repeat
14 the number of absentee applications received and
15 processed? I think it may have gotten mis-
16 Tweeted.

17 MR. RYAN: 1,006,565. And we have left
18 to process and all of this is as of close of
19 business yesterday, which would be October 19th.
20 We have left to process 8,957. That is always a
21 moving target, but it is a statistically small
22 number in comparison to the overall number
23 received. Ms. Kontazmanis, is there anything
24 further I can do to make your existence on this

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2 planet better?

3 MS. KONTAZMANIS: No, but I appreciate
4 it sir, thank you.

5 MR. RYAN: Okay. So I'm prepared, unless
6 there's any other questions or statements on 1B,
7 I'm prepared to move on to 1B.

8 COMMISSIONER PEPE-SOUVENIR: I do have a
9 question very quickly. For some of the polling
10 sites that are in the current, what's currently
11 known as the hot zones in Brooklyn and parts of
12 Queens, are there, if they have not been booked
13 for change, have there been additional safety
14 precautions taken for those areas?

15 MR. RYAN: Yes, commissioner, and thank
16 you for the question. Unfortunately, and I say
17 that in quotes, we have had to go through this
18 already in June. And in June, COVID-19 was in
19 some respects worst at that time than it is right
20 now and of course you're comparing a bad
21 situation to a worse situation, right. But we
22 developed protocols then with respect to the
23 social distancing, the masks obviously, hand
24 sanitizers, screens, the Plexiglas screens and as

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2 well as engaging with the poll sites that we use
3 and an outside vendor to do a complete sanitizing
4 of the poll sites after each use during the nine
5 days of early voting. So we're doing everything
6 that we can possibly do to make certain that it
7 is as safe and germ free as possible.

8 In addition, since then, we were
9 previously dispensing antiviral wipes, because
10 that was what we could get on short notice prior
11 to the June election. But since then, the
12 commissioners have approved the purchase of in
13 addition to the antiviral wipes, the
14 commissioners have approved the purchase of hand
15 -- ADA compliant hand sanitizing stands with a
16 foot pedal that allows people to access the hand
17 sanitizer by pressing a button the bottom with
18 their foot, so we're going to limit the contact
19 with the device and potential for cross
20 contamination.

21 The other thing that we've done and this
22 has been previously reported out to the
23 commissioners, but it's also worthy of repeat,
24 prior to the June election, we purchased tempered

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2 glass screens for the poll pads, so that they
3 could be effectively cleaned with alcohol wipes
4 without doing damage to the poll pads themselves
5 because those screens by themselves would be a
6 little bit more sensitive and so the poll workers
7 are also receiving instructions during the
8 training that those poll pads should be wiped
9 down in between each use to further prevent cross
10 contamination.

11 And, in addition, we have purchased pens
12 that also function as a stylus so that an
13 individual voter will come up to the EDAD table,
14 take their pen, which will have a stylus nub on
15 the end, be able to sign in at the poll pad and
16 then proceed with that pen over to the privacy
17 booth, not have to use the pen that is tethered
18 to the privacy booth and they can use their own
19 pen. This one will have a board logo on it and
20 they can sign, well they signed at the poll pad
21 and then they fill out their ballot at the
22 privacy booth and then they take that individual
23 pen with them when they leave the poll sites, and
24 that's their proof of participation in the

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2 election at that point.

3 But again, all of these measures were
4 taken to promote the social distancing and to do
5 everything that we can to stop the spread of
6 COVID-19 and avoid voter to voter cross
7 contamination.

8 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Ryan.

9 MR. RYAN: Okay. Alright. So, I'm
10 prepared to turn it over momentarily to Mr.
11 Savino to tell us what's what with Item 1B and
12 the request for a petition cover sheet review for
13 the special election currently scheduled for
14 December 22nd in the 12th City Council district
15 in the great county of the Bronx.

16 MR. SAVINO: Hello, commissioners. I'm
17 pleased to report that there is only one
18 defective --

19 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Can't hear you.

