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1 PUBLIC MEETING BEFORE THE CITIZENS CLEAN 2 ELECTIONS COMMISSION convened at 10:00 a.m. on July 23, 3 2026, at the State of Arizona, Clean Elections 4 Commission, 1110 West Washington, Conference Room, 5 Phoenix, Arizona, in the presence of the following 6 Board Members: 7 8 Mr. Mark Kimble, Chairman 9 Mr. Galen Paton 10 Ms. Christina Werther 11 Mr. Sam Crump 12 Mr. Steve Titla 13 14 OTHERS PRESENT: 15 16 Thomas M. Collins, Executive Director 17 Paula Thomas, Executive Officer 18 Mike Becker, Policy Director 19 Gina Roberts, Voter Education Director 20 Avery Xola, Voter Education Manager 21 Mary O'Grady, Osborn Maledon 22 Alexandria Karpurk, Osborn Maledon 23 Cathy Herring, KCA 24 Rivko Knox, Member of the Public 25	1 motion to approve the minutes? 2 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: I move to approve the 3 minutes for May 28, 2026. 4 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 5 Commissioner Werther. 6 Is there a second? 7 COMMISSIONER PATON: I'll second. 8 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 9 Commissioner Paton. 10 It's been moved and seconded that we approve 11 the minutes from May 28th. I'll call the roll. 12 Commissioner Werther. 13 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Aye. 14 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Crump. 15 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Aye. 16 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton. 17 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye. 18 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Titla. 19 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye. 20 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Chair votes aye. 21 The minutes are approved 5-to-nothing. 22 Item III, discussion and possible action on 23 the Executive Director's Report. 24 Before we start, I'd like to take a moment to 25 recognize the successful completion of Arizona's 2026
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1 P R O C E E D I N G 2 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Good morning. I'm Mark 3 Kimble, and I call this meeting of the Citizens Clean 4 Elections Commission to order. It's 10:00 a.m. on 5 July 23rd, 2026. 6 We will -- with that, we will take 7 attendance. Commissioners, please identify yourselves 8 for the record. 9 COMMISSIONER PATON: Galen Paton. 10 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Yeah, Steve -- 11 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Christina Werther. 12 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Steve Titla. 13 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Sam Crump. 14 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: And Commissioner Werther? 15 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Christina Werther. 16 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you. I think someone 17 was talking over you. 18 All five Commissioners are present today. We 19 have a quorum. 20 Item II, discussion and possible action on 21 the meeting minutes for May 28th, 2026. Commissioners, 22 you have the minutes from our May 28th meeting in your 23 packets. Is there any discussion? 24 (No response.) 25 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Hearing none, is there a	1 primary election. On behalf of the Commission, I want 2 to thank the thousands of voters, the hundreds of 3 election officials and poll workers across Arizona who 4 made this election possible. From County Recorders and 5 Election Directors, to temporary workers, volunteers, 6 and everyone who staffed voting locations, 7 processed ballots, and served voters, your 8 professionalism and dedication are the foundation of 9 public confidence in our elections. 10 I'd also like to thank our many partners who 11 helped the Commission fulfill its voter education 12 mission. That includes our debate partners, Riester 13 and the Arizona Media Association, and the 14 participating media organizations against -- across the 15 state, our printing and mailing partners who helped 16 deliver the Voter Education Guide to millions of 17 Arizona households, our community partners who expanded 18 our outreach, and of course the outstanding Commission 19 staff that we have here. Producing a statewide Voter 20 Guide, organizing debates, conducting outreach, and 21 supporting candidates and voters throughout an election 22 cycle is a tremendous undertaking. We appreciate the 23 hard work and the long hours that made it all possible. 24 Thank you for your commitment to Arizona voters. 25 Do any of my colleagues wish to say anything

Page 6 1 about the primary election? 2 (No response.) 3 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Hearing none, Tom, would 4 you like to discuss your Executive Director's Report? 5 MR. COLLINS: Sure. I'd kind of like to -- 6 I'm going to go a little out of order just to touch on 7 the primary first. And I don't know that we have 8 specific turnout numbers, although my understanding is 9 that turnout in the primary was probably the lowest 10 it's been in probably about 10 years or so, which could 11 be for a number of different reasons. 12 From our perspective, though, I want to note 13 that, you know, we had a significant, we thought, 14 uptick in unique visitors on our website on the -- on 15 election day, which I think was -- I think was 16 important. 17 And then I think we had a couple of issues 18 that the Commission has tracked and/or worked on that I 19 wanted to highlight: One of the things that 20 Commissioner Paton had brought to my attention was, you 21 know, the -- some of the -- you know, the No Labels 22 Party ballot and the limited amount of vote races on 23 there and there being some discussion around that; an 24 issue that Chairman Kimble had worked on with Gina 25 around the new ballot dropoff tabulation option, which	Page 8 1 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: That's a good -- good 2 point, Commissioner Paton. And I was a poll worker at 3 a place in Tucson, and we had the same situation with 4 -- with the voter saying, why do I only have one thing 5 to vote on. So that was confusing. 6 I think in -- as far as low turnout in 7 primaries, the problem continues to be independent 8 voters who -- who don't understand they can participate 9 in the primary, but have to take the step of sending 10 back in a postcard saying which ballot they want, and 11 so many independents don't do that. I don't have any 12 answers, but the problem is pretty clear that we've got 13 to do something to make it clear to independent voters 14 that they can participate in a primary, and figure out 15 a way to work with the Legislature to make it a little 16 bit less cumbersome, with postcards being mailed back 17 and forth and a step that I'm not sure is really that 18 necessary. But it certainly is a problem with 19 independent voters at the primary. 20 MR. COLLINS: Did you want to mention 21 the ballot return? 22 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: The -- yeah. Tom mentioned 23 the early -- early ballot verification system, which 24 went into effect this election for the first time, and 25 was -- with a minimum of, I thought, publicity ahead of
