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

2 (3:01 p.m.)

3 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: This is the Public
4 Health Council. May I have a call to order and roll
5 call.

6 MRS. RIVERA: Good morning. We are
7 going to call the meeting to order. My name is
8 Erlin Rivera. Please know that we're transcribing
9 through Teams. This is a formal meeting of the
10 Public Health Council. Adequate notice of this
11 meeting has been published in accordance with the
12 provisions of Chapter 231, Public Law 1975 C-10:4.10
13 of the State of New Jersey entitled Open Public
14 Meetings Act. Notice was sent to the Secretary of
15 State who posted the notice in a public place.
16 Notice was also provided electronically on the
17 department's website and meeting dates have been
18 published in two New Jersey newspapers. I will now
19 call the roll. Ms. Stephanie Carey.

20 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Here.

21 MRS. RIVERA: Mr. Paul Roman.

22 VICE CHAIRPERSON ROMAN: Yes. I'm
23 here by phone.

24 MRS. RIVERA: Mr. Michael Gross.

25 MR. GROSS: Here.

1 MRS. RIVERA: Ms. Carol Chamberlain.

2 MS. CHAMBERLAIN: Present.

3 MRS. RIVERA: Dr. Suffiyah Webb.

4 (No response.)

5 MRS. RIVERA: We have four members of
6 the Council present, which does constitute a quorum.

7 For transcription purposes, please announce your
8 full name each time before speaking, and please mute
9 your phones during the meeting. Thank you.

10 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Thank you, Jess.

11 Welcome, everyone, to this virtual meeting of the
12 Public Health Council. There will be an opportunity
13 for public questions later in the meeting. I want
14 to acknowledge that in the coming weeks there are
15 major impacts to public health going on in the State
16 of New Jersey.

17 I want to thank everyone who has been
18 working on the statewide FIFA response and
19 preparedness. It is going to impact public health
20 in New Jersey, and the fact that we've got people
21 stepping up to the plate to be ready is a credit to
22 everyone who's making that effort.

23 I also want to acknowledge that public
24 concern about hantavirus is resulting in the need for
25 a response in New Jersey, and that the fact that we

1 need communicable disease investigators on a 24-7
2 basis is being reinforced by this response and the
3 public attention that it is drawing. The Voice of
4 Public Health always needs to be heard.

5 At this meeting today, our members
6 will be discussing some of the recommendations to the
7 commissioner, which is the core of our purpose of
8 existence. So we will be talking about later today
9 in our agenda both recommendations on smoking in
10 casinos, and recommendations on how to address
11 strategies for the state in response to Medicaid cuts
12 and healthcare access. That said, we will move on to
13 our next agenda item. I call for a motion to approve
14 the previous meeting minutes of April 13th, 2026.

15 MR. GROSS: Mickey Gross. Motion to
16 approve.

17 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Thank you, Mr.
18 Gross. Do we have a second?

19 VICE CHAIRPERSON ROMAN: Can you here
20 me? Can I second?

21 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Yes. Paul Roman
22 to second.

23 VICE CHAIRPERSON ROMAN: I'll second.

24 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Thank you. Roll
25 call.

1 MRS. RIVERA: Ms. Stephanie Carey.

2 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Yes.

3 MRS. RIVERA: Mr. Paul Roman.

4 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Yes.

5 MRS. RIVERA: Mr. Michael Gross.

6 MR. GROSS: Yes.

7 MRS. RIVERA: Ms. Carol Chamberlain.

8 MS. CHAMBERLAIN: Yes.

9 MRS. RIVERA: We have four yeses.

10 Motion carries.

11 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Thank you. For
12 chairperson's report, I refer to my previous
13 comments and moving on later in this meeting for new
14 business. Therefore, may I ask for questions or
15 comments from council members?

16 VICE CHAIRPERSON ROMAN: Stephanie,
17 this is Paul Roman. I have a question that's not on
18 the agenda or anything. I'd like to pass it on to
19 the department and try to get an answer. I gave
20 testimony at the Senate budget hearing a while back
21 for this year, for the new fiscal year. And in
22 reviewing the budget for public health, comparing it
23 to the current fiscal year 2026, it seems that there
24 was a \$500,000 transfer into the public health
25 budget portion of the Department of Health budget.