20 MR. SAVINO: I'm pleased to report that
21 there is only one defect with respect to the
22 cover sheet, the cover sheet review, and the
23 petition. I'm unhappy to have to ask for two
24 volunteers, which will happen right after

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2 executive session. It should not be terribly
3 long.

4 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I'm volunteering.

5 MR. SAVINO: Thank you, commissioner.

6 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: And I believe
7 Commissioner Umane is volunteering.

8 COMMISSIONER CAMILO: Thank you,
9 commissioners.

10 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: And if he wasn't,
11 he is now.

12 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Well, I figure if he
13 changed his mind, he would speak up.

14 MR. SAVINO: I'm sure he would have no
15 problem with that.

16 MR. RYAN: Okay. So that matter is
17 resolved. Mr. Suss, could you please step
18 forward. There was a finance committee meeting
19 held today and all of the items that Mr. Suss is
20 going to address were passed on unanimously by
21 the finance committee. So this will be the
22 subject of a committee vote. At the end of the
23 presentation, I will ask if there are any
24 objections or abstentions and if there are none,

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2 we will move forward with the vote, the
3 completion of the vote.

4 MR. SHERWIN SUSS: Thank you, thank you
5 Mr. Ryan. Good afternoon, commissioners. There
6 was several items presented to the finance
7 committee this afternoon. The first two items are
8 -- I'm going to group them together because
9 they're similar type items. The first two items
10 are two contracts that deal with fiber
11 communications circuits that are build
12 specifically for the board for use for election
13 night reporting results and these were initially
14 five years ago were bid out, competitively sealed
15 bid and these were built to our specifications
16 and have now been built and now those contracts
17 are up and we are renewing the contracts to
18 provide the monthly service, continue the monthly
19 service to the agencies.

20 The first cont- and these are the lowest
21 bidders for each of the categories. The first
22 contract was for Optical Communications Group and
23 this to provide eight circuits currently to the
24 various board locations and this is a monthly

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2 recurring charge of \$16,800. It is a 36 month
3 contract, so the charge is 36 months times the
4 monthly recurring charge is \$604,800. That's the
5 first of the communications networks.

6 The second is a another group, Stealth
7 Communication Group, I just want to note it was
8 purposely done to do separate communications
9 groups so we don't have all of the agency
10 circuits relying on one vendor in the event that
11 vendor has some difficulty, so we purposely split
12 it up. And the second was Stealth Communications
13 Group. They were also the lowest bid for their
14 circuits. They're providing four circuits at a
15 monthly recurring charge a \$11,462. Again, a 36
16 month contract times that number equals \$412,632.
17 So the first two items are those communications
18 circuits. Are they any questions regarding those
19 two contracts? Okay. Not hearing any, I'm going
20 to move to --

21 MR. RYAN: Mr. Suss, we'll save any
22 questions we have. If you could just go through -
23 -

24 MR. SUSS: Sure.

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2 MR. RYAN: -- the items and then we'll
3 take [unintelligible] [00:32:36] at the end,
4 thank you.

5 MR. SUSS: The next three contracts also
6 grouping together therefore are trucking
7 contracts, which we currently use to move or
8 equipment from the voting machine facilities out
9 to the poll sites as needed. These contracts were
10 done prior to early voting and so the moving of
11 the equipment for early voting, as you heard the
12 number of equipment that Mr. Ryan just mentioned
13 was not included when these contracts were
14 originally calculated and so we need to increase
15 the contract ceiling of these to meet the
16 projected needs of the contract.

17 The trucking contracts will be expiring
18 at the end of this calendar year, and we'll be
19 coming back to the board shortly with some
20 information regarding the trucking contracts. But
21 right now, the request is to increase three of
22 the trucking contracts. The first is Century
23 Moving, which does work in Manhattan, and the
24 request is to increase this amount to \$900,000.

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2 This would include I think some outstanding
3 charges and for continuing this election November
4 and moving forward. The second is for Triple
5 Crown Moving which does moving in Brooklyn and
6 the request is to increase that for \$600,000. The
7 third one is Flatbush Moving and that request is
8 to increase for \$700,000. They provide service
9 for Staten Island.