Page 7 1 we highlight in the report; and then we worked with 2 Apache County on its transition into vote centers. So 3 those were -- those were some of the highlights of 4 issues that we've been tracking and/or working on 5 outreach around. 6 COMMISSIONER PATON: So can I say something 7 about that? 8 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton. 9 COMMISSIONER PATON: So the video that I sent 10 Tom was -- I don't know if it was -- I think it was 11 from a Phoenix TV station, and they were interviewing 12 this woman who complained that she didn't have anything 13 to vote for. And they did -- she did have Governor to 14 vote for. So she had gotten a No Labels ballot and she 15 goes, I don't even know what that means. What's No 16 Labels? And it turns out, she was an independent and 17 somehow got on that list. 18 And it just went back to what -- what we felt 19 like, if we just let that -- if we didn't do anything 20 about that party that wanted to be, whatever, 21 independent party, how -- how even more confused these 22 people would have been. And so, anyway, I was glad 23 that at least we saw that. And the woman did vote for 24 Governor, but -- anyway, that was my -- my -- my thing 25 about that.	Page 9 1 time, was enormously successful. There were, I would 2 say, 80 percent of the people in -- where I was working 3 who brought in an early ballot asked to have it 4 verified, which astounded me that they -- that many 5 people knew about it. So I -- I hope that that speeded 6 up the whole counting process, but it was a good step. 7 MR. COLLINS: I'll just continue. I think I 8 wanted to highlight, as I do the announcements, we've 9 made available to -- through the Media Association our 10 Inside the Issues episode on affordable housing, which 11 is available on our YouTube page as well, and we'll be 12 doing some efforts to call attention to that. 13 You know, these are supporting materials, 14 essentially, for our debate series, and I think that 15 what the benefit of these is that -- I mean, we have 16 gotten -- now this will be the fourth one we've done, 17 and they are -- we have, you know, real experts who are 18 very, very practical, who can talk about the issues 19 from different perspectives without, you know, sort of 20 a partisan agenda. And then, you know, framing -- you 21 know, in our current election cycle voters are going to 22 see not just the legislative races and county races 23 that are in the Voter Education Guide for us, but their 24 city and town races where these issues are, you know, 25 also major -- you know, that's really where the rubber

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1 meets the road on this. So we were able to touch on 2 all that. 3 Our own research has demonstrated that 4 affordability and housing affordability together are -- 5 basically are the top issue of -- among a broad swath 6 of voters. So I encourage everyone to check it out. 7 And if you have folks you want to send the link to, I 8 think that is -- will be -- I think it's really -- it 9 was really well done. Our moderator was Jessica Boehm, 10 who is the -- she covered housing affordability at The 11 Republic for many years, and now she's the -- 12 essentially the regional news editor for Axios, which 13 is, you know -- so she's a, you know, significant 14 journalistic voice in the state. So we were pleased to 15 have her moderate, in addition to our experts. 16 Along the same lines, we did a -- we had the 17 opportunity to do a lot of outreach around the state. 18 I wanted to highlight Gina, Avery, and I were in -- 19 outside of Flagstaff for the Navajo Voter Coalition 20 Conference, along with our partners in Coconino County 21 and our interns. 22 And then we -- we were back in Window Rock on 23 -- at the end -- I guess last week, the week before, to 24 do a town hall with all three counties that serve the 25 Navajo Nation, the second time we've done that, a live	1 just -- 2 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, sure. Sure. 3 COMMISSIONER PATON: -- to that. I'm sorry. 4 MR. COLLINS: No, of course. No, I'm sorry. 5 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton. 6 COMMISSIONER PATON: So the -- for the 7 attorney fees, it was what they asked for, they -- they 8 received that? 9 MR. COLLINS: Yeah, more or less. I mean, 10 we -- we were successful. 11 COMMISSIONER PATON: Okay. Sorry. 12 MR. COLLINS: No. No. 13 So -- and then so we have a -- we have sort 14 of our final number for candidates funded, I believe, 15 was -- I think it was 49 or 50, and then I think we had 16 54 participating candidates. There's a little variance 17 between the number of people that actually showed up to 18 get funded, as opposed to were participating. There 19 was a little media coverage of this. 20 We had two gubernatorial candidates funded 21 for the first time in more than a decade, and so that 22 was, you know, a change and interesting in and of 23 itself. The one candidate was not successful who 24 sought the Republican nomination. The other race is 25 the Green Party gubernatorial election, and we don't
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1 two-hour radio broadcast, which, you know, I got to -- 2 if you see the picture in there, I got to sit behind 3 the control panel for the first time since I was a -- 4 at Kamp Student Radio, for those of you who -- those 5 U of A people here, so -- 6 And then Avery presented at the Disability 7 Advocacy Policy Alliance and participated in Spark the 8 Spectrum, which is a civic engagement program of First 9 Place Arizona, which is a nonprofit that works to 10 support and integrate people with autism and other 11 neurodiversity issues into -- in the community. 12 And then, of course, we had launched Captain 13 Activate Issue 3, and Avery was there and Captain 14 Activate was there. And, you know, that was at the -- 15 that was, I think, an important -- an opportunity. 16 The last thing I really wanted to mention, 17 and we'll talk more about this later, but we did get 18 the affirmation of the Voters' Right to Know Act from 19 the Arizona Supreme Court. We did also get an order 20 granting our attorneys' fees in the other -- in the 21 AIP/NOL case. 22 And then lastly, you know, we do have -- we 23 have -- I think we have 49 clean candidates funded, 54 24 that are -- 25 COMMISSIONER PATON: I have a question	1 know the results of that yet because there is a 2 write-in there, and those write-in votes -- I would 3 have to ask either Commissioner Werther or Gina when 4 the write-ins actually get compiled, but they're not 5 available yet, to the best of my knowledge. 6 So that -- that was a -- but that was a 7 change of pace, and I have some thoughts about that in 8 terms of what it says about the program, which are -- 9 my thoughts are positive, but in any event -- 10 COMMISSIONER PATON: I have a question. 11 MR. COLLINS: Sure. 12 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton. 13 COMMISSIONER PATON: So how is that compared 14 to normal primary in our -- in our past, the number? 15 MR. COLLINS: The number, I think, is about 16 on par. Mike can tell me if I'm missing something, but 17 I think that the -- from my -- from what I'm -- from my 18 own take -- and Mike, with the Chairman's permission, I 19 would ask you if there's anything you want to 20 supplement. The thing was, we had races that we 21 haven't had candidates in before in a long time, which 22 was interesting. And then we have people who ran clean 23 who are incumbents, who are in districts that are 24 edging into the -- the competitive range, especially in 25 this particular election environment.

