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COMMISSIONERS' MEETING

42 Broadway - 6th floor  
Commissioners' Hearing Room

New York, NY 10004

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2:07 - 2:40 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 Rodney Pepe-Souvenir

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

Ms. Libell

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2 (The meeting commenced at 2:07 p.m.)

3 MR. MICHAEL J. RYAN: Okay. The sound is  
4 now and video is now live. Today is October 27th.  
5 My name is Michael Ryan and I'm the executive  
6 director of the Board of Elections in the City of  
7 New York. I would like to start with the  
8 commissioner roll call. President Taylor?

9 PRESIDENT PATRICIA ANNE TAYLOR: Good  
10 afternoon, I am present.

11 MR. RYAN: Secretary Umane?

12 SECRETARY FREDERIC UMANE: Here.

13 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Araujo?

14 COMMISSIONER JOSE ARAUJO: Good  
15 afternoon, present.

16 MR. RYAN: Good afternoon, Commissioner  
17 Camilo?

18 COMMISSIONER CAMILO: Present.

19 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Marmarato?

20 COMMISSIONER GINO MARMORATO: Good  
21 afternoon, present.

22 MR. RYAN: Good afternoon. Commissioner  
23 Michel?

24 COMMISSIONER MICHAEL MICHEL: Present.

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2 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Pepe-Souvenir?  
3 You're on mute, commissioner. Yes, I'm sorry,  
4 commissioner, could you unmute for the record  
5 just to announce your presence, thank you.

6 COMMISSIONER PEPE-SOUVENIR: Good  
7 afternoon, present, I'm sorry about that.

8 MR. RYAN: No, no problem. Good  
9 afternoon, commissioner. Commissioner Shamoun?

10 COMMISSIONER SHAMOUN: Present, thank  
11 you.

12 MR. RYAN: You're welcome. Commissioner  
13 Townsend?

14 COMMISSIONER TIFFANY TOWNSEND: Good  
15 afternoon, present.

16 MR. RYAN: Good afternoon. Commissioner  
17 Zaccone?

18 COMMISSIONER JOHN WM. ZACCONE: Good  
19 afternoon all, present.

20 MR. RYAN: Good afternoon. As I stated,  
21 my name is Michael Ryan, I'm the executive  
22 director. Dawn Sandow, the deputy executive  
23 director is seated to my left. And both the  
24 administrative manager, Pamela Perkins and

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2 Georgea Kontazmanis are present elsewhere in the  
3 building. We also have joining us are Mr.  
4 Moltner, Kenneth Moltner, counsel to the  
5 commissioners and Mr. Denkberg I believe as well,  
6 although I don't see him. Alright.

7 So, that concludes the roll call for  
8 tday, and there is one matter that we'll get to  
9 but we have to the agenda is the cover sheet  
10 review and I'll give the details when we get to  
11 Item number two. So Item number 1A is an update  
12 on the November 3rd general election, which of  
13 course is inclusive of the early voting process.  
14 So as we're all aware, early voting is underway  
15 and has been underway since 10:00 o'clock on  
16 Saturday morning. New York City, like other  
17 jurisdictions throughout the state and throughout  
18 the country are seeing record turnout and  
19 interest in the early voting process. An almost  
20 up to the minute total is a total of 349,124 New  
21 York City residents have voted early over the  
22 last several days. That would be Saturday,  
23 Sunday, Monday. And of that total, 34,401 voted  
24 in the last two hours. So we are seeing

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2 processing of voters through at record numbers.

3 We advise the commissioners when the  
4 increased participation was readily apparent at  
5 the early, in the very hours of Saturday morning,  
6 we had sites where voters were online three and  
7 four hours before the opening of the polls, which  
8 opened at 10:00 a.m. That type of participation  
9 was not seen in the last two go rounds with early  
10 voting but it was seen this time. And so the  
11 executive staff and the borough staff immediately  
12 moved to aid in the process by adding equipment  
13 at locations where possible. We have to be  
14 mindful of the fact that while conducting early  
15 voting, we have to do it safely and we have to do  
16 it while maintaining social distancing and with  
17 the appropriate PPE equipment at all of the  
18 locations. And we also have to be mindful of the  
19 fact we do not have standard and uniform size  
20 poll sites, which allow us to do identical things  
21 at all 88 locations throughout the city. We have  
22 to work within the space that we have.

