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CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Good morning. I'm going to call to order the November 14, 2019, meeting of the Citizens Clean Elections Commission. We'll do a roll call.

Commissioner Chan?

COMMISSIONER CHAN: Here.

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton?

COMMISSIONER PATON: Here.

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Kimble is here, too. We have a quorum.

Item II: Discussion and possible action on Commission minutes for the October 17, 2019 meeting.

Are there any additions, corrections to the minutes?

COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, I would move that we approve the minutes as written.

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER PATON: Second.

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: It's been moved and seconded that we approve the minutes for the October 17, 2019 meeting.

All those -- well, let's do a roll call vote.

MR. COLLINS: Yes, Mr. Chairman, Commissioners. I'll try to get through this pretty briefly.

One of our partnerships with the Pinal County elections department, we are -- we are in the final stages of production on. This project is the first of its kind in Arizona and it, basically, involves allowing Pinal, which is a fairly -- the population is fairly wide --

MS. THOMAS: The microphone.

MR. KIMBLE: Oh. The population is fairly widespread, although there are a number of population centers. And so we're working on -- with them on developing the design of a -- essentially, a mobile voter registration truck that we think will have both public relations, voter confidence involvement the community benefits for -- and participation benefits, but also, will, I think -- you know, may set -- be something that people -- other people copy going forward.

And we're working on all the post conference activities and analyzing how -- where we go from here. We'll have more discussion, I think, about that in the -- in December. I just want to make a quick note that our voter education director, Gina Roberts --

COMMISSIONER PATON: Excuse me. Your volume is --

MR. COLLINS: Not high enough?

COMMISSIONER PATON: Yeah.

MR. COLLINS: I'm sorry. Our voter education director, Gina Roberts --

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<td>1 very seriously. He'll literally be on the road today, tomorrow and Saturday at various events. So he's not here, but we're really, really excited about that ongoing work.  We've got a couple of outstanding legal matters. The Legacy Foundation Action Fund case is, sort of, in -- did they file a new appeal yet?  MS. O'GRADY: Yes, they did file a new appeal.</td>
<td>1 talking to one high-propensity user, you know, that, generally speaking, you know, like the press, for example, doesn't really think that See the Money is a reliable way to get the information. They want -- they'd rather currently look at the campaign finance reports, which is, sort of -- the whole point was to make that better.  So, we're hopeful that because of the investment we made under Secretary Reagan, we will continue to be able to participate and urge the Secretary of State to, you know, make that project, whatever -- however they want to label it, make that project work. I think --</td>
<td>1 it completed.  And we -- so, you know, I think, you know, we hope to -- we just want them -- we would like -- if they choose to prioritize this, we think they ought to among their various needs. And we would -- we would like them to, you know, as much as possible, include us in that process to the -- you know, and, sort of -- and just, you know, kind of -- and get it done.  There's no real -- I mean, you know, it's sort of -- that's just a long-term goal is to -- you know, I mean, at the end of the day, you know, I'm not prepared to say what ought to happen with the money that we had in. I am certainly prepared to say that I disagree that the mere change of administration voids interagency service agreements. That's not -- there's nothing in the statute that says that. These are -- interagency service agreements are statutory creatures that allow agencies like ours to purchase services from other agencies. They're not appropriations. They are contracts. And so --</td>
<td>1 2 And the Board of Regents' response to the petition for review has been filed. So, if anyone wants those, we can get ahold of those for you.  We're looking forward to working with, in addition to the county, with the Secretary of State's Office on Presidential Preference issues. We have -- on the Arizona Voter Dashboard, we did reach out to a couple of staff members there at the SOS, and we did get a response that that will get looked at. So that's a positive development. And, then, you know, one of the other things that's been going on over the course of the summer is, you know, the Secretary's Office has been outspoken about some of their budgetary needs going into the session. We're hopeful that if that were to -- if they were successful, that it would, you know, put them in a position to, sort of, upgrade or re -- sort of, finish off the See the Money website. I can say that, you know, it appears to us -- and I think this is not -- I think this is not unfair that sometime after Secretary Reagan's future was determined, that I think the -- I think that -- I think that they lost the coders they had there. And so a couple of things -- some functionality never got, sort of, finished. And I can tell you that, you know, at least</td>
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MR. COLLINS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAN: Not real time -- I mean, obviously, nothing is public until it's filed.

MR. COLLINS: Yes.

COMMISSIONER CHAN: According to the published reports.

MR. COLLINS: Right. Yes. That was all I wanted to clarify. Okay.

