

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS

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Friday, November 19, 2021

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

LISA DEELEY, CHAIRWOMAN
AL SCHMIDT, COMMISSIONER
OMAR SABIR, COMMISSIONER
SETH BLUESTEIN, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
NICK CUSTODIO, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
DEVIN UQDAH, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

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4 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Good afternoon. I
5 call the November 19, 2021 meeting of the
6 Return Board for the 2021 General and Special
7 Election to order.

8 First, I will preserve the order and
9 decorum of this meeting. Everyone in
10 attendance should be on notice that shouting
11 out or interrupting the proceedings will not be
12 tolerated. Those who violate this will be
13 asked to leave.

14 The Sunshine Act permits anyone attending
15 a public meeting to object to a procedural
16 violation at any time during the meeting. If
17 you choose to do so, please succinctly state
18 your objection. Objecting is not an
19 opportunity for speech making.

20 We will now move to public comment.

21 Commenters shall state where they live, or
22 if they are not a resident of Philadelphia,
23 that they are the Philadelphia taxpayer.

24 Public comment is not an opportunity for

1 dialogue or Q and A -- it's public comment, a
2 chance for you to tell us what you think.

3 Each speaker shall have two minutes.

4 However, I may extend this time at my
5 discretion.

6 All public comments must be relevant or
7 germane to Board business.

8 Finally, it's my responsibility to
9 preserve the order and decorum of these
10 meetings. As such, profane, slanderous or
11 discriminatory or personal attacks will not be
12 tolerated.

13 Anyone who is here for the casting of lots
14 for the tied elections, please make sure that
15 you sign in so that the staff can call you when
16 we get to that part of the meeting.

17 Is there anyone here for public comment?

18 (No response.)

19 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Hearing none, we will
20 now move to Secretary Sabir's deputy for
21 e-mailed public comment.

22 MR. UQDAH: Good morning.

23 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Good morning.

24 MR. UQDAH: There were no e-mailed public

1 comments by 10:45 a.m.

2 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you.

3 We will now proceed to new business.

4 We will do the results of the canvass. We
5 will go out of order of the Agenda, and have
6 Supervisor of Elections, Garrett Dietz, read
7 the results of the canvass and computation
8 first.

9 Garrett?

10 MR. DIETZ: Good morning, Commissioners.

11 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Good morning, Garrett.

12 MR. DIETZ: So here are the results of the
13 recount for the Office of Judge of Commonwealth
14 Court:

15 Lori A Dumas, 170,178. David Lee
16 Spurgeon, 156,776 votes. Stacy Marie Wallace,
17 40,586 votes. Drew Crompton 39,039 votes.
18 Write ins, 327.

19 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you, Garrett.

20 Next, we will go back to Garrett Dietz,
21 the supervisor of elections, who will conduct
22 the casting of the lots for the tied elections.

23 MR. DIETZ: Hi.

24 Before we begin drawing lots, I just want

1 to go over, kind of, the rules of the road
2 before we proceed.

3 So races where one or more candidates are
4 present will be prioritized for drawing.

5 The County Board will draw in order of
6 ward and division, starting with majority
7 inspector races and then proceed to minority
8 inspector races.

9 If more than one person is present to draw
10 for the same race, the candidate that was
11 checked in first will draw first and so on.

12 For a tie in the majority inspector race,
13 the candidate that draws ball number one wins
14 majority inspector title, and the candidate
15 that draws ball number two wins the minority
16 inspector position.

17 For a tie in the minority inspector race,
18 the candidate that draws ball number one wins
19 the position.

20 To draw on behalf of a candidate as a
21 proxy, the proxy must have a letter signed by
22 the candidate authorizing them to do so.

23 A County Board of Election's employee will
24 draw for candidates not present. For all races

1 where no candidate or proxy is present, we'll
2 use a random function in Excel to decide tie
3 breakers. The candidate that draws the largest
4 number in the random function wins the tie.

5 If the tie is for majority inspector, the
6 candidate that was assigned the second largest
7 number by the random function wins the minority
8 inspector position.

9 Judges of Election ties will not be drawn
10 today. By state election law, those ties will
11 be decided by the elected majority inspector
12 instead of the drawing of lots.