1 And it doesn't specify what it was
2 for, but it's not carried over to this year.
3 Everything else is comparable. In other words, the
4 money given or requested to be given to the public
5 health division is the same as last year, with the
6 exception of the \$500,000 that they got last year as
7 a transfer. But we don't know what it was for or
8 where it came from. So I'd like to get an answer to
9 that at some future time if somebody could pass that
10 on.

11 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Thank you. I see
12 Dr. Sahu is present. Would you be able to answer
13 that question or would you need to consult with your
14 budget office?

15 DR. SAHU: Yeah. Thanks, Paul. Yeah,
16 we'll have to talk to the budget office, but if you
17 wouldn't mind just sending that in an e-mail, that
18 way we can float it and see what happened there.
19 Thanks.

20 VICE CHAIRPERSON ROMAN: Can do.

21 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Thank you. All
22 right. What other questions or comments do we have
23 from the council members? Ms. Chamberlain? Mr.
24 Gross.

25 MS. CHAMBERLAIN: This is Carol

1 Chamberlain. I have nothing at this point in time.

2 Thank you.

3 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Okay.

4 MR. GROSS: I'm good. This is Mickey
5 Gross. The only thing I do want to do is I want to
6 compliment -- two weeks ago they had a class on FIFA
7 dealing with retail food establishments, and it was
8 fantastic. And that's Loel Muetter's group, and
9 everybody in that group should be complimented. I
10 know you had 400 health officers and sanitarians or
11 registered environmental health specialists on the
12 line.

13 They did a fantastic job, and please,
14 please pass on to them the fantastic job they did.
15 It was very informative, and they should be
16 congratulated on doing such a great job. I go back
17 to the old days with Loel, and I want to tell you, he
18 should be very proud of his staff. That's my
19 comments. Thank you. Mickey Gross.

20 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Thank you. Thank
21 you, Mr. Gross. All right, moving onward -- are
22 there any items of old business to bring up at this
23 point.

24 (No response.)

25 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: If not, I would

1 like to move forward on new business. Specifically,
2 our key role as Public Health Council members is to
3 supply recommendations to -- and advice to -- the
4 commissioner on a regular basis for items that are of
5 emerging interest and concern to public health in New
6 Jersey. Last year, we focused on our committee
7 structure as a means of preparing those
8 recommendations.

9 And in the coming weeks and months, I
10 would like to assure that we continue to use our
11 committee structure to develop and forward relevant
12 recommendations to the commissioner. Two items that
13 have come up recently are actions on smoke-free
14 casino policies, and indeed the impacts of Medicaid
15 cuts on the health of New Jerseyans and on the
16 public health system.

17 And obviously those are two distinct
18 topics. First, the first and more straightforward is
19 regarding pending smoke-free casino legislation and
20 what, in the interim, the health department can do to
21 promote smoke-free casinos.

22 (Point of order.)

23 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Point of order,
24 Jess -- can you reach out to Dr. Webb, who
25 apparently is attempting to log in?

1 MRS. RIVERA: For her. Okay.

2 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Okay. Yes,
3 please. All right. So members of the council,
4 there was a draft document circulated. I would like
5 to read that into the record, and then any
6 additional comments from the council members, and
7 then we can vote as to whether we want to forward
8 this to the commissioner and any additional
9 recommendations. Is that satisfactory?

10 VICE CHAIRPERSON ROMAN: Yes,
11 Stephanie. It's Paul. The draft number two, which
12 is what you're referring to -- correct -- I think is
13 well put together. You did a great job of putting
14 this together with all the facts and the
15 considerations and so on. There is one thing that I
16 had suggested we put in here, but it probably didn't
17 belong in here, but I do want to put it into the
18 record, and that is that a year and a half ago,
19 possibly almost two years now, when I was chair and
20 you were vice, you actually prepared a handout at my
21 recommendation, and we actually voted on it.

22 It was a recommendation to the
23 commissioner at that time to support the Smoke-Free
24 Air Act and get rid of the exemption for the casinos.
25 So this was brought up once before at the Public

1 Health Council and members of the council at that
2 time did support it as a recommendation to the
3 commissioner.

4 Again, it's important to note that the
5 commissioner can change some regulations, but I think
6 the proper way to do this is through legislation,
7 because that's where the Smoke-Free Air Act is. And
8 it's been in court. It's a very contentious thing.
9 There was recently, when the governor went to
10 Atlantic City to give a speech on another matter, an
11 outdoor grouping of people who were for getting rid
12 of the exemption and supporting the Smoke-Free Air
13 Act without the exemption.