23 And the Board of Elections, like many  
24 other aspects of our society does not want to be

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2           the cause of a second wave. We have to do this in  
3           a way that's safe and secure for the voters. Now,  
4           we can report of course, anecdotally, not on all  
5           88 sites, but we are getting tremendous amount of  
6           cooperation from the voters themselves that they  
7           are maintaining the social distancing. They're  
8           spacing themselves on the lines, and to assist in  
9           that regard, we have added the component of the  
10          line management position for this election,  
11          something that was made absolutely necessary in a  
12          COVID-19 environment.

13                   And to adjust even further on the fly,  
14          we're happy to have partnered with our friends in  
15          the Good Government community to take on  
16          suggestions about what can we do to make this  
17          process easier, what are you seeing out in the  
18          field, what are your eyes and ears telling you?  
19          And I can say for certain that we have added an  
20          element that we had heretofore not done, which is  
21          making certain that folks with physical  
22          infirmities or folks that are above a certain age  
23          as the phrase becomes that I'm getting more  
24          sensitive to as I get older myself, folks that

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2           are above a certain age are taken from the line  
3           and given priority processing particularly in  
4           those locations where the lines are long.

5                       And we are hearing anecdotal stories of  
6           poll workers doing very, very kind, bordering on  
7           heroic things, helping voters who are assisting  
8           an elderly parent, for example, how has a  
9           wheelchair and there's in need of a place to park  
10          and staying with that voter to make sure that  
11          they're safe and to make sure that they get into  
12          the poll site and do it in a safe, secure way so  
13          that their family doesn't have to worry about  
14          them while they're going to try to park the car  
15          to exercise their right to vote.

16                      These are the kinds of things that our  
17          poll workers are doing, all in the face of an  
18          international pandemic. And they've showed up,  
19          the poll workers, and they've done it willingly  
20          and they've done it potentially, you know, if  
21          society doesn't all do its job, potentially at  
22          risk to themselves. So that's why we're taking  
23          all of these measures so seriously, so that we  
24          make sure that the voters vote in a safe and



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2 secure environment and that we make sure that our  
3 poll workers and our office staff that are  
4 manning these poll sites as well are also doing  
5 it in a safe and secure and social distant  
6 responsible manner.

7 And so when we look at these logistical  
8 considerations at poll sites by way of adding  
9 equipment and such, we have to also be mindful  
10 that we have to maintain a separation within the  
11 poll site and we just can't pack the poll site  
12 with equipment and pack the poll site with  
13 people. That would be irresponsible. So where we  
14 can responsibly add equipment to make the process  
15 go more quickly, we have done that. And we're  
16 seeing, as well, that the equipment that we are  
17 using is performing very well. The check-in time  
18 has been remarkable when you get to the poll pad.  
19 Between the poll workers being more familiar with  
20 the lookup features, whether it be by name and  
21 address, that has been helpful, as well as the  
22 key fob has been used nicely that we provided to  
23 the voters with their barcode and the cards that  
24 we've provided with the barcode. All of that aids

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2 the process very, very quickly.

3 We're seeing at the poll pad in the  
4 processing of the ballot on demand, times between  
5 30 and 33 seconds per voter. That would have  
6 never been possible in a paper poll book  
7 environment. But it is possible now, and it's a  
8 reality now based on the effective use of the  
9 technology.

10 That having been said, we are aware that  
11 this unprecedented volume needs to be addressed  
12 and we are prepared to make a recommendation to  
13 the commissioners to address just that. We're  
14 going, the executive management is going to be  
15 requesting of the commissioners an increase in  
16 the hours for early voting starting on Friday.  
17 And the reason that we want to start on Friday is  
18 that there are logistical considerations that  
19 need to be addressed between now and then to make  
20 sure that we're not trying to throw resource sat  
21 a problem and not have sufficient planning in  
22 place to make certain that those resources work  
23 properly.

24 Right, so we have 88 early voting

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2 locations. We have just shy of 3,800 poll workers  
3 at those 88 sites, including the newly minted  
4 line management position which is assisting in  
5 the external portions of the poll site. We have  
6 venter partners, private sites, that we have to  
7 communicate with to let them know that these  
8 hours are going to be extended and work out the  
9 operational considerations of their individual  
10 facilities with them, keeping in mind that we own  
11 none of these 88 sites. Some of them are private  
12 sites, but all of them have stationary engineers  
13 and building staff that are necessary to keep the  
14 building operational.

15 All of that has to be worked out and  
16 they have to be put on appropriate notice that  
17 this is what we're doing, this is why we're doing  
18 it, it's necessary. But you can't just sneak up  
19 on 88 sites and expect that they're all going to  
20 be able to limberly respond in exactly the same  
21 way. So we have to create a little bit of time  
22 for all of that to occur.