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Any more questions on this matter before --

COMMISSIONER PATON: Yes.

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton.

COMMISSIONER PATON: I kind of think of the old William Proxmire and his golden -- whatever. I kind of feel like we've been fleeced for $200,000 and, oh, well, the old person had your contract with you and I'm sorry it doesn't work right. I mean, that's -- that's horrible, really.

MR. COLLINS: Well --

COMMISSIONER PATON: It should work.

MR. COLLINS: Yeah. No, I --

Mr. Chairman --

COMMISSIONER PATON: That's a Ferrari.

That's $200,000. Get it to work. I mean, I'm pretty angry that we were assured by Ms. Reagan and her minions that came prancing through here and assured us multiple times that they were on it and it would work. And now not only does it not work. We spent all that money that we could have used many other different ways, and it seems to me that if it doesn't work, they should pay us the money back.

Sorry about my outburst.


deep into the weeds. I don't want to put you on the spot.

MR. COLLINS: No, no, no, not at all. I mean, I -- Mr. Chairman, Commissioner --

COMMISSIONER PATON: Your microphone.

MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Chan. I think that there's a couple of different things going on. See the Money was intended to be a

public-facing website that extracted and allowed the, sort of, manipulation of data that's already in the campaign finance reporting system database. Where people now go is to the campaign finance -- the CFRS, which is where they always went previously.

So, there's no -- to the best of my knowledge, there's no loss of information. It's really a question of the goal of the original program was to make it more accessible to average people and/or anybody who wanted to, you know, look at the data in context and look at different -- you know what I mean?

It had all the -- it has all these potential functionalities. In the absence of it, you know, it just means you go back to the campaign finance reporting system which -- which is accurate.

Real time is --

COMMISSIONER CHAN: Well, just to that point, real time according to the latest filed reports.

MR. THOMAS: Right. Yes.

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MR. COLLINS: Right. Yes. That was all I
1. if they have blown their budget anyway, then I'm sure
2. that money is gone.
3. MR. COLLINS: Well, to that point --
4. COMMISSIONER PATON: Maybe all that money
5. wasn't spent on what it was supposed to be spent on.
6. MR. COLLINS: To that point, Mr. Chairman,
7. Commissioner Paton, I think that -- I think that that
8. precise issue is part of what both the legislature and
9. the Secretary's Office are looking at right now is
10. where -- what is -- what fiscal situation was left by
11. Secretary Reagan's office, not necessarily Secretary
12. Reagan herself. And what -- and, then, you know, what
13. happened over the course of the next six months of the
14. fiscal year after Secretary Reagan left office. So, I
15. think that that's something that's going to be
16. discussed throughout the legislative session
17. forthcoming.
18. COMMISSIONER PATON: I mean, wasn't it,
19. like, a year ago that everything was eminent? It was
20. just they're ready to click the switch and --
21. MR. THOMAS: Well --
22. COMMISSIONER PATON: And, then, actually,
23. people that need to use it, want to use it are
24. abandoning it. And so it's, basically, useless, it
25. sounds like, if they can't depend on it.

1. MR. COLLINS: Right.
2. CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Right. And I think, in
3. summary, that deadlines have not been met. Promises
4. have not been kept, and the system is not working. And
5. we have given them the money, and they have not given
6. us what they said they would.
7. COMMISSIONER CHAN: Well, certainly,
8. Mr. Chairman, this new Secretary has been left holding
9. the bag for the old Secretary, and she is stuck with
10. the contract. I do believe -- although I certainly
11. understand she wouldn't want to be stuck holding the
12. bag, I think she is stuck holding the bag for the
13. previous Secretary.
14. And, you know, I've seen the news coverage
15. and the press release about the mess, the financial
16. mess that was left by the previous Secretary and the
17. additional, you know, budget appropriations that have
18. to be requested now by the office after -- I don't know
19. if it was an audit that was done by the new Secretary,
20. but I understand that there's a bit of a mess to be
21. cleaned up.
22. But I think this is something that it
23. sounds like Staff probably just needs to investigate
24. and see what, if anything, could be done to, kind of,
25. address our needs as one of the parties to this