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1 So I think -- I think the numbers are on par, 2 but I think the more interesting thing is that the 3 diversity of candidates, in terms of their particular 4 political situation in terms of using it, seems broader 5 than it has been in the last few election cycles. 6 So, Mike, do you -- 7 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Mike, is there anything you 8 want to add to that? 9 MR. BECKER: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, Tom 10 is a hundred percent right in his -- in the way he 11 described our participation this year. In terms of 12 numbers, he's right, we're on -- on pace for what we 13 have done in the last three election cycles. But as 14 far as the statewide and involvement that way, it 15 is -- it is much broader and much better than we have 16 in the past, so it's a good sign. 17 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Good. Thank you, Mike. 18 Does that answer your question, 19 Commissioner Paton? 20 COMMISSIONER PATON: Yes. 21 MR. COLLINS: I guess -- I think that's all I 22 had. Thank you. 23 COMMISSIONER PATON: And something else, 24 though. So was there concern in these media reports 25 that -- that like our money was like basically wasted	1 getting the same amount of money. And so, you know, 2 one of the more nonprofit funded news rooms, you know, 3 took particular issue with the fact that a small party 4 candidate, like the Green Party candidate, could get 5 funded, and also, you know, took sort of umbrage with 6 the fact that the Green Party candidate has hired a 7 number of Republicans for various things. 8 So, you know, that's not part of our 9 analysis, though, right. The law just distributes the 10 money as it is. But, you know, in terms of 11 characterizing the coverage, that's -- you know, that's 12 how it came out. 13 I think that what's interesting -- putting 14 aside, you know, sort of policy concerns that are 15 beyond the scope of what the Commission can look at, I 16 think that, as a -- as a math matter, the day that the 17 Republican candidate who qualified qualified, they had 18 effectively as much cash on hand as some of the leading 19 candidates. And, because of the way that those 20 candidates were funded, some of them were funded 21 essentially through transfers of funding from an old 22 campaign account to their current campaign account, 23 they showed more actual voter support financially in 24 terms of the 4,000 qualifying contributions. 25 So if you're -- you know, so from my
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1 because they didn't get that many votes? My -- my idea 2 is if -- if you're willing to put the work in, the 3 effort in, you got 4,000 people to do our \$5 whatever, 4 and all the paperwork involved and go to all the 5 workshops and whatever, that's the whole idea of us 6 having this is to give somebody with good ideas a 7 chance to get out there and publicize it and whatever. 8 The average person maybe doesn't have a lot 9 of rich friends or whatever or some -- the mining 10 companies or the teachers or whoever backing them to -- 11 and who knows, maybe they'll come back the next time 12 and -- and learn from that situation, and then we're 13 having real debates instead of somebody just running 14 against nobody. And that doesn't serve anybody any -- 15 any, I think. 16 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, I mean, my -- my 17 thoughts on that are essentially that I think the -- 18 the press coverage varies. Some of it was pretty 19 neutral, basically describing the situation, you know, 20 the fact we haven't had -- for example, on the 21 Governor, we haven't had folks running for Governor in 22 a while. 23 You know, I think, you know, the -- the small 24 parties that qualify -- because of the way the statute 25 is set up, regardless of the size of party, you're	1 perspective, one of the challenges we've always had is 2 that the -- you know, there are -- there's a sound byte 3 that every lobbyist I've ever met uses about how 4 taxpayers don't want their money going into yard signs 5 and da, da, da. Taxpayers want their money going 6 into whatever I want is obviously the corollary to 7 that. 8 But the -- but reality is that what this, I 9 think, demonstrates is exactly what -- what you said, 10 is that, you know, if you -- that the funds are there, 11 they are enough to get your name into circulation, to 12 get some number of votes, to build up your efforts, 13 which is what the -- the purpose of the program is. 14 And the other thing it does is it -- because 15 of the individual qualifying contributions, it also 16 offers voters -- even if a candidate doesn't -- you 17 know, because the other thing everybody focuses on is, 18 well, if the candidate is not going to win, then they 19 shouldn't be funded. Well, that's not an appropriate 20 analysis for us, right. 21 But more importantly, I think the fact that 22 there are candidates who are going to put their names 23 out there and do this without -- in a way where they 24 aren't participating in the quid pro quo or perception 25 of quid pro quo system that the private fundraising

Page 18 1 system creates, you know, I think is -- that's 2 something that goes into this -- you know, we talk 3 about voter integrity -- election integrity and all 4 this other stuff. I mean, one of the things that 5 people genuinely are concerned about, our polling shows 6 this and -- you know, is corruption, you know, and 7 people, you know, trading dollars for political favors. 8 I mean, and that -- we pretend like that's a metaphor 9 or an exaggeration, but that is -- that is, in fact -- 10 you know, you just have to look at the newspaper, 11 especially the national newspaper, to know that's a 12 real thing. 13 So I think -- in all those respects I think 14 that the concept is still right. If there are policy 15 tweaks that people want to suggest, obviously we'll 16 bring those to you. And so that's how I feel about it. 17 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Any comments -- any other 18 comments or questions from the Commission on Tom's 19 Executive Director's Report? 20 (No response.) 21 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Hearing none, we'll move on 22 to Item IV, discussion and possible action regarding 23 the 2026 general election Voter Education Guide and the 24 supplemental mailing for Lieutenant Governor 25 candidates.	Page 20 1 share. 2 What we -- what we did is -- and what Gina 3 researched with our printer was, you know, a couple of 4 different options to address this. You know, I think 5 the first thing we thought, as a staff collectively, 6 was that we definitely don't want to just leave this 7 out, and -- and that just putting a note in the Voter 8 Guide that says, hey, if you log back into our website 9 in a few weeks you'll see the Lieutenant Governor, was 10 not going to be enough attention for this. 11 And part of that is, in particular, because 12 this is a unique thing. We haven't added a 13 constitutional office -- we've taken them away since 14 statehood, but I don't think we've added a 15 constitutional office since statehood. And then, you 16 know, in Arizona -- maybe in all states, but certainly 17 in Arizona, the Governor not finishing a term is -- you 18 know, happens every 10 years, basically, like 19 clockwork. It happened in the late '70s, it happened 20 in the late '80s, it happened in the late '90s, and 21 then it happened in the late aughts. So we're actually 22 overdue for that to happen. And obviously two times in 23 that -- of those four cycles the Lieutenant Governor -- 24 the Secretary of State's moving up changed the party of 25 the Governor, which had, you know, a tremendous amount