23 Not to mention, as well, one of our most  
24 important government partners, which is the New

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2           York City Police Department, which helps not only  
3           secure the cities, the city in general but poll  
4           sites for certain. And we need to get in touch  
5           with them and let them know what we're doing, why  
6           we're doing it and what the hours are.

7                         And we also have to work, obviously,  
8           with our partners to make certain that at the  
9           conclusion of the voting day that the cleaners,  
10          whether they are poll site provided, whether the  
11          location is providing them for us, or we're  
12          providing it through one of, you know, through  
13          our contract to clean the poll sites, that those  
14          vendors are all notified that the hours have  
15          changed so that at the conclusion of the voting  
16          day, the sites can be appropriately cleaned and  
17          disinfected so that the next day when the voting  
18          day starts again, voters will know that they are  
19          entering a safe and clean and secure environment.

20                        And all of those considerations are  
21          things that we as executive staff take very, very  
22          seriously, and we also know that the  
23          commissioners, the Board of Commissioners take  
24          those things very seriously as well.

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2                         And so, with that all as a backdrop, we  
3           are proposing a change in the hours on Friday  
4           from 7:00 to 3:00 to 7:00 to 5:00, so an  
5           additional two hours of voting on Friday and for  
6           Saturday, a change in the voting hours from 10:00  
7           to 4:00 to 7:00 to 5:00, which would be an  
8           additional four hours on Saturday. And then on  
9           Sunday, from 10:00 to 4:00 to 7:00 to 4:00, which  
10          would be an additional three hours on Sunday, for  
11          a total of nine additional early voting hours in  
12          the lead up to the weekend. Keeping in mind, that  
13          if a voter is online as of the close of polls on  
14          any of those days, all of those voters, like they  
15          have been really since time immemorial at the  
16          Board of Elections but certainly in the last  
17          several days, we have serviced all of the voters  
18          who are online at the end of the day and they get  
19          to vote. And they get to vote no matter how much  
20          longer it takes at the end of the day to get them  
21          through the process.

22                         So again, just to recap the hours, the  
23          proposed new hours would be 7:00 a.m. to 5:00  
24          p.m. on Friday, 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on

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2           Saturday, and 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday.

3           And the reason that the 4:00 p.m. time is kept in

4           place on Sunday is we are mandated under New York

5           State Election Law to have a plan and a program

6           in effect to prevent early voting. That applies

7           to the absentee balloting process, to the

8           affidavit balloting process and it also applies

9           to early voting. The way that we ensure that

10          people who vote early do not have an opportunity

11          to also have an opportunity to vote on election

12          day is we have to gather the voter history data

13          from the early voting process and in the form of

14          what is known in the parlance as a delta file.

15          That file sounds fancy, but really what it does

16          is update voter history so that the poll pads and

17          the system on Tuesday morning, at 6:00 a.m. when

18          the sites open up, have all of the updated

19          information so that if somebody voted earlier, it

20          will show in the poll pad that they are not

21          eligible to vote again on the scanner. So, and if

22          somebody were to insist, the process would be,

23          like it always is, affidavit ballot. But we

24          cannot have a circumstance where that additional

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2 data is not properly entered into the poll pad  
3 system, because we can't have it where voters  
4 could potentially vote twice.

5 And we're dealing with a large volume  
6 and we want to make sure that we have sufficient  
7 hours from the close of polls on Sunday to the  
8 opening of polls on Tuesday morning to make sure  
9 all of that data is properly uploaded and that  
10 the system reflects accurately who voted and who  
11 did not. So under the circumstances, I would ask  
12 for a motion to change the voting hours to 7:00  
13 to 5:00 on Friday, 7:00 to 5:00 on Saturday and  
14 7:00 to 4:00 on Sunday.

15 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I so move.

16 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: Second,  
17 Commissioner Araujo.

18 MR. RYAN: Okay. So we have a motion and  
19 a second, there's a motion on the floor.  
20 Commissioner Taylor?

21 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I vote yes.

22 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Umane?  
23 Commissioner Umane, if you could unmute, please.  
24 One more time.

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2 SECRETARY UMANE: Yes.

3 MR. RYAN: Okay. Commissioner Camilo?

4 COMMISSIONER CAMILO: Yes.

5 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Marmorato?

6 COMMISSIONER MARMORATO: No.

7 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Michel?