1. working, and they're not worried about us spending that
2. money on it and they're, like, that has been stuff and
3. it's not anything we need to worry about now.
4. MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, Council Member
5. Paton, I think that may be true insofar as the
6. conversations they've had previously have only been
7. with myself and Mike. I think that you all have
8. more -- I think that both the budgetary issues that
9. they're going to the legislature for, coupled with
10. bringing -- you know, trying to alert -- you know,
11. bringing this up as in that context to revisit this
12. from a -- you know, bringing this to you all, I think,
13. change -- may change the dynamic there.
14. And I'm hopeful that it does, and I think
15. that -- you know, and we'll see what we can put
16. together over the next month to try to address some of
17. the concerns that, I think, are valid. And I think
18. many of them are. You know, when we first had this
19. conversation, just for background purposes, there
20. was -- we were not, I would say, in a position to
21. negotiate anything.
22. And it was -- but I think -- and I'm not
23. sure that we're in a position to negotiate now. We may
24. be in a position to make certain demands and/or certain
25. requests. My point and why this is included in the --
MR. COLLINS: So, for example, Commissioner.

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Okay. Thank you.

MR. COLLINS: Rules. We'll be talking more about R2-20-702 on this agenda later.

At GRRC, we still have two rules that are not -- that did not get approved, but were not returned. So we're going back to GRRC on the 26th for their study session and then on the 3rd for their -- or the 2nd -- 3rd for their business meeting in hopes that we can get a -- we can -- we can prevail on a majority of the Commission -- of the council to return those. R2-20-113 has to do with making it easier and more efficient for candidates to get their candidate statement in the candidate statement pamphlet. And R2-20-704 has to do with eliminating a, quote/unquote, rule of limitation on money owed the State that we believe is inconsistent with state law. We did not receive any negative feedback on those rules. We simply -- the council, with no explanation, tied on a vote to approve. They did not, however, follow up with a motion to return. And so --

MR. COLLINS: And I just -- and I don't know the Secretary of State or anything about it, but -- but it sounds like, to me, that what's done is done. We have to take a stand saying you have a contract and you need to fulfill it. So, anyway.

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. So, you're going to come back next month --

MR. COLLINS: Yeah.

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: -- with more.

Okay. Let's continue on with the executive director's report with appointments.

Tom?

MR. COLLINS: And I just wanted to hit these rules issues real quick. We have a more extensive discussion on one of them.

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Well, before we get to that, appointments.

MR. COLLINS: Yes. You know, I have -- it's my understanding the Governor's office has made substantial progress toward an appointment, and I am -- I am confident of that. I am confident -- you know, whether that happens in December or January, you know, to me, I mean, frankly, it's six of one and half a dozen of the other, but I'm confident that certainly before we are at risk of not having three non-holdover members, that an appointment will be made.

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: For housekeeping, let me just ask the question.

So, if someone gets appointed, would this person serve a three-year term?

MR. COLLINS: Mr. Chairman, yes. The holdover term counts against the five-year term.

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay.

MR. COLLINS: So, for example, Commissioner Meyer served -- whose the term was up in January, he served four years because Louis Hoffman served one of his years as a holdover.

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Okay. Thank you.

Now, under rules?

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and we were informed by the Governor -- GRRC's staff attorneys, who have been incredibly helpful through this process, that, you know, no action, therefore, had been taken because there's no majority for anything.

And so we will return to that on the 26th.

We are -- we are still looking at the December or January Commission meeting for R2-20-104, which is the loan rule we've been discussing. I have reached out to Secretary Bennett a couple of times, have not heard back. And, then, R2-20-201, which we discussed, which denied the 60-day period, won't be up until December, but that was one we set forward for public comment, I want to say, a couple meetings ago.

So, that's the status of the rules.

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Thank you.

Moving on to Item IV: Discussion and possible action on the Calendar Year 2020 budget and related matters.