10 The last item before the commissioners
11 is a contract with Quality Facility Solutions.
12 This contract is to provide the early voting
13 cleaning services that were mentioned earlier by
14 Mr. Ryan at all the early voting sites. This
15 service is provided through a DCAS requirements
16 contract. We've used this vendor successfully in
17 the June election for cleaning the early voting
18 sites and election day sites. The quote for
19 cleaning 67 early poll sites every day is
20 \$355,000. And I would just mention the reason
21 it's 67 sites and not 88 sites is the other sites
22 have their own cleaning services and will be
23 billing us for those services separately.

24 MR. RYAN: Okay. So that concludes all

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2 of the items that were considered by the finance
3 committee, and as it is a committee report, it
4 simply requires a voice vote and no motion and to
5 handle that, I will simply ask if there are any
6 objections. Hearing none --

7 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: No objections,
8 just a question about are any of the moving
9 contracts, it sounds like these increases are to
10 get us through the election?

11 MR. SUSS: Yes.

12 MR. RYAN: Yes, all of those three
13 contracts are expiring at the end of the year. So
14 this is just to cover the shortfall to get us
15 through, as Mr. Suss had indicated, early voting
16 was not part of the mix when these contracts were
17 let. They were previously three year contracts,
18 Mr. Suss?

19 MR. SUSS: Four year contracts.

20 MR. RYAN: Four year contracts, so four
21 years ago, there was no early voting, and now the
22 contracts have topped out and this is what's
23 going to carry us through to the end of the year.
24 If there are no objections, the motion is deemed

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2 carried unanimously. And now I will ask President
3 Taylor if she would be so inclined to make a
4 motion to go into -- well, so set the meeting for
5 next week, I always forget that first, right. So
6 set the meeting I guess for next week would be
7 the 27th.

8 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: The 27th.

9 MR. RYAN: Yes.

10 COMMISSIONER CAMILO: So we will still
11 have a meeting during early voting?

12 MR. RYAN: Well, that's -- I guess
13 that's what we have to have that conversation.
14 Early voting will be underway next week. Clearly,
15 there will not be a meeting the following week,
16 which would be election day, so I guess that's up
17 to the commissioners certainly. If the
18 commissioners wish to have a meeting next week,
19 staff will be available to have it. But that's up
20 to the commissioners. Otherwise, the next meeting
21 -- if that's not the case, the next meeting will
22 not be until November 10th.

23 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Correct. So, moving
24 now, I think we would discuss that among the

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2 commissioners during the executive session.

3 MR. RYAN: Okay.

4 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: So I now move that we
5 adjourn to executive session.

6 MR. RYAN: Okay. Perfect. Is there a
7 second?

8 COMMISSIONER CAMILO: Second.

9 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Second.

10 MR. RYAN: Okay. No objections, we are
11 now moving to executive session.

12 [OFF THE RECORD]

13 [ON THE RECORD]

14 MR. RYAN: Okay. We're back live. The
15 next meeting of the Board of Commissioners is
16 scheduled for October 27th at 1:30 p.m. The
17 meeting for October 20th is now adjourned and we
18 will be moving into the cover sheet review
19 committee meeting that was scheduled during the
20 meeting. Alright. Thank you all.

21 MR. SAVINO: We're live. Okay. Good
22 afternoon, commissioner. As mentioned earlier, we
23 do have one matter to present. So this will be
24 the October 20, 2020 Commissioners' Cover Sheet

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2 Review meeting for independent nominating
3 petitions for the December 22, 2020 special
4 election for the 12th Council District. The items
5 were scanned and sent to you before, but we can
6 certainly hold them up to a camera if need be.

7 SECRETARY UMANE: I have it.

8 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I have it also.

9 MR. SAVINO: Excellent. The, the party
10 is Community First and their, the number on the
11 cover sheet does not match the number on the
12 petition unfortunately. As you can see, it ends
13 in 642 and where is the -- oh, there it is, 645.
14 So, unfortunately, it's an error. They are able
15 to correct that if they do it within three days,
16 so it's not fatal at this point in time, but
17 we're asking for your opinion, discretion on
18 whether or not this is a defect.