Page 19 1 Before we ask Tom and Gina to present this 2 item, I'd like to make one observation. This is a 3 historic issue for Arizona because it arises from our 4 first election for Lieutenant Governor. Voters 5 approved the creation of this office in 2022, and this 6 year, 2026, marks the first time Arizonans will elect 7 both a Governor and a Lieutenant Governor as a ticket. 8 As Commissioners know, the statutory deadline 9 for gubernatorial nominees to select their running 10 mates occurs after the Commission's deadline for 11 printing and mailing the statewide general election 12 Voter Education Guide. As a result, this is the first 13 time we've had to consider how to ensure voters receive 14 information about candidates who, through no fault of 15 their own or the Commission's, cannot be included in 16 the printed guide. 17 I just lost my place here. 18 Today's discussion is about how best to 19 fulfill the Commission's voter education mission, while 20 recognizing the practical realities of the election 21 calendar in this unique moment in Arizona history. 22 Tom, do you want to walk us through the staff 23 recommendation? 24 MR. COLLINS: I'm happy to, and then 25 obviously Gina may have additional information to	Page 21 1 of impact on the state. So that won't happen anymore, 2 in the first place, but -- 3 And then as I -- as I mention in the memo, 4 our work group on debates from 2023 had recommended we 5 have the specific -- we have a debate amongst 6 Lieutenant Governor candidates, so -- but anyway, so -- 7 COMMISSIONER PATON: I have a question. 8 MR. COLLINS: Sure. 9 COMMISSIONER PATON: What if -- 10 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton. 11 COMMISSIONER PATON: What if -- what if 12 the -- one of the people gets their person in really 13 quick and we publish that one, but not the other one, 14 because the other one was too slow? 15 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, 16 Commissioner Paton, we ran through that scenario, and 17 that's part of how we came to this conclusion. We 18 notified the gubernatorial candidates of the -- in case 19 they hadn't done this math themselves, we notified them 20 earlier this month that the deadline for identifying 21 their Lieutenant Governor candidates was going to be, 22 you know, after the -- after the time that we would 23 have gone to press. So we've already done that 24 outreach. 25 The choice would be to allow that situation

Page 22 1 to happen and -- and create a situation where voters -- 2 from our perspective, you could end up with voters with 3 some information and other voters not, that it creates 4 kind of a weird incentive to -- to the extent that -- 5 and we do know people look at the Voter Guide -- it 6 creates kind of a weird gamesmanship incentive, and so 7 we would not -- and we were concerned about, you know, 8 all of those things. So from our perspective, the 9 simplest way to take that off the table would be -- 10 Now, if somebody picks their Lieutenant 11 Governor and wants to put that in their profile as 12 Governor, I mean, we don't edit the Governor profile. 13 So if someone has done that, they've done that, and 14 there's nothing we would be able -- we wouldn't edit 15 their thing. 16 But we thought that, to your point, this was 17 the fairest way to ensure everybody had the same 18 opportunity at the same time to present their 19 Lieutenant Governor candidates. 20 I mean, I also think, just as a personal 21 aside, that, you know, we don't have -- this is, to me, 22 an opportunity to participate in at least -- it may be 23 small, but a -- an actual event in Arizona history. So 24 there's part of me that just likes the idea of calling 25 attention to the fact this is something voters did	Page 24 1 for us in order to meet our statutory deadlines of 2 having the Voter Guides be in households before the 3 start of early voting. 4 A few other things to consider is, you know, 5 this -- the Voter Guide itself is a massive production. 6 We are producing approximately 2.5 million pieces 7 that -- in addition to collecting the information and 8 putting the Guide together, getting it over to our 9 printer to actually print, get it through the press, 10 and then package it, and then working with the United 11 States Postal Service as well to make sure that they 12 are delivering these in a timely fashion and getting 13 them to households. This all coincides with -- the 14 Secretary of State also has a general election 15 publicity pamphlet that is going out, and we utilize 16 the same vendor. 17 So we had to take a look at capabilities and 18 timelines. So as I mentioned, the primary canvass is 19 August 6th. We have to get our files to our print 20 vendor by August 18th. And as we had mentioned, the 21 deadline for gubernatorial candidates to announce their 22 running mates is September 4th. 23 Now, it could be, in a perfect world, that, 24 you know, all candidates declare their running mate 25 tomorrow, and then that would be fantastic. We could
Page 23 1 that, you know, changes the structure of the government 2 in a way that is historic, and so the idea of 3 commemorating that is something that I think has some 4 value too. 5 So that's how we handled -- but that's -- how 6 we came to the solution was to address the kind of 7 issues you're talking about. 8 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Well, let's talk about what 9 your proposal is to address this, you or Gina. 10 MR. COLLINS: I would defer to Gina on the -- 11 on the actual -- 12 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. So what should we do 13 about this, Gina, in your -- in your understanding? 14 MS. ROBERTS: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, 15 Commissioners. Thank you. If I could just start with 16 providing a little bit more background information. 17 Mr. Chairman, as you noted, we have this new office on 18 the ballot, so I wanted to talk about dates first. 19 So the primary canvass is scheduled for 20 August 6th. We are actually currently in the process 21 right now of collecting candidate general election 22 statements. And the schedule that we work with with 23 our printer to determine these deadlines, which are for 24 the most part beyond our control, it just -- it ends up 25 being what our vendors have the capability of providing	Page 25 1 just include them in the Guide right away. But just 2 that is likely, you know, not -- not going to happen, 3 so we are preparing for the possibility of a 4 supplemental mailer. To Commissioner Paton's point, 5 you know, what happens if some are available and some 6 aren't. As we worked through these scenarios, in 7 trying to determine what is the most effective way for 8 the voter to understand what is happening and what 9 is -- information is available and to make it as 10 seamless a user experience as possible, we researched 11 having a supplemental mailer. 12 So to do that we had to work with our vendor 13 to identify what paper is available, what paper are we 14 able to source. What is postage going to look like. 15 Will USPS approve this mailing for this type of postage 16 rate that we can get, because postage is a significant 17 portion of the budget. What can the vendor actually 18 print, that they have the capabilities of as they are 19 managing both our regular Voter Guide and the 20 Secretary's publicity pamphlet, all of which are 21 running on this deadline to get into households before 22 the start of early voting. And then, of course, 23 delivery for USPS. 24 And so we have the opportunity to produce a 25 supplemental Voter Guide. This would be -- it's not

