

**PANDEMONIUM AT
THE POLLS**

AGENDA

Introductions

How this works

Considerations

Case Studies

Debrief/Q&A



HOW THIS WORKS

SETUP

- Instructors will put one case study at a time on the screen and read it out loud to the group
- Participants work their small groups about how best to handle each one
- Choose one participant from your group to share out what the group came up with



CONSIDERATIONS

HOW TO WORK THROUGH AN ISSUE

1. Significance/Urgency

Does it have to be resolved RIGHT NOW?

Is this going to impact anything else in voting today or after the polls close?

2. Resources

Can I resolve it myself or do I need to involve others?

Who else might need to be involved?

HOW TO WORK THROUGH AN ISSUE

3. Solution(s)

Is there a right answer?

What are all the inputs that might change how to handle this?

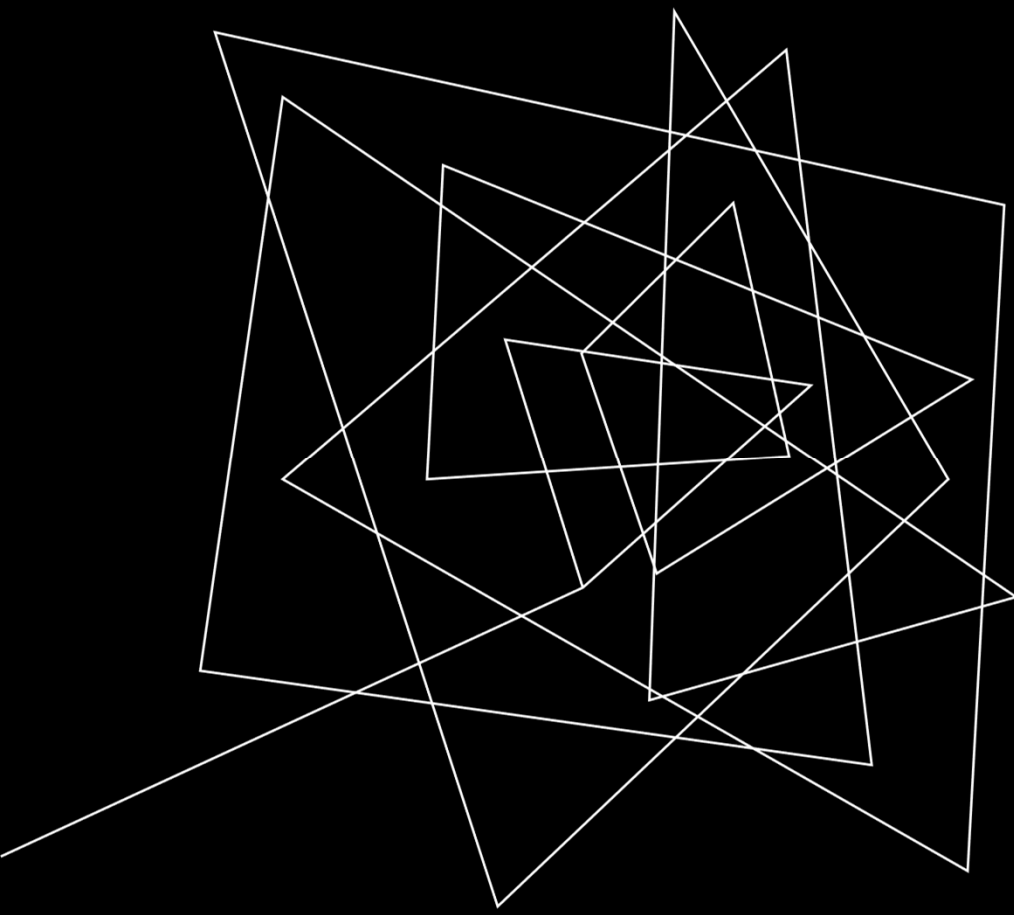
4. Documentation

Is the EL-104 enough?

Do I need to have accident/incident reports?

Does an email need to be sent to anyone?

Internal documentation for review later



LET'S GET INTO IT!



**Have your vote and
drink beer too!**

CASE STUDY 1

After the polls close, your poll workers tell you the following:

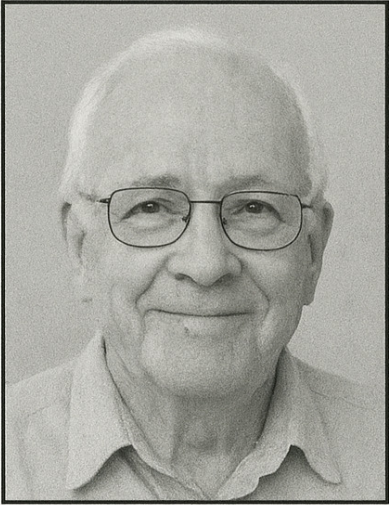
- A voter came in who was clearly intoxicated
- He had already voted
- He claimed he voted his first ballot in invisible ink so the voting equipment wouldn't read it
- Your poll workers gave him another ballot



CASE STUDY 2

- A raccoon falls through the ceiling at your polling place.
- It lands on the tabulator.
- It is still alive.

OBITUARY



**S
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74**

Sterling Dixon, 74, accidentally fell out of a tree and onto a power line on Friday.

He will be remembered for his quirky sense of humor and his questionable life choices.