13 Once a race has been drawn, either in
14 person or in Excel, we will not redo the tie
15 breaker draw for any reason.

16 All board worker position winners will be
17 mailed a certificate within the next few weeks.
18 Unfortunately, we don't have the certificates
19 available at the moment. So I guess we can
20 begin.

21 Our first race -- first, we'll begin the
22 majority inspector ties. And as I stated,
23 we're going to prioritize those where somebody
24 is present.

1 So Ward 1, Division 12, Edward Charles
2 Coffin, can you come up?

3 (Approaches.)

4 MR. DIETZ: There was a tie between Edward
5 Charles Coffin and Bill Cosby.

6 Number one -- Edward, you're the majority
7 inspector. And Bill Cosby named as the
8 minority inspector. Thank you.

9 Next, we have Ward 5, Division 2. We have
10 a five-way tie between ASAP Rocky, Daniel
11 Wheeler, Jackson Steinkamp, Joel Embiid and
12 Nancy Gross.

13 I have a Daniel Wheeler here -- number
14 three.

15 I'll draw for the other four contestants:
16 ASAP Rocky gets number five. Number two for
17 Jackson Steinkamp. Number one for Joel Embiid
18 and number four for Nancy Gross.

19 Next, is Ward 5, Division 23. We have a
20 Michael Reisman here -- for the race, we also
21 have Carlie Eden, Leonard Gerber and Vikram
22 Patel -- number three.

23 I'll draw for the other candidates.
24 Carlie Eden, number two. Leonard Gerber,

1 number one. And for Vikram Patel, number four.

2 Next office we have is Ward 8, Division
3 13. We have a Jacob Zumoff here -- we also
4 have candidates Dan Kane and Harold Fruchter --
5 number two.

6 I'll draw for Dan Kane, number three.

7 Harold Fruchter gets number one.

8 Next, we have Ward 15, Division 15,
9 Stellie Ford -- we also have Jordan Scott
10 Friedman, Kris Anthony Alutius and Tim Lisko in
11 this tie breaker -- number three.

12 I'll draw for Jordan, number one. For
13 Kris, number two. And Tim Lisko gets number
14 four.

15 Next, we have Ward 17, Division 23. We
16 have a David Kiniry here -- number one, tied
17 with Tirease Holmes, who get number two.

18 Next, we have Ward 21, Division 42,
19 Douglas Morrison -- and in the position, we
20 also have a Lori McCormack -- number two, which
21 means Lori McCormack gets number one.

22 Next, we have a three-way tie in 23, 09.

23 We have a Lloyd Berger and Thomas Karpink.

24 We'll have Lloyd will draw first. We also have

1 David Loudon as part of the tie, as well.

2 Lloyd, if you'll draw first -- number two.

3 Thomas, number three. David is number one.

4 Next, we have Ward 23, Division 17, a
5 two-way tie between Calvin Henderson and Chris
6 Nawdyski -- lucky number one, which means
7 Chris gets number two.

8 Next, we have Ward 31, Division 1. It's a
9 five-way tie. We have a Michael Dunphy here.

10 We also have Erin Caldwell, Marcos Ramos,
11 Maureen McGinty and Todd Bailey -- number five.

12 I'll draw for Erin, number four. Draw for
13 Marcos, number two. Maureen, number one. It
14 means Todd receives number three.

15 Next, is a three-way tie in Ward 32,
16 Division 26. We have Curtis English, here. We
17 also have a Nedra Fletcher and a Tony-Deleine
18 Rogers in the tie -- number two.

19 Draw for Nedro, number one. Tony is
20 number three.

21 Next, we have Ward 36, Division 10. We
22 have Nitin Salkade -- sorry if I pronounced
23 that incorrectly.

24 We also have Jean Paul Cantave and Sharon

1 Wood for a tie -- number one.

2 And so for Jean Paul, number three, which
3 means Sharon gets number two.

4 Next, we have Ward 36, Division 38, we
5 have John Molnar, John Michael Chiefo, Michael
6 Brown and William A. Ryan, Junior.