MR. COLLINS: Yes. Mr. Chairman, Members, we have -- Mike has worked to put together our proposed 2020 calendar year budget. The statutory budget is the largest budget. That is critically the things that we want to deal with, obviously, are the caps on our -- on certain spending. With respect to our expected expenditures, I think that the top line increases in spending are associated with 2020 being an
We also believe that there are what qualify to coordinate has been -- has, I think, delivered value the, you know, content website of things and then Gina community, and then that freeing up Alec to focus on where we have someone who's free to go out into the beneficial. Adding Avery to voter ed in a position we've made specifically in voter ed have been really next calendar year. We have found that the additions one and maybe two more positions over the course of the MR. COLLINS: We anticipate adding at least or --
CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Are we adding people services in both administration and in voter education.
First of all, there's sizable increases in personnel CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. I just had a couple of questions on items that stood out to me.
pretty quickly. And so we always have that noted in there that we are not, in fact, in a deficit, but under the assumptions where it says money, we would be out of business.
So, I always want to make clear to everyone that that's a math problem, not a -- not a -- but we've got a long way to go before we have excess money.
CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. I just had a couple of questions on items that stood out to me. First of all, there's sizable increases in personnel services in both administration and in voter education.
Mr. Collins: Right.
CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Are we adding people or --
Mr. Collins: We anticipate adding at least one and maybe two more positions over the course of the next calendar year. We have found that the additions we've made specifically in voter ed have been really beneficial. Adding Avery to voter ed in a position where we have someone who's free to go out into the community, and then that freeing up Alec to focus on the, you know, content website of things and then Gina to coordinate has been -- has, I think, delivered value to the Commission.
We also believe that there are what qualify as administrative expenses in terms of EREs that we think we would bear a substantial benefit on in terms of our ability to cover, frankly, the legislative session and other things where, you know, we do that internally now, but there we feel like we have some options to ensure that we can be more present at the legislature without having to be present in -- in the same way that -- I don't know how to put -- let me put this this -- I don't know how to put this.
We need to have more folks down at the legislature, but there is a certain issue with -- if I show up and sit in the back of the meeting, it's -- the wags that run around the capitol react differently than other people sitting in the back of the meeting. And that's a problem, and I can't change it.
CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: So -- so, are we looking at having someone else who will sit in the back of meetings or handle legislative education or lobbying or whatever you want to call it?
MR. COLLINS: What we think and what Mike and I think is that it would be helpful to have both.
CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay.
MR. COLLINS: To both be able to have because I think -- and I think -- I think -- I mean, having worked with agencies who have, you know,
MR. COLLINS: Well, that's a good question.

COMMISSIONER PATON: Sorry.

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: The court assessments.

MR. COLLINS: Well, there's two things. I

think it was a two-part question: the court

assessments and are we spending more than we're taking

in. So, are we spending more than we take in in an

MR. COLLINS: Better late than never.

COMMISSIONER CHAN: And, Mr. Chairman,

since Tom said he was looking at me -- and, I guess,

literally physically he was looking at me and -- I

would agree. I would support something like this for

sure. I mean, I think, you know, people, perhaps,

sometimes scoff at government employees going down to

the legislature, but the fact is it's an extremely

important place to be when there are bills that affect

election law, our agency.

And, frankly, you just never know what's

going to pop up on any given day at any given minute,
1 I think that's a good thing.
2 MR. COLLINS: Good. Well, I'm not going to
3 disagree with that.
4 COMMISSIONER PATON: Okay. Okay.
5 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: And let me just stress I
6 am not opposed to it. I just wanted to discuss what
7 your plans were for the additional personnel expenses.
8 Are there any other specific questions that
9 members of the Commission have about the budget?
10 COMMISSIONER CHAN: No. Mr. Chairman, can
11 I just make another comment?
12 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Chan.
13 COMMISSIONER CHAN: I'm just so relieved to
14 hear you saw that, you know, the hiring of Avery has
15 really, maybe, given you some room to breathe because I,
16 frankly, think it's so easy for somebody to -- like
17 you, for example, to just take on so much and think
18 that you need to keep taking on more. And I think that
19 sometimes, you know, leadership requires you to hire on
20 and delegate more, and it's hard to do that.
21 So, kudos to finally hiring on some more
22 people to help and making some great picks and
23 continuing to do that. So, I think, obviously, it's
24 been a good decision, obviously.
25 MR. COLLINS: Well, as much as I appreciate

1 the -- Mr. Chairman, Commissioner Chan, I mean, the
2 credit goes to Paula and Gina and Alec and Avery and
3 Mike for their work on -- on these personnel issues
4 and -- and developing roles and ensuring that folks
5 have -- have work.
6 And Gina and Alec, you know, over the
7 course of the last election cycle, I think, pushed --
8 were pushed to, you know -- you know, kind of, way into
9 the -- way farther than I wish -- than one would want.
10 And so I'm -- the credit goes to the rest. Everybody
11 else on staff has really driven that process, other
12 than me. So I think the -- so the compliments go to
13 them, not to me.
14 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Okay.
15 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Tom, what.
16 specifically, are you asking for in terms of motions?
17 MR. COLLINS: We would simply ask the
18 Commission to move to approve Items 1 through --
19 numbered 1 through 5 on page 1 of Item IV.
20 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. And, just for the
21 record, those --
22 MR. COLLINS: Oh, and the budget itself.
23 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. The Items 1
24 through 5, Number 1, the 20 -- 2020 expenditure cap of
25 $21,704,634; Number 2, the 2020 administration and