14 And she didn't choose to comment or
15 anything on it. But I think this is something that's
16 very, very important. We did address it once before,
17 so I want that in the minutes. And I do support
18 this. So if anybody else has -- when the comments
19 are done -- I'd like to make a motion to move this
20 forward.

21 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Yes, yes. Thank
22 you, Paul. And that is correct, that we initially
23 prepared a briefing paper in support of smoke-free
24 legislation. And specifically, this is reformatted
25 as recommendations to the commissioner for what is

1 within the commissioner's scope of work.

2 This new document removes references
3 to specific legislation, as our job is to make
4 recommendations to the commissioner as opposed to
5 making direct recommendations to the legislature.
6 So references to specific legislation have been
7 removed in this new version.

8 VICE CHAIRPERSON ROMAN: To pending
9 legislation.

10 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Yes, yes.
11 Correct. Acknowledging that there is pending
12 legislation, and in the meantime, what can the
13 health department do to promote indoor clean air.

14 VICE CHAIRPERSON ROMAN: Right.

15 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Okay. All right.
16 So that said, I would like to read this into the
17 record, and then as you said, a motion can be made.
18 Okay.

19 VICE CHAIRPERSON ROMAN: Do you need
20 to read it in or can we just have it put into the
21 minutes as an attachment or something?

22 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Let's see. That
23 is a good question. Point of order. Any comments
24 from the legal team?

25 MS. TINGLEY: Hi, this is DAG

1 Elizabeth Tingley. That would be fine. Either way
2 you want to approach it, whether reading it into the
3 record or just referencing the title of the
4 document.

5 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Okay. All right.
6 Since the members have the document, I know we do
7 have some members of the public who may be
8 interested. So I will read it into the record so
9 that the members of the public who are attending can
10 understand what we are approving. Okay. And this is
11 Public Health Council Recommendations to the
12 Commissioner Regarding Adoption of Smoke-Free Casino
13 Policies.

14 The Public Health Council provides the
15 following data and recommendations to the
16 commissioner in order to improve the health of
17 vulnerable workers in the casino industry. And that
18 is: Since 2006, the Smoke-Free Air Act has protected
19 all workers from secondhand smoke except casino
20 workers.

21 That secondhand smoke is a known human
22 carcinogen that kills over 41,000 non-smokers per
23 year. That tobacco toxins, including benzene,
24 nicotine, and formaldehyde, are demonstrated to be in
25 the air of casino floors and in casino non-smoking

1 workers' blood. That 50% of the casinos sampled had
2 air pollution levels known to cause cardiovascular
3 disease after only two hours of exposure. And the
4 level of fine particle air pollution found inside
5 casino floors were four to six times that of outside
6 air, even in well-ventilated casinos.

7 Under the category of equity, the
8 burden of secondhand smoke exposure in casinos falls
9 on moderate and low-income New Jersey workers who do
10 not have the choice of leaving the room. And that
11 African Americans experience the most severe
12 disparities in exposure to secondhand smoke, with
13 twice as much exposure to secondhand smoke as people
14 of other races, building on already existing health
15 disparities.

16 Under economic considerations, the
17 CDC's Community Preventive Services Task Force
18 concluded, quote, that smoke-free policies did not
19 have an adverse economic impact on business activity
20 of restaurants, bars, or establishments catering to
21 tourists, and some studies found a small positive
22 effect of these policies, unquote. Nine gaming
23 states already have smoke-free casinos according to
24 CDC data.

25 And the CDC, NIOSH, American Lung

1 Association, American Public Health Association, and
2 New Jersey Public Health Association's collaborative
3 efforts agree that clean indoor air saves lives.
4 Interim remedies to recommend to the commissioner.
5 We acknowledge that remedies are being sought by
6 third parties outside the scope of the council
7 through the judicial and legislative branches.