7 Michael will draw first -- number four.

8 Next, John -- number two, number three and
9 William Ryan was number one.

10 Next, we have Ward 36, Division 40, Zach
11 Travis and Steven Bober -- Zach, number one and
12 Steven get number two.

13 Ward 38, Division 3, Patricia Giles -- we
14 also have Lawanna Rawls and Melissa Murray
15 Bailey in the tie breaker -- number two.
16 Lawanna gets number three, which means Melissa
17 gets number one.

18 Next, we have 52, 15, Matthew Garrison
19 Tann ties with Leslie Coker -- number two,
20 Leslie gets number one.

21 Next, we have Ward 58, Division 30,
22 three-way tie. We have Robert Murray here. We
23 also have Jacqueline Homa and Joel Levin as
24 part of the tie -- number one.

1 I'll draw for Jacqueline, number three.

2 Means Joel gets number two.

3 Next, we have Ward 61, Division 22, Jaron
4 Burnett tied with Rochelle Reynolds -- number
5 two, which means Rochelle gets number one.

6 Next, we have Ward 64, Division 5. Denise
7 Montgomery tied with Clark Thorpe -- number
8 two, which means Jason gets number one.

9 Now, we're moving to minority inspector
10 ties. Ward 1, Division 21 Bruce Romanczuk.

11 Bruce, you've unfortunately tied with B.
12 Romanczuk -- number two, B. Romanczuk gets
13 number one.

14 Next, we have a five-way tie for minority
15 inspector in 21, 01. We have Leslie Sellers --
16 we also have a Hannah Short, Jakita Price
17 Johnson, Laura Kreschollek, Junior and Ludwig
18 Von Mises -- number one.

19 Hannah, number four. Jakita, number two.
20 Laura, number three and Ludwig is number five.

21 Next, Ward 31, Division 15, Thomas
22 Nalencz -- also tied with Michael Kennedy and
23 Mike Bobbie -- number three.

24 And I'll draw for Michael Kennedy, number

1 two. Mike Bobbie gets number one.

2 Next, Ward 56, Division 12, Colleen Doyle
3 and Oltian Myrtai.

4 Colleen, number two and Oltian gets number
5 one.

6 Next, we have Ward 58, Division 24. Ian
7 Matthew Michael Burg tied with Leon Werb --
8 number one, means Leon gets number two.

9 Next, we have a three-way tie for 59, 18,
10 we have: Pat Edward tied with Al Schmidt and
11 RC Davis -- number three.

12 I'll draw for Al, number one. RC Davis
13 gets number two.

14 Congratulations to Al Schmidt, wherever he
15 may be.

16 Next, Ward 63, Division 20, Richard
17 Black -- there's also Michelle Byars for the
18 position -- number two, which means Michelle is
19 number one -- one second.

20 All right. We're going to go back to
21 majority inspector. There's a two-way tie
22 between Christian Parker and Cody J. Shields --
23 number one, means Cody gets number two.

24 Next, we have Ward 61, Division 23. We

1 have a Joshua Valocchi -- we also have Michelle
2 Thompson and Tiandra Williams for the
3 position -- number one. For Michelle, number
4 three, which means Tiandra gets number two.

5 Next, we have a three-way tie -- three-way
6 tie for minority inspector in 58, 19. We have
7 a Laure Swirsding here -- we also have Alex
8 Cricelli and Frank Ferraro for the position --
9 number two.

10 I'll draw for Alex, number three, which
11 means Frank gets number one.

12 Is there anybody present that has not yet
13 drawn for their race?

14 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Is there anyone here
15 that we didn't call their name?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. DIETZ: Okay. So now the rest of the
18 races will be randomized in Excel, and we have
19 it up on the screen over there.

20 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you.

21 We have the randomization available to be
22 seen on the monitor to my left, if anybody is
23 interested in seeing that.

24 I'd like to thank everybody who took the

1 time out of their busy day to come up here to
2 draw these lots and for the Election Code.

3 Commissioner Schmidt, do you have any
4 items to be added to the Agenda?

5 COMMISSIONER SCHMIDT: I do not.

6 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Kevin, do you have any
7 items to be added to the Agenda on behalf of
8 Commissioner Sabir?

9 MR. UQDAH: I do not.

10 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you. There are
11 no items on the Agenda.

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14 (Whereupon the hearing concluded at 12:45 p.m.)

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