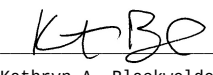
Page 26 1 going to be the same style. So, for example, 2 households received this in their house, right, this is 3 our regular Voter Guide. This is what they will 4 receive in the general election, assuming it does not 5 have any candidates in there for Lieutenant Governor. 6 What we have the capability of doing is what we're 7 calling a self-mailer, and it's more like -- think like 8 Readers Digest style, if you will, so it would be about 9 half the size. But because of the binding options and 10 our ability to get this through press, this is what we 11 can do that is the most cost efficient and the most, I 12 guess, timing efficiently that we can do as possible, 13 plus what helps us with our postage as well. 14 So we would look at doing this supplemental 15 mailer that we would still be able to get into 16 households before the start of early voting. Our 17 vendor has the capability of sourcing this paper for 18 us. USPS has already signed off on this for us, so we 19 know what our postage will be. And we have -- as Tom 20 mentioned, we've been communicating with the 21 gubernatorial candidates to share what these plans are. 22 So I think what the situation ends up being 23 is, if we do not have all of the -- all of the 24 Lieutenant Governor candidates announced before our 25 regular Voter Education Guide has to be sent to print,	Page 28 1 COMMISSIONER PATON: I have a question. 2 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, Gina. 3 Commissioner Paton. 4 COMMISSIONER PATON: So your drop-dead date 5 for information to print it in the normal one would be 6 what? 7 MS. ROBERTS: We have to send the files to 8 print by August 14th. So in order for us to gather 9 information, lay it out in the format, and also 10 translate it, because this -- the main Guide goes out 11 in English and Spanish, I would need at least -- I 12 mean, at least three days before that. So if August 13 14th is our deadline to send it to print, you know, 14 August 11th, and -- and that's pushing it. 15 COMMISSIONER PATON: Okay. So -- and so 16 today is, what, the 22nd or -- 17 MS. ROBERTS: 23rd, yes. 18 COMMISSIONER PATON: My inclination is they 19 already know who they're going to get anyway probably. 20 I mean, you've been running for Governor this whole 21 time, you had no ideas? I think we should just tell 22 them, get us -- by August 11th and then just print it. 23 And I think us going to all these lengths and costs and 24 whatever, when they could just tell us in two weeks, is 25 -- I think that's understandable. And if they don't do
Page 27 1 then do we initiate this supplemental mailer that will 2 go out to all households with a registered voter again 3 with this Lieutenant Governor information in it prior 4 to the start of early voting. 5 Regarding budget, we do have the funds 6 available, so we would not need any action taken to 7 increase our budget line item for the Voter Guide. So 8 we do have the funds available for us. And as I 9 mentioned, we have been working with our vendor in the 10 most efficient and effective way possible that we can 11 get this to voters. 12 And of course, we would work on the design to 13 make sure that they have a great user experience, 14 knowing that this is a supplemental coming from Clean 15 Elections. We would do, you know, digital 16 announcements as well to keep an eye out for it. We 17 would do everything in our power to make sure that 18 voters are aware that this is coming and what this new 19 office is. 20 So those -- that's the situation. That's the 21 background. And this seems to be -- the supplemental 22 mailer seems to be our best course of action if we do 23 not know what those Lieutenant Governor candidates are 24 prior to going to print for our regular Voter Education 25 Guide.	Page 29 1 it, then it's their loss. I don't know. That sounds 2 cold, but... 3 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Let me -- let me ask a 4 question following up on something Commissioner Paton 5 brought up earlier. So, Gina, this -- what you are 6 proposing would be an all or nothing, that all 7 candidates get their information in by your deadline, 8 and if all of them don't, none of them will be in the 9 -- in the regular brochure? 10 MS. ROBERTS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioners, 11 that -- it seems to me that -- that based off of what 12 Commissioner Paton has -- has just suggested, his 13 option could be a third option. So what you've just 14 described are two options. One is the regular Voter 15 Guide has zero Lieutenant Governor candidates included 16 in it. The second option would be we have all of them 17 in it, if they all announce prior to our deadline. 18 The third option, which is to what 19 Commissioner Paton just mentioned, would be we put 20 whatever we have in it. And so if -- let's say three 21 of the five gubernatorial candidates get us that 22 information. We would print three of the five 23 Lieutenant Governor candidates. The other two we would 24 have to make some sort of reference that at the time of 25 printing, you know, this information was not provided,

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1 something to that extent. 2 As far as the regular Voter Guide goes, we 3 usually get about 96, 97 percent participation rates, 4 meaning we have anywhere from like three to four 5 candidates that don't submit a statement. We include 6 their names and we put "no statement submitted." In 7 this scenario we would not even have a name, so we 8 would just have to have basically a blank space 9 stating, you know, the -- let's say the Republican, you 10 know, gubernatorial candidate did not submit their 11 running mate in time for -- you know, at the time of 12 printing. So that could be the third option. 13 So the first option is, if candidates get 14 everything to us by the deadline, great, it's status 15 quo, business as usual. The second option is, if they 16 don't, and whether that's all or some -- if we don't 17 have all five, then we go to a supplemental mailing. 18 The third option is, we just print what we get. 19 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Well, I guess I have -- I 20 understand Commissioner Paton's suggestion, but I also 21 have a problem, because the deadline of September 22 whatever it is for them to -- to announce who their 23 choice is as a running mate was set by the Legislature. 