19 SECRETARY UMANE: Was that put on by the
20 Board or was that put on by the candidate?

21 MR. SAVINO: Well, the number one, I
22 have checked with CRU and they tell me that is,
23 that was not put on the cover sheet by CRU, it
24 was like that already. However, the other defect

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2 does actually have nothing to do with that number
3 one.

4 SECRETARY UMANE: No, no, I understand
5 that. But did the Board put the stickers on? Or
6 did the candidate put the stickers on? It's a
7 second question.

8 MR. SAVINO: Yeah, it appears to be cost
9 of reproduction 10/16 5:25 p, party unknown.
10 Yeah, I'd actually have to look into that,
11 commissioner, the time stamp doesn't seem to
12 display that, although usually it does the
13 candidate's name if it was put on by CRU. It says
14 10/16 5:25 p.m. Michael Brown, party unknown. But
15 that is again, certainly something we can go to
16 the front counter and/or CRU and look into it if
17 that is something you'd like us to do.

18 SECRETARY UMANE: The other question
19 that I have, which is not raised but I note that
20 he lives in Manhattan. Is he eligible to run for
21 this office?

22 MR. SAVINO: What I was told, that a
23 part of the district and correct me if I'm wrong,
24 oh, okay, no, it's Bronx only. He may get

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2 challenged with --

3 SECRETARY UMANE: Do you remember, there
4 was that fellow in Brooklyn who ran and then we
5 had to have a new election.

6 MR. SAVINO: Right, because he refused
7 to sign the residency requirements for that
8 election. My understanding, and I'll double check
9 and I'm sure the objectors will double check is
10 that he has to live in the borough on the date of
11 the election.

12 SECRETARY UMANE: Okay. So if he moves
13 then he's okay?

14 MR. SAVINO: Correct.

15 SECRETARY UMANE: Okay. So, well the
16 numbers don't match but if it's our fault and not
17 his fault, then we shouldn't send out the notice.

18 MR. SAVINO: Before we send out the
19 notice, commissioner in light of your concerns, I
20 will certainly go to CRU and do the best I can to
21 determine who put those stickers on.

22 SECRETARY UMANE: Anne, is that okay
23 with you?

24 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Yes, absolutely.

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2 MR. SAVINO: Alright, we do have to
3 review stuff within two days, so we'll send out -
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5 SECRETARY UMANE: So we're going to give
6 you an either or if that's okay. It if was put on
7 by the Board then it's okay. If it was not put on
8 by the Board but put on by the candidate, then it
9 would be appropriate for the notice to go out.

10 MR. SAVINO: Alright. That makes a lot
11 of sense, commissioner, thank you.

12 SECRETARY UMANE: Anne, are you okay
13 with that?

14 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Yes.

15 MR. SAVINO: Okay. Well, we'll follow up
16 on that, and thank you again for your time and
17 your patience, and if it is an issue, we will let
18 you know.

19 SECRETARY UMANE: Okay.

20 MR. SAVINO: Thank you, commissioners.

21 SECRETARY UMANE: Thank you.

22 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Just we will not sign
23 until you get back to us.

24 MR. SAVINO: Right. Okay.

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PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Is that correct?

Alright.

MR. SAVINO: Not a problem whatsoever.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Wonderful.

SECRETARY UMANE: Super. Thanks. Take care, be well.

MR. SAVINO: And is there a motion?

SECRETARY UMANE: Move we, move we adjourn.

PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Seconded.

MR. SAVINO: It's unanimous. Thank you again, commissioners. Have a wonderful day.

SECRETARY UMANE: Okay.

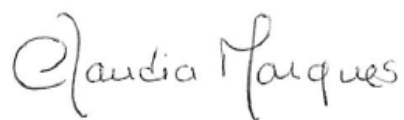
PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Bye, Raf.

(The meeting concluded at 3:11 p.m.)

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