1 enforcement expenditure cap of $2,170,463; the 2020
2 public education paid media expenditure cap of
3 $2,170,463; the projection of 2020 candidate funding
4 disbursements, $3,125,900; and Number 5, the projection
5 of no excess funds in the Clean Elections funding in
6 2020.
7 And is there a motion to approve those
8 items, as well as the budget as projected?
9 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, I would
10 so move.
11 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. And, just for the
12 record, those --
13 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Is there a second?
14 COMMISSIONER PATON: Second.
15 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: It's been moved and
16 seconded that we approve Items 1 through 5, as well as
17 the budget proposal.
18 Commissioner Chan?
19 COMMISSIONER CHAN: Aye.
20 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton?
21 COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye.
22 CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: The Chair votes aye.
23 It's approved to nothing.
24 Item V, without objection, we're going to
25 put off the discussion and possible action on the 2020
26 Voter Education Plan until next month until Gina is
27 back.
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<td>COMMISSIONER CHAN: Okay.</td>
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kicked around ideas on what to do about that. I'm not sure those are -- those are -- those are in the context of -- they are really in the context of legal advice.

I don't know how much we want to get into that now. You know, but -- so, we haven't reached what I think is the real issue here, which is the clarity of the Clean Elections Act versus the creative interpolation of Title 41 into the Clean Elections Act that GRRC intends to act on.

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: So, today, if we vote to begin the 60-day public comment period for 20-702, then, assuming we then approve it to take effect immediately, then it goes back to GRRC, along with the other changes that they voted in a tie on.

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Is there a motion to go into a brief executive session on this?

COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman, I move that we go into executive session.

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER PATON: Second.

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. Let's vote on going into executive session.

Commission Chan?

COMMISSIONER CHAN: Aye.

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton?

COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye.

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: The Chair votes aye. Three to nothing, Commissioner Paton will be the Chair beginning in 2020.

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. We'll go into a brief executive session.

(The following section of the meeting is in executive session and bound under separate cover.)

We'll go into a brief executive session.

(End of executive session. Public meeting resumes at 10:34 a.m.)

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Okay. We are resuming our meeting with Item VIII: Discussion and possible action on selection of a chairman for the Commission for 2020.

Is there a motion to who should be the chairman for 2020?

COMMISSIONER CHAN: Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Is there a second?

COMMISSIONER PATON: Second.

CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: The Chair votes aye. We're glad to have you here.
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<td>MS. KNOX: My name is Rivko Knox. I'm here on behalf of the League of Women Voters of Arizona, and I just wanted to say how pleased the League was with the recent We the Voters conference and how we really want to compliment the Commission and staff for putting together a fabulous conference. We want to thank all of you for allowing the League to have a table. We had a number of league members there, and many of them asked to then have all the videos put on our website. So they are. And we just feel -- I mean, I know this was the first time, and clearly there will be, you know, I'm sure, some changes in the future, but we think it was a wonderful, wonderful step in the direction of voter education. We just wanted to thank all of you. And, if you will, forget the fall. Oh, that's just how life goes. Thank you all very much. And keeping the word on the wonderful voter education work. We talk about -- we tell everybody how we feel the Clean Elections has this, like, hidden treasure of voter education, including your amazing website that too few people know about, and we talk about it on a regular basis wherever we go. So, thank you all very much.</td>
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<td>for your comments about -- specifically about the events several weeks ago. And we'll make sure that Gina knows about that since she was largely responsible, but to the other staff members here who help set this up, thank you very much. And, also, thank you for your continued support, and it's great to continue to work with the League in the many things that we've cooperated on.</td>
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<td>don't know if the staff knows, but I don't know if anything like that has ever really been done before in the U.S., I mean, for voters.</td>
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<td>COMMISSIONER CHAN: So, I just -- again, I can't -- I really just can't say enough good things about it. It was absolutely fantastic, and kudos to the whole staff and team here. So, thank you.</td>
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<td>CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: And I think we can, also, make these comments next month when Gina will be back --</td>
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<td>COMMISSIONER CHAN: Definitely.</td>
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<td>COMMISSIONER CHAN: Aye.</td>
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CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: Commissioner Paton.
COMMISSIONER PATON: Aye.
CHAIRMAN KIMBLE: The Chair votes aye.
We are adjourned. Thank you.
(Whereupon, the proceedings concluded at
10:41 a.m.)

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