8 In the interim, the council recommends
9 the New Jersey Department of Health explore
10 alternative options to protect the workforce pending
11 action of the other branches, such as leveraging New
12 Jersey SHAD data to profile the prevalence of asthma,
13 heart disease, and respiratory disease in the casino
14 workforce, and the costs and productivity and cost to
15 the healthcare system. This data can be formatted
16 for public distribution and easy access by the
17 public.

18 We acknowledge that the majority of
19 casino workers are not covered by PEOSH, the Public
20 Employee Occupational Safety and Health Act. Some
21 public employees, however, are required to be present
22 in casinos as part of their job requirements.
23 Evaluate exposure of New Jersey public employees to
24 casino smoke as a PEOSH issue based on exposure to a
25 known carcinogen, including casino enforcement

1 officials, local enforcement inspectors such as fire
2 and health, and public officials attending
3 conferences for mandatory training.

4 And the last bullet point is to review
5 current NJAC regulations for interpretations of
6 enforcement of indoor smoking regulations to
7 facilitate reduced exposure to casino workers,
8 ancillary facilities, and having regulations ready to
9 take effect upon any changes to the New Jersey
10 Smoke-Free Indoor Air Act or court rulings.

11 So this is the document. References for the data
12 that were used in this document will be included in
13 the minutes of this meeting. Thank you. And
14 members' comments. Is there a motion to adopt.

15 VICE CHAIRPERSON ROMAN: Yes. I will.
16 Paul Roman. I will move this document as a
17 recommendation to the commissioner to remove the
18 casino workers' exemption from the Smoke-Free Air
19 Act of New Jersey.

20 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: And Mr. --

21 MR. GROSS: Mickey Gross. I'll second
22 it.

23 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Okay. Just point
24 of order, Mr. Roman -- can you amend to support of
25 this particular recommendations document, as opposed

1 to, understanding that the legislature is working on
2 amendments to the Smoke-Free Indoor Air Act, so we
3 are making a recommendation to the commissioner that
4 does not specifically mention the pending
5 legislation.

6 VICE CHAIRPERSON ROMAN: Right, right.
7 Yeah, that's fine.

8 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Okay. Can you --
9 would you like to amend your motion?

10 VICE CHAIRPERSON ROMAN: Correct.

11 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Okay. So we have
12 --

13 VICE CHAIRPERSON ROMAN: To eliminate
14 any references to ongoing legislation.

15 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Yes. So the
16 motion is to accept Draft Version Two, that was read
17 into the minutes and is being included as an
18 attachment.

19 VICE CHAIRPERSON ROMAN: Right.

20 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Okay. Motion by
21 Mr. Roman. Mr. Gross, you were seconding the revised
22 motion?

23 MR. GROSS: I second the motion.
24 Should have been done long, long, long time ago.
25 God bless you all.

1 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Thank you. Thank
2 you, sir. Okay, so we have a motion and a second to
3 support the commissioner recommendations. May I
4 have a roll call, please?

5 MRS. RIVERA: Ms. Stephanie Carey.

6 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Yes.

7 MRS. RIVERA: Mr. Paul Roman.

8 VICE CHAIRPERSON ROMAN: Yes.

9 MRS. RIVERA: Mr. Michael Gross.

10 MR. GROSS: Yes.

11 MRS. RIVERA: Ms. Carol Chamberlain.

12 MS. CHAMBERLAIN: Yes.

13 MRS. RIVERA: Four yeses. Motion
14 carried.

15 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Thank you. Thank
16 you. All right. The second item is a discussion of
17 developing recommendations to the commissioner
18 regarding strategies in response to Medicaid cuts
19 and related access and affordability issues.

20 My request to the council is that we
21 use our committee structure to develop some pending
22 recommendations, understanding that this is a
23 massive topic and we need to make some specific,
24 focused recommendations to the commissioner to
25 address some of these items. So may I call for --

1 who would like to be on that committee? And we can
2 have up to three people on a committee, I believe.

3 MS. CHAMBERLAIN: Stephanie, this is
4 Carol Chamberlain. I'd be happy to work with you on
5 that.

6 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Yes. Okay. Yes.
7 Anyone else? I would like to --

8 MR. GROSS: Mickey. I'll help.

9 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: I would like to be
10 on that. Okay. All right. Sounds good.

11 VICE CHAIRPERSON ROMAN: Stephanie, I
12 do have a question. It's Paul. You're talking
13 about a blue ribbon panel. Is that something that
14 would be constituted by the commissioner, or are you
15 looking for something above the level of the
16 department?

17 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Let's see. That
18 is one of the things we would want to talk about in
19 committee and consult with Dr. Sahu and even the
20 commissioner itself. But what you mentioned -- it
21 being above your pay grade -- in jest there. And
22 the serious answer is that this is a huge, complex
23 issue. But we know that it's going to have to be
24 state level action because it's not going to be
25 federal level action. And we know that there are

1 some states that have made some good progress on
2 some of these issues.

3 I mentioned, for example, Colorado
4 and New York. So the start of the process could end
5 up being the recommendation. Because yes, as you
6 said, it's quote unquote above our pay grade. But
7 if not now, when? And if not us, who? So it's time
8 to start a conversation. And this subcommittee, I
9 acknowledge, is baby steps in a much larger journey.

10 VICE CHAIRPERSON ROMAN: You might
11 want to check with Dr. Webb and see if she wants to
12 serve on that too, because, you know, she deals with
13 Medicaid cases.

14 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Yes. Yes. I will
15 do that. Thank you. Okay. Thank you for everyone
16 who volunteered. Okay. All right. At this point,
17 we would like to open to the public for questions or
18 comments to the chairperson. I see that we have
19 seven attendees watching the event -- just
20 double-checking. Ed is our IT representative. Will
21 they be able to raise their hands or do they have to
22 write into the chat or the Q&A?

23 MR. TRANOSKY: Only in the Q&A.
24 Correct.

25 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Okay. All right.

1 MR. TRANOSKY: There is somebody in
2 there now that says they would like to speak.

3 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: All right. Let's
4 see. Is there a way to bring them in?

5 MRS. RIVERA: No.

6 MR. TRANOSKY: Well, Jess wrote --
7 please put your question in the chat and provide
8 your name, because they did it as anonymous.

9 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Okay. All right.
10 The user who said they would like to speak -- can
11 you identify yourself for the record? Okay. All
12 right. We will. Okay.

13 MRS. RIVERA: Madam Chair, there is a
14 comment from Danny O'Halloran, Americans for
15 Non-Smokers' Rights. He just put the name. There
16 are no questions though.

17 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Yes. Hello, Mr.
18 O'Halloran. Would you like to send your question in
19 or your statement?

20 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: We will wait a
21 moment to allow Mr. O'Halloran the opportunity to
22 post. And I appreciate your patience and your
23 participation.

24 MR. TRANOSKY: They posted.

25 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Okay. Good.

1 MR. TRANOSKY: Pretty lengthy.

2 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Okay. One moment.
3 Here we go. All right. As chair, I will read Mr.
4 O'Halloran's comments into the record. Thank you
5 for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of
6 closing the smoking casino loophole in New Jersey's
7 Smoke-Free Air Law. Americans for Non-Smokers'
8 Rights is a national membership-based advocacy
9 organization dedicated to protecting everyone's right
10 to breathe clean air.

11 We have been working on this issue
12 since the mid-1970s, beginning with efforts to
13 eliminate secondhand smoke exposure in workplaces and
14 public places, then expanding to restaurants, bars,
15 airplanes, and now casinos. As public health
16 advocates, we are deeply concerned about the ongoing
17 exposure of casino workers to toxic, cancer-causing
18 chemicals, especially as virtually every other worker
19 in New Jersey is protected from smoke in the
20 workplace.

21 I thank you for your recognition of
22 the burden this places on lower-income workers and
23 that independent data exists to show that going
24 smoke-free will not cause economic harm and will
25 likely actually improve the economic situation of New

1 Jersey casinos.

2 Additionally, you noted that these
3 policies are the norm in many states, and New Jersey
4 would be stepping into well-trodden territory by
5 moving towards smoke-free casinos. This would not be
6 new and not be untested. I would like to add one
7 additional point important to the case for smoke-free
8 casinos. Contrary to industry claims, ventilation
9 systems are not the solution. The American Society
10 of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning
11 Engineers, the standard setters for indoor air
12 quality, findings are definitive.

