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PHILADELPHIA CITY COMMISSIONERS

ELECTIONS MEETING
Monday, March 25, 2024
6:00 p.m.

Job No.: 42184

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ATTENDANCE

- OMAR SABIR, CHAIRMAN
- VINCENT GOWANS, DEPUTY TO THE CHAIR
- LISA DEELEY, VICE CHAIRMAN
- SETH BLUESTEIN, COMMISSIONER
- ERIC KAPENSTEIN, DEPUTY
- JOSEPH LYNCH, DIRECTOR OF ELECTION OPERