

1 MEETING OF THE CITY COMMISSIONERS

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3 WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022, 11:00 a.m.

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6 COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

7 LISA DEELEY, CHAIRWOMAN
8 OMAR SABIR, COMMISSIONER

9 MICHELLE MONTALVO, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
10 NICK CUSTODIO, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
11 DEVON UQDAH, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

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P R O C E E D I N G S
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COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Good morning. I call the February 16th, 2022 meeting of the Philadelphia City Commissioners to order. I welcome Deputy Commissioner Michelle Montalvo to the meeting, in Commissioner Bluestein's absence.

First, I will preserve the order and decorum of these meetings. Everyone in attendance should be on notice that shouting out or interrupting the proceedings will not be tolerated. Those who violate this will be asked to leave.

The Sunshine Act permits anyone attending a public meeting to object to a perceived violation at any time during the meeting. If you choose to do so, please succinctly state your objection. Objecting is not an opportunity for

1 speechmaking.

2 Before we get started, I have
3 an announcement. The Philadelphia City
4 Commissioners met virtually in executive
5 session on Monday, February 14th, 2022 to
6 meet with legal counsel in order to
7 discuss matters concerning ongoing
8 litigation.

9 We will now move to public
10 comment. Commenters shall state where
11 they live or, if they are not a resident
12 of Philadelphia, that they are a
13 Philadelphia taxpayer. Public comment is
14 not an opportunity for dialogue or Q&A.
15 It is public comment, a chance for you to
16 tell us what you think.

17 Each speaker shall have two
18 minutes. However, I may extend this time
19 at my discretion.

20 All public comments must be
21 relevant or germane to Board business.

22 Finally, it's my responsibility
23 to preserve the order and decorum of the
24 meetings. As such, profane, slanderous,

1 discriminatory, or personal attacks will
2 not be tolerated.

3 Is there anyone here for public
4 comment?

5 (No response.)

6 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Hearing
7 none, we will now move to Deputy
8 Commissioner Michelle Montalvo for
9 e-mailed public comments.

10 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER MONTALVO:
11 There were no e-mailed public comments by
12 9:45 this morning.

13 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Thank
14 you.

15 We will now proceed to old
16 business, and I call on Executive
17 Director Joe Lynch for his report.

18 MR. LYNCH: Good morning,
19 Commissioners.

20 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Good
21 morning, Joe.

22 MR. LYNCH: The Sunshine Report
23 for today, February 16th, 2022, the
24 County Board of Election Report: They

1 are currently accepting absentee and
2 mail-in ballot applications online at
3 vote.pa.gov or by paper application.
4 Voters on the permanent ballot
5 application listing should have received
6 their applications in the mail. We ask
7 that voters who wish to vote by mailed
8 ballot apply as soon as possible.

9 As of yesterday, they have
10 processed all ballot applications
11 received through Saturday. They have
12 approved 6,003 vote-by-mail applications
13 for the Primary. Of those, 285 are paper
14 applications and 5,718 are electronic
15 applications.

16 They are still waiting on
17 guidance from the courts pertaining to
18 the circulation of nomination petitions.

19 Voter Registration Unit: For
20 the election cycle to date, they have
21 processed 57,256 applications, of which
22 3,150 were paper. They sent out 4,359 ID
23 cards last week, for a total of 38,856.
24 Imaging and Data Units are processing

1 applications, return ID cards and return
2 letters. Correspondence Unit is pulling
3 deceased from the dupe room.

4 The Election Board Unit: The
5 Unit will start sending letters and
6 e-mails out to prospective Board workers
7 starting this Friday. The first seminar
8 class will be held at United Lutheran
9 Seminary starting February 28th, March
10 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 6th.

11 The Voting Machine Warehouse:
12 The technicians are currently going
13 through the fleet of machines doing a
14 post-election functionality test.

15 That's all I have to report,
16 Commissioners.

17 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Thank
18 you.

19 Moving on to new business, I
20 call on Supervisor of Elections, Garrett
21 Dietz, to conduct the casting of lots for
22 the tied elections for Judge of Elections
23 where we have received no response from
24 the elected Majority Leader.

1 MR. DIETZ: Good morning,
2 Commissioners.

3 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Good
4 morning.

5 MR. DIETZ: I'm just going to
6 quickly go over the rules of the road as
7 far as the tiebreaker for Judge of
8 Election.

9 The County Board will draw in
10 order of ward division. If more than one
11 person is present to draw for the same
12 race, the candidate that was checked in
13 first will draw first and so on. The
14 candidate that draws Ball No. 1 will win
15 the position of Judge of Election.

16 To draw on behalf of a
17 candidate as a proxy, the proxy must have
18 a letter signed by the candidate
19 authorizing them to do so. The County
20 Board of Elections employee will draw for
21 candidates not present.

22 For all races where there is no
23 candidate or proxy present, we will use a
24 random function in Excel to decide the

1 tiebreaker. The candidate that draws the
2 largest number in the random function
3 will win the tie.

4 Once a race has been drawn
5 either in person or in Excel, we will not
6 redo the tiebreaker draw for any reason,
7 and all Board worker position winners
8 will be mailed a certificate.

9 So first we have Ward 23,
10 Division 9. So we have Lloyd Berger
11 drawing for Ward 23, Division 9.

12 No. 1. So Lloyd wins the
13 position.

14 MR. LYNCH: Okay, Lloyd.

15 MR. DIETZ: Is there anybody
16 else here for the drawing?

17 (No response.)

18 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Thanks
19 for coming down.

20 MR. DIETZ: And then all other
21 races will be drawn by random function in
22 Excel.

23 And that's it for me.

24 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Thanks,

1 Garrett.

2 Thank you, sir, for coming
3 down. Thanks for being Judge of
4 Elections too.

5 Deputy Commissioner Montalvo,
6 do you have any items to be added to the
7 agenda?

8 DEPUTY COMMISSIONER MONTALVO:
9 I do not.

10 COMMISSIONER DEELEY:
11 Commissioner Sabir, do you have any items
12 to be added to the agenda?

13 COMMISSIONER SABIR: I do not.

14 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: With no
15 items remaining on the agenda, this
16 meeting is adjourned to the call of the
17 Chair.

18 Thank you, everyone.

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20 (Meeting adjourned at 11:06
21 a.m.)

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