13 Quote, there is no currently available
14 or reasonably anticipated ventilation or air cleaning
15 system that can adequately control or significantly
16 reduce the health risks of environmental tobacco
17 smoke to an acceptable level. As ASHRAE makes clear,
18 ventilation can reduce odor and discomfort, but
19 cannot eliminate exposure to the harmful toxins in
20 secondhand smoke.

21 Mr. O'Halloran continues: This year,
22 New Jersey is celebrating 20 years of the State's
23 Smoke-Free Air Act. While the landmark legislation
24 was a major milestone for public health in the state,
25 it was also a huge loss for casino workers. The act

1 ended indoor smoking in most public spaces and places
2 of employment, but excluded casino gaming floors from
3 these protections, creating a casino smoking loophole
4 that has left New Jersey casino workers behind for
5 the past 20 years.

6 We were incredibly proud to support
7 the 2006 Smoke-Free Air Act in New Jersey, but we
8 were, and continue to be, horrified by the loophole
9 that leaves Atlantic City casino workers unprotected
10 from toxic secondhand smoke in the workplace.
11 Casinos are the only workplace in New Jersey where
12 indoor smoking is allowed, leaving an already
13 vulnerable population exposed to increased health
14 risks.

15 We urge the members of the Public
16 Health Council to formally recommend that Health
17 Commissioner Washington work with state legislators
18 to completely close the casino smoking loophole once
19 and for all. Thank you for your leadership and
20 motion to recommend this resolution to the
21 commissioner. Sincerely, Americans for Non-Smokers'
22 Rights. This ends Mr. O'Halloran's statement. Thank
23 you.

24 Are there any other members of the
25 public who would like to submit a question or comment

1 to the chairperson? Seeing none, I will move to
2 closing comments. I want to thank everybody for your
3 participation today and for the public comments. We
4 will be using our committee structure to continue to
5 develop additional recommendations for the
6 commissioner. And today's recommendations regarding
7 smoke-free casino policies will be forwarded to the
8 commissioner in the coming week.

9 MRS. RIVERA: Madam Chair, this is
10 Jess. There is another question in there. It says
11 again, anonymous user, there is no name, but it
12 says, When and where will a copy of the resolution
13 be available?

14 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Yes. The copy of
15 the resolution will be part of the minutes of this
16 meeting. And that becomes available within two to
17 four weeks, usually. And that is included in the
18 materials, the publicly available materials for this
19 meeting.

20 MRS. RIVERA: Also, Madam Chair,
21 please note that Dr. Webb just joined us.

22 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Yes. Thank you. Thank you, Dr.
23 Webb, for being here as well. Are there any other
24 -- any other business to bring before the council at
25 this time?

1 VICE CHAIRPERSON ROMAN: No.

2 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Our next meeting
3 is scheduled for June 8th. And given that, may I
4 have a motion to adjourn?

5 MR. GROSS: This is Mickey Gross.
6 Motion to adjourn.

7 MS. CHAMBERLAIN: Carol Chamberlain.
8 Second.

9 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Okay. Mr. Gross,
10 motion to adjourn, and Ms. Chamberlain, second.
11 Roll call.

12 MRS. RIVERA: Ms. Stephanie Carey.

13 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Yes.

14 MRS. RIVERA: Mr. Paul Roman.

15 VICE CHAIRPERSON ROMAN: Yes.

16 MRS. RIVERA: Mr. Michael Gross.

17 MR. GROSS: Yes.

18 MRS. RIVERA: Ms. Carol Chamberlain.

19 MS. CHAMBERLAIN: Yes.

20 MRS. RIVERA: And Dr. Suffiyah Webb.

21 (Dr. Webb was muted.)

22 MRS. RIVERA: We have four yeses.

23 Meeting adjourned. Have a great day.

24 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: All right. Okay.

25 MS. CHAMBERLAIN: Thank you, Jess.

1 VICE CHAIRPERSON ROMAN: Thanks.

2 CHAIRPERSON CAREY: Thank you.

3 VICE CHAIRPERSON ROMAN: Thank you.

4 Bye-bye.

5 MRS. RIVERA: You're welcome.

6 (Meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.)

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5 of the testimonies at the time, place and on the date
6 hereinbefore set forth, to the best of my ability.

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10 was taken, and further, that I am not a relative or
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