24 And we can say, regardless of what the Legislature 25 says, if you want to get it in, this is our deadline;	1 statute charges to do, that explains to them the 2 offices and people who are on -- on the ballot. 3 So the most effective, simplest way to do 4 that from a perspective of communicating to candidates, 5 then communicating to the public, is to just have one 6 timeline for a second mailing for Lieutenant Governor. 7 And so that -- so I know there are -- there are -- I 8 recognize there's a range of discussion. But just from 9 a -- from a -- from a perspective of communicating to 10 candidates, communicating to the public, I think -- 11 I think that the simpler decision is simply 12 do we want to do the supplemental mailer for the 13 Lieutenant Governor candidates and the Governor 14 candidates in order to fulfill the statutory 15 requirements and mandates around the Voter Guide and 16 our obligation to inform the voter and do that in a 17 manner where everybody gets the exact same set of rules 18 and there's no contingencies. I think that's -- that's 19 my -- that's my ultimate recommendation and -- 20 You know, and obviously you're free to 21 disagree with that, but I just want to make sure that 22 we understand the reason why that's a good way to look 23 at this is, it takes all of these contingencies off the 24 table, it takes us out of the role of interfering in 25 the election in any way, and it sets us up just to be
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1 I'm not sure I'm comfortable with that. It kind of 2 feels good, but still I'm not sure that -- that I'm 3 comfortable with that. 4 Did you want to say something, Tom? 5 COMMISSIONER PATON: But this is going to be 6 -- this is going to be an ongoing problem every year -- 7 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Well, then that's -- 8 that's -- 9 COMMISSIONER PATON: -- every election. 10 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: That's another matter. 11 COMMISSIONER PATON: So it's not a one-time 12 deal. 13 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Well, I don't know about 14 that. 15 MR. COLLINS: My -- so just from my 16 perspective, I think I see this much simpler than maybe 17 everybody else has -- sees it. I -- first of all, I 18 don't see this as -- we can decide what to do four 19 years from now sometime in the next four years, 20 depending upon where we are. The way I see this is 21 simple. We should -- we should do the supplemental 22 mailer, we should plan on the supplemental mailer, we 23 should announce a clear timeline to candidates that 24 they can rely upon to provide the information to us, 25 and we should provide a document to voters, as the	1 in a position to fulfill our obligation to voters. 2 You know, all of those things we can take 3 care of if we have the simplest possible process, and 4 the simplest process here is one document, one 5 deadline. That's my -- that's just -- that's where I 6 come out, for what it's worth. 7 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: To follow up on Tom's 8 suggestion, printing this 16-page supplemental guide 9 would cost us somewhere around 600,000 -- \$609,000. 10 MR. COLLINS: Printing and mailing. 11 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Printing and mailing. 12 Which we have the money for -- whether we want to spend 13 it or not, we have the money for it, because some of 14 the other printing for the other Guides were -- came in 15 a little bit under what we expected. 16 Any other comments or questions from the 17 Commission? 18 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Mr. Chairman. 19 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Yes, Commissioner Werther. 20 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: So I'm in favor of the 21 supplemental, mostly for what Tom just kind of 22 reiterated and all the background that Gina provided. 23 I mean, we're -- we're talking about deadlines that are 24 within a week or two. I mean, this all is up -- coming 25 up very fast. And I would prefer that everyone has a

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1 very clear deadline, not only for the candidates and 2 the public, but frankly for our staff as well, and also 3 that they're not going to be getting any type of 4 criticism, right, if some people are showing up in the 5 pamphlet and others aren't. 6 And I do agree that this is -- I mean, this 7 is the first time this office is being, you know, held, 8 so having a supplemental at least for this election, I 9 think, you know, is -- I'm in favor of it. 10 I'd also say that, you know, I'm not sure how 11 the Legislature came up with this deadline, but perhaps 12 this is something we can revisit with them, right. I 13 mean, I think they've moved deadlines for counties when 14 we have, you know, different -- different issues that 15 come up. And if it's logistical like this, you know, 16 perhaps they'd be willing to move that up so in four 17 years everyone can just be on the same pamphlet. But 18 I'm just in favor of just doing the supplemental for 19 this year. 20 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 21 Commissioner Werther. 22 Any other comments from Members of the 23 Commission? 24 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Yeah, Mr. Chairman. 25 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Yes, Commissioner Crump.	1 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Yes, Commissioner Titla. 2 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Yeah. I'm glad that 3 we're discussing this issue, and I'd like to add that I 4 can understand both sides' opinions here on the issue. 5 But I think that we have to be fair to everybody and we 6 have to keep it simple as possible, because we know 7 that once things get complex or there are issues, then 8 people will get confused about it. 9 So I agree with the Executive Director's 10 route, and I would go along that route. We have to 11 make a motion, then I would make that motion at the 12 appropriate time to go with and agree with the 13 Executive Director's recommendation to us. Thank you. 14 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 15 Commissioner Titla. 16 Any other comments from Members of the 17 Commission? 18 (No response.) 19 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: So does any Member of the 20 Commission wish to make a motion? 21 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Yes, Chairman. I -- I 22 wish to make a motion to go along with the Executive 23 Director's recommendation to the Commission. 24 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Commissioner Titla, 25 as point of clarification, his recommend -- Tom's