A public statement will be

CASE STUDY 3

During voter check-in:

- A voter comes in who is not on the poll book
- The poll workers call the clerk
- Before printing the pollbook, the clerk marked the voter deceased based on the voter's obituary in the local newspaper



CASE STUDY 4

- The keyholder to your polling place has not arrived at 7:15 a.m.
- Voters have been in line waiting to vote since 6:45 and many need to leave for work



CASE STUDY 5

Clerk gets a call from WEC on Election Day regarding a couple's experience at the polls:

- The greeter was talking with people in line about politics generally
- The greeter looked at what the couple were wearing (no party or campaign apparel at all) and said "I guess we know how they'll be voting".
- The couple has an audio recording of the incident because they accidentally hit the audio note record function after sending a text to someone



CASE STUDY 6

- A voter checks in and gets their ballot
- They vote the ballot in a booth and walk to the tabulator
- Voter dies before putting the ballot in the tabulator



CASE STUDY 7

The clerk quit the day before the election, wiped the computer of all files related to elections, finance, payroll, any municipal business. You have been appointed the clerk.

CASE STUDY 8

WARNING

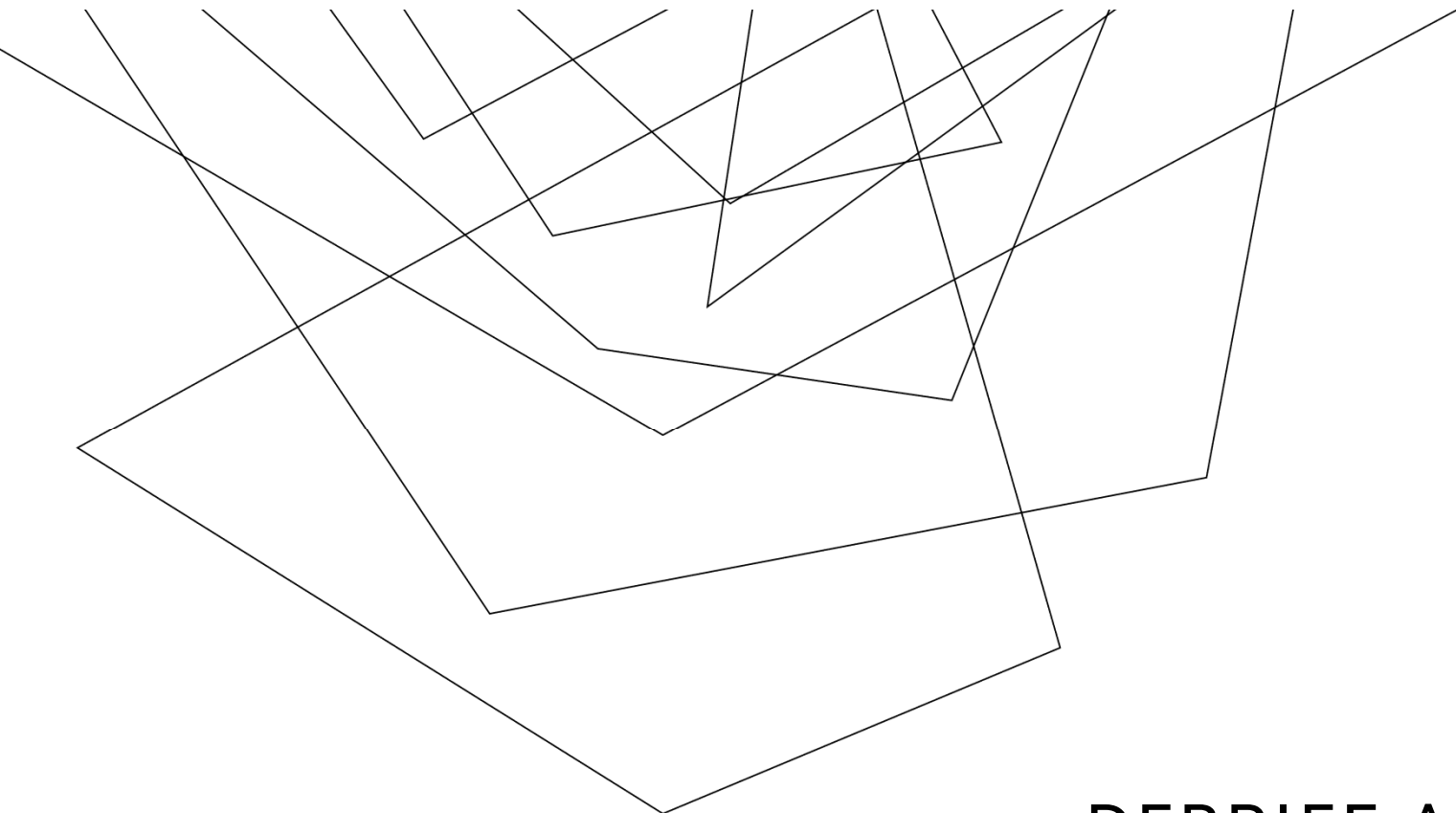
*By Order Of The Fire Marshal
City of Houston

This building is not code compliant with
Code 2012.

By orders of the Fire Marshal removal of the building is
subject to a fine of up to \$2,000 per day for
noncompliance.

For additional information contact the Houston Fire Marshal's Office at:

- The fire marshal told the governing body that the municipal building entrances do not meet fire code
- The clerk told the governing body that the municipal building cannot be used as a polling place until it meets fire code
- The governing body voted to use the building as a polling place anyway, causing the clerk to quit and leaving you in charge.
- The poll workers are planning to use their statutory authority to move the polling place on Election Day



DEBRIEF AND Q&A



WHAT ELSE HAVE YOU RUN INTO?



THANK YOU

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