8 COMMISSIONER MICHEL: No.

9 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Souvenir?

10 COMMISSIONER PEPE-SOUVENIR: Yes.

11 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Shamoun?

12 COMMISSIONER SHAMOUN: Yes.

13 MR. RYAN: Commissioner Townsend?

14 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Yes.

15 MR. RYAN: And Commissioner Zaccone?

16 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: With some

17 trepidation, yes.

18 MR. RYAN: Okay. So by vote of --

19 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: Mr. Ryan, you

20 forgot to tally my vote, but since I seconded it,  
21 I'm a yes.

22 MR. RYAN: Oh, I, I had, I keep my

23 little checkmarks and I had crossed you out.

24 Maybe I jumped the gun, I apologize. So by a vote



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2 of -- and thank you for that clarification,  
3 Commissioner Araujo, by a vote of eight to two,  
4 the motion carries, and so those will be the  
5 extended hours for early voted as stated.

6 SECRETARY UMANE: Mike, you should just  
7 add that it's subject to our ability to get all  
8 of our partners on board at a particular site, so  
9 it is our intention to do it, but we may not have  
10 the ability to do it for all sites, but that's  
11 what we're going to try to do. Just so there's  
12 the caveat that's out there, so that --

13 MR. RYAN: Right. Yes, I mean --

14 SECRETARY UMANE: [unintelligible]  
15 [00:57:48] complications.

16 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you,  
17 Commissioner Umane.

18 SECRETARY UMANE: Yes.

19 MR. RYAN: Yes, and if there is any  
20 difficulty associated with a particular site, we  
21 will certainly come back to the commissioners  
22 immediately and so advised.

23 MS. SANDOW: Once we have determined  
24 that this is a go, this will be, there will be a

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2 press release done, it will be on social media,  
3 Val will be getting it out to all the electeds,  
4 all the good government groups as well.

5 MR. RYAN: Yes. We will leverage all of  
6 our digital presence to ensure that the poll  
7 workers -- not the poll workers -- that the  
8 voters are aware of these increased hours, as  
9 well as, I don't know, Dawn if you said it, if  
10 you did, I apologize, the good government groups,  
11 right and then the elected officials, right.

12 MS. SANDOW: Elected officials.

13 MR. RYAN: So that was all said,  
14 perfect. And that's how we're going to proceed.  
15 And it is our hope that this additional nine  
16 hours over the span of three days will provide  
17 relief to the voters who wish to exercise their  
18 right to vote. And I think I would be remiss, you  
19 know, if we didn't recognize again and really  
20 underscore the essential workers in the form of  
21 our staff and the poll workers who are out there,  
22 giving people a real and fair opportunity at  
23 participating in their democracy. All elections  
24 are important. We know that. But presidential

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2 elections have a way of defining the importance  
3 of the elections process in a way that some  
4 others do not. And these folks have performed  
5 remarkably and admirably and largely to praise  
6 and thanks from the voting public. And for that  
7 part, we're grateful. But we're also grateful for  
8 their services and their dedication.

9 So, that concludes Item A on the agenda,  
10 and Ms. Libell [phonetic], if you would step  
11 forward please, and give the report on the  
12 additional poll worker exceptions, which is, you  
13 know, addresses need for election day, November  
14 3rd.

15 MS. LIBELL: Okay. Do you want me to  
16 read off the whole thing, or does everyone have  
17 it?

18 MS. SANDOW: Oh, I think all  
19 commissioners received the exception report and  
20 reviewed it with their chief and deputy and I  
21 think we need to ratify it, the full board.

22 MR. RYAN: Okay. So, that having been  
23 said, I think Ms. Sandow captured that  
24 accurately, that the poll worker exception

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2 reports have been prepared by the borough staff,  
3 shared with the commissioners for preliminary  
4 approval, and now if there are no objections from  
5 any of the commissioners, a motion is in order to  
6 approve the poll worker exception reports  
7 previously ratified by the borough committees.

8 SECRETARY UMANE: Mr. Ryan, if I could,  
9 before you take the vote, I just wanted to sort  
10 of provide a historical background for this.  
11 Generally, the borough commissioners deal with  
12 issues that deal with their own boroughs. This is  
13 one exception where there is theoretically an  
14 idea of someone who served here a number of years  
15 ago, Commissioner Kellner, decided that it would  
16 be a good idea for all of the borough  
17 commissioners to approve the additional workers  
18 on election day to avoid situations where  
19 particular boroughs might be looking to  
20 unnecessarily increase the number of workers or  
21 the number of coordinators involved in the  
22 election for various and sundry reasons. So for  
23 that reason, from a historical basis, each of the  
24 commissioners approve their own. The full board

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2 of commissioners approve the totals for each of  
3 the other boroughs as well to avoid a potential  
4 issue or problem. So, just for some of the new  
5 commissioners, this is something I wind up saying  
6 each and every time, but I'm just repeating  
7 myself for those of you who have heard it many,  
8 many times over. Thank you. That's all.