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1 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Yeah. I -- I'm in 2 agreement with what I heard Commissioner Paton say. 3 This is a tremendous amount of public dollars to do 4 this. And I believe, you know, I don't -- I don't 5 think it's just about a week. I think it's closer to 6 three weeks if we were to notify them today and 7 tomorrow of this, that the candidates', you know, 8 campaigns can get this information to us in time. 9 And I think, you know, running for this 10 significant office -- it's not a school board race, not 11 that those are insignificant -- but, you know, they 12 have staff and they have professionals and they can get 13 this in on time to get all this free advertising out to 14 all the voters. And if they can't do that, well, 15 they're going to miss out. 16 So I think \$600,000 is rather significant. 17 And we've got a mailer going out, we've got time to 18 notify them, get the information to us if you want to 19 be included. 20 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 21 Commissioner Crump. 22 Any other comments from Members of the 23 Commission? 24 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Yes, Chairman. This is 25 Steve Titla.	1 recommendation was that we commit to a supplemental and 2 that's it. Is that -- 3 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Yes. 4 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: -- accurate, 5 Commissioner Titla? 6 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Yes, sir. Yes, 7 Chairman. 8 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Is there a second to 9 Commissioner Titla's motion? 10 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: I second. 11 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 12 Commissioner Werther. 13 It's been moved and seconded. 14 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Mr. Chairman. 15 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Yeah. 16 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Point of clarification 17 on -- on the motion. It's approving the supplemental. 18 Is -- because this was discussed, but I'm not clear 19 about the motion, if -- will there be those who get 20 their information on time, they'll be included in both 21 then? Is that part of the motion? 22 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: I don't believe so. I 23 don't believe so, Commissioner Crump, but -- 24 Tom. 25 MR. COLLINS: Okay. So we are at motion and

Page 38 1 second, so I think we can still discuss that, but I 2 don't know if this would change the motion, but let me 3 -- so if we need to make an adjustment here, we can 4 rewind, I think. 5 But so my -- so let me just be clear. The 6 memo in your materials recommends a supplement for the 7 Lieutenant Governor race. It does not have a 8 contingency plan in it. It says that we would spend 9 the 600,000 or whatever that ends up being, it could be 10 less, on a document that will have the Lieutenant 11 Governor and Governor candidates in that will come out 12 after the original Voter Education Guide. 13 As a practical matter, we cannot edit what 14 Governors or any candidates submit. So if a candidate 15 has selected their Lieutenant Governor candidates, they 16 can include that information in the statement that they 17 submit for the regular Guide. There's nothing we can 18 do about that. But we would not have a space for a 19 Lieutenant Governor profile, photo, et cetera in the 20 Voter Guide. 21 So -- so my -- so to be clear, my memo in 22 your materials and what I've stated is my position here 23 are the same. It is to have a Lieutenant 24 Governor/Governor Guide at the -- within the budget 25 that we identified and to have all candidates who are	Page 40 1 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Tom. 2 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, 3 Commissioner Crump, I take that point. I think that 4 the issue with the separate profile is that we have to 5 format the Guide itself, right. So the document itself 6 that we are producing has to -- is -- we're in the 7 process of already putting that together, so -- so 8 adding an additional page or any additional pages on a 9 contingent basis there is itself a technical difficulty 10 inasmuch as it is any other thing, right. 11 So, in other words, I think, as Gina 12 explained in her comments, were we to get all of those, 13 then we could deal with that, perhaps if we got them 14 timely, by formatting that into it, and it would change 15 our page count, it would change our interpretive costs, 16 and those kind of things, but we could do it if we got 17 them all. If we can't, then we're sort of building an 18 ad hoc format on the fly for a document publication 19 process that's not equipped for an ad hoc -- the 20 templates essentially just aren't -- aren't set up and 21 the process is not set up to allow you to make changes 22 on the fly, which are -- essentially it has more to do 23 with printing and publishing than it has to do with -- 24 with the issue you mentioned, which I take. I mean, 25 that's why I say I don't disagree with you at all.
Page 39 1 -- were eligible for that submit their materials by -- 2 you know, to do that. It is a factual issue, and not a 3 motion issue, that we cannot stop a person from telling 4 people who their nominee is, if they did it, but we 5 wouldn't have some specific section for that or 6 anything like that. 7 So I think that, just to put on a -- rules of 8 order hat on for a second, the most effective record 9 issue -- the most effective way to -- record would be 10 to probably withdraw the motion and the second and move 11 -- and have a motion that says to adopt the Executive 12 Director's memorandum recommendation. 13 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. 14 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Well, Mr. Chairman, just 15 as long as we're having discussion on this matter 16 before a new motion is made, on what has just been 17 said, it seems to me that there's probably very little 18 cost in profiling a Lieutenant Governor if, in fact, a 19 campaign is diligent about submitting that on time, and 20 being in both the original and the supplemental, and 21 this just provides more public education, which is what 22 we're about. So I'm not sure what the harm in doing 23 that is. I think it's a lost opportunity. But that's 24 my two cents. 25 MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman.	Page 41 1 It's really a -- a practical problem. 2 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. We're going to start 3 over again. Commissioner Titla, would you withdraw 4 your motion? Commissioner? 5 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Yes, Chairman, I 6 withdraw my motion to clarify the matter. 7 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you. 8 And Commissioner Werther, will you withdraw 9 your second? 10 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Yes, I withdraw my 11 second. 12 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. So let's -- is there 13 someone who wants to make a motion, after hearing this 14 discussion, to either adopt Tom's recommendation in 15 whole, to not adopt it, to modify it? Is there someone 16 who wants to make a motion? 17 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Yeah. Chairman, I'd 18 like to make a motion to adopt the Executive Director's 19 recommendation in whole. 20 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Thank you, 21 Commissioner Titla. 22 Is there a second? 23 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: I second. 24 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Werther, 25 second.

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1 Okay. Any discussion on this motion before 2 we vote? 3 (No response.) 4 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. I'll call the roll. 5 It's been moved and seconded that Tom's recommendation 6 of a supplemental mailing for the Lieutenant Governor 7 position be approved. I will call the roll. 8 Commissioner Werther. 9 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Aye. 10 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Crump. 11 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: No. 12 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton. 13 COMMISSIONER PATON: No. 14 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Chair votes aye. The 15 motion is approved 3-to-2. 16 MR. COLLINS: I didn't hear 17 Commissioner Titla. 18 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Oh, I'm sorry. 19 Commissioner Titla, did I call you? 20 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye. 21 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. I'm sorry. I 22 apologize if I skipped you. 23 The motion is approved 3-to-2. Thank you. 24 Okay. Item V, discussion and possible action 25 on Prop 211 litigation. Item V concerns litigation	1 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Aye. 2 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Crump. 3 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Aye. 4 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Titla. 5 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye. 6 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton. 7 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye. 8 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Chair votes aye. 9 We are going into executive session on 10 Item V. 11 * * * * * 12 (End of executive session. Public meeting 13 resumes at 11:19 a.m.) 14 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. We're back in open 15 session. Item VI is discussion and possible action on 16 the Commission's meeting schedule for August through 17 December 2026. Commissioners, you have the proposed 18 schedule in your packets. Just for the record, the 19 proposed meeting dates are August 27th, September 24th, 20 October 29th, November 19th, and December 17th. 21 Any questions or discussion from Members of 22 the Commission about our future meeting dates? 23 (No response.) 24 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Do I have a motion to 25 approve the proposed meeting dates?
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1 involving Proposition 211, the Voters' Right to Know 2 Act, including the senator -- excuse me -- the Center 3 for Arizona Policy, Incorporated versus Arizona 4 Secretary of State, Americans for Prosperity versus 5 Meyer, and Montenegro versus Fontes. As indicated in 6 the Agenda, the Commission may vote to go into 7 executive session to receive legal advice or consult 8 with its attorneys regarding this litigation pursuant 9 to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4). 10 Before we proceed, are there any questions or 11 discussion in open session? 12 (No response.) 13 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: If not, is there a motion 14 to go into executive session on Item No. V? 15 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Mr. Chairman, I move 16 to go into executive session for Item No. V. 17 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 18 Commissioner Werther. 19 Is there a second? 20 COMMISSIONER PATON: I'll second. 21 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 22 Commissioner Paton. 23 It's been moved and seconded that we go into 24 executive session on Item V. 25 Commissioner Werther.	1 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Mr. Chairman, I move 2 to approve the meeting dates as discussed. 3 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 4 Commissioner Werther. 5 Is there a second? 6 COMMISSIONER PATON: I'll second. 7 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 8 Commissioner Paton. 9 It's been moved and seconded that we approve 10 the proposed meeting dates. I'll call the roll. 11 Commissioner Werther. 12 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Aye. 13 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Crump. 14 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Aye. 15 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Titla. 16 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye. 17 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton. 18 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye. 19 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Chair votes aye. 20 The meeting dates are approved 5-to-nothing. 21 Item VII, public comment. This is the time 22 for consideration of comments and suggestions from the 23 public. Action taken as a result of public comment 24 will be limited to directing staff to study the matter, 25 rescheduling it for further consideration, or

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1 responding to criticism. Please limit your comments to 2 no more than two minutes. 3 Any member of the public wish to comment? No 4 one here. Anyone on Zoom? 5 (No response.) 6 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Public may also submit 7 comments by e-mail at ccec@azcleanelections.gov. 8 Item VIII, adjournment. At this time, I 9 would entertain a motion to adjourn. 10 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Mr. Chairman, I move 11 to adjourn. 12 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 13 Commissioner Werther. 14 Is there a second? 15 COMMISSIONER PATON: Second. 16 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Thank you, 17 Commissioner Paton. 18 It's been moved and seconded that we adjourn. 19 I'll call the roll. 20 Commissioner Werther. 21 COMMISSIONER WERTHER: Aye. 22 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Crump. 23 COMMISSIONER CRUMP: Aye. 24 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Titla. 25 COMMISSIONER TITLA: Aye.	1 STATE OF ARIZONA)) ss. 2 COUNTY OF MARICOPA) 3 4 BE IT KNOWN that the foregoing proceedings 5 were taken by me; that I was then and there a Certified 6 Reporter of the State of Arizona; that the proceedings 7 were taken down by me in shorthand and thereafter 8 transcribed into typewriting under my direction; that 9 the foregoing pages are a full, true, and accurate 10 transcript of all proceedings had and adduced upon the 11 taking of said proceedings, all to the best of my skill 12 and ability. 13 14 I FURTHER CERTIFY that I am in no way related 15 to nor employed by any of the parties hereto nor am I 16 in any way interested in the outcome hereof. 17 18 DATED at Tempe, Arizona, this 27th day of 19 July, 2026. 20 21  22 23 Kathryn A. Blackwelder, RPR 24 Certified Reporter #50666 25
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1 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton. 2 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye. 3 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Chair votes aye. 4 We are adjourned. Thank you. 5 (The meeting concluded at 11:21 a.m.) 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	

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