9 MR. RYAN: Okay.

10 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you,  
11 commissioner.

12 MR. RYAN: Was there a second to that  
13 motion?

14 COMMISSIONER CAMILO: I second that  
15 motion.

16 MR. RYAN: Okay. Are there any  
17 objections? Hearing none, the motion carries.

18 MS. LIBELL: Thank you, commissioners.

19 MR. RYAN: So, item C is, as we're all  
20 aware, election day is a paid holiday and we are  
21 contractually bound to that paid holiday, except  
22 we cannot give our staff off on election day,  
23 clearly. So we're, in order to make sure that the  
24 CityTime program is appropriately adjusted, we're

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2 going to ask for the holiday in lieu of the  
3 November 3rd general election to be moved to the  
4 Friday after Thanksgiving, under the contract  
5 with Local 1183.

6 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: This is  
7 Commissioner Araujo. Can I have call a question  
8 for a minute? I thought there was some discussion  
9 about moving that further down the calendar, to  
10 allow us to certify, give us that one extra day  
11 to certify.

12 MS. SANDOW: This is pending.

13 MR. RYAN: Right.

14 MS. SANDOW: Because we actually to  
15 really determine how the canvas process is moving  
16 along. We should be certified by the 28th. So I  
17 think this is just a safety net if we are ready  
18 to go. I know CityTime needs to know that today,  
19 because we use their system. It's not like years  
20 ago. It's a different process.

21 MR. RYAN: And thank you for that  
22 clarification. We can move it again, but as we  
23 understand it, if it's going to be that Friday,  
24 it's got to get into the system. And if it's

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2 going to be later in the calendar year, we can  
3 take it out and deal with it that way. But we  
4 don't control the timekeeping programming aspect  
5 of it. So this is a placeholder. Usually it's  
6 not, but in this year, I think it is. And thank  
7 you for that clarification Commissioner Araujo  
8 and Ms. Sandow.

9 MS. SANDOW: We'll have to have a  
10 placeholder for Veteran's Day because we won't  
11 be, we will not be closed on that day either.

12 MR. RYAN: Right.

13 MS. SANDOW: In the middle of a canvas.

14 MR. RYAN: Correct.

15 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: I would make the  
16 motion with the caveat that it is a placeholder,  
17 because certification should be our priority.

18 MR. RYAN: Yes, absolutely.

19 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I second your motion.

20 MR. RYAN: Okay. Are there any  
21 objections? Hearing none, the motion carries. And  
22 that will then bring us to the now added item  
23 number two on the agenda which is a request for a  
24 petition cover sheet review committee for

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2 tomorrow at any time that the commissioners are  
3 available. And there are three matters to  
4 presented, and they are related to independent  
5 body names. Given the hour of the day now, and to  
6 meet the 24 hour notice requirement it would be  
7 recommended that it occur 3:00 o'clock or later  
8 tomorrow.

9 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I can't serve  
10 tomorrow.

11 SECRETARY UMANE: Okay. I'll serve if  
12 you need a volunteer.

13 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: I need a democrat. I  
14 cannot do it tomorrow.

15 MR. RYAN: Okay. So we have one  
16 Republican commissioner, Commissioner Umane. Is  
17 there another Democrat that will be able to do  
18 it.

19 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: This is  
20 Commissioner Araujo. I can do it.

21 MR. RYAN: Okay. So --

22 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you.

23 MR. RYAN: -- that matter is now set.

24 And is there a particular time that you have,



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2 that each of you, Commissioner Umame and  
3 Commissioner Araujo would prefer?

4 SECRETARY UMANE: 3:30?

5 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: That's fine.

6 MR. RYAN: 3:30 is fine, yes. Well, it's  
7 fine for me, I'm sorry, I jumped you Commissioner  
8 Araujo. Is it fine for you?

9 COMMISSIONER ARAUJO: That's fine.

10 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: You're really giving  
11 it to Commissioner Araujo today.

12 SECRETARY UMANE: Could you send a  
13 meeting notice for that, just so it gets on the  
14 calendar?

15 MR. RYAN: Yes, absolutely. So Item two  
16 is done. And then there is just a couple of  
17 points of information. First, today is the last  
18 day to apply for an absentee ballot by the  
19 following methods. E-mail, fax, phone, portal or  
20 by mail. And it would have to be postmarked by  
21 today. If you wish to apply in person, you have  
22 until November 2nd. Pardon? Yes, in person until  
23 November 2nd, e-mail, fax, phone, portal, or mail  
24 postmarked by today, so, got that piece of

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2 business out of the way.

3 As of the close of business yesterday,  
4 the Board had received 1,102,313 ballot, absentee  
5 ballot applications received and processed to the  
6 vendor for mailing, leaving an additional 5,924  
7 applications to have their processing completed,  
8 which as the commissioners know, is a rolling and  
9 ongoing effort until completion. So, we have  
10 processed, you know, heretofore an unbelievable  
11 number of absentee ballot applications. And we  
12 have a few thousand left, and we're confident  
13 that the boroughs will handle those in the course  
14 of business and get those ballots out to the  
15 voters.

16 That concludes the business for today's  
17 meeting. And, yes?

18 COMMISSIONER MARMORATO: Mr. Ryan, if I  
19 may add, it'd be remiss not to commend and  
20 applaud the voters of New York City. They've  
21 taken advantage of every opportunity afforded to  
22 them in terms of voting by absentee ballot by  
23 voting early voting several days, which we have  
24 designated and the numbers are just amazing. I

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2 think that people showing up for the polls early  
3 to exercise their right to vote, it's something  
4 very important and I've gotten such positive  
5 feedback from the voters.

6 The voters have expressed to me what a  
7 tremendous job our staff is doing, how clean the  
8 facilities are doing and I would encourage the  
9 voters that if you have a positive experience, as  
10 many of you have, to continue to share with us.  
11 There's, you know, so often some criticism that  
12 comes from the very few that probably don't have  
13 the concept of what is actually taking place, but  
14 I want to commend the voters and those that are  
15 having, that are sharing their positive  
16 experiences with us and thanking their poll  
17 workers who are doing a tremendous job.

18 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Here, here.

19 COMMISSIONER CAMILO: Yes. Yeah,  
20 Brooklyn says the same thing, Brooklyn says the  
21 same thing.

22 MR. RYAN: Thank you, thank you,  
23 commissioners, for that recognition. And that  
24 said, next Tuesday is Election Day, so I think I

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2 can say with certainty that the commissioners  
3 will not be meeting next Tuesday, so we would  
4 need a motion to set the next meeting at November  
5 10th at the regular time of 1:30.

6 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: So moved.

7 SECRETARY UMANE: So moved. Second.

8 MR. RYAN: Okay. So we have a motion and  
9 a second. Are there any objections? Hearing none,  
10 the motion carries, the next meeting will be  
11 November 10th at 1:30 p.m. And then that brings  
12 us to the next motion that is necessary, a motion  
13 to adjourn.

14 COMMISSIONER CAMILO: So moved.

15 MR. RYAN: Is there a second?

16 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: Second.

17 COMMISSIONER TOWNSEND: Second.

18 MR. RYAN: There's a lot of seconds.  
19 Alright. So somebody seconded, and are there any  
20 objections?

21 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: There is no need to  
22 go to executive session, correct?

23 MR. RYAN: I don't have anything for  
24 executive session.

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2 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: [unintelligible]

3 [01:12:00].

4 MR. RYAN: I don't have anything for  
5 executive session unless the commissioners do.

6 COMMISSIONER CAMILO: No. Thank you.

7 MR. RYAN: Okay. Are there any  
8 objections? Hearing none, the motion carries, the  
9 meeting for October 27th is adjourned.

10 MS. SANDOW: Thank you, commissioners.  
11 Have a good day.

12 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you.

13 COMMISSIONER PEPE-SOUVENIR: Thank you  
14 so much have a good day. Be safe, be well.

15 PRESIDENT TAYLOR: Thank you, Mr. Ryan  
16 and Ms. Sandow.

17 MR. RYAN: Thank you.

18 COMMISSIONER ZACCONE: And good luck  
19 everybody for their election day.

20 MS. SANDOW: Yes, good luck.

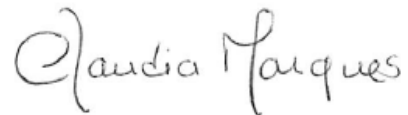
21 (The meeting concluded at 2:43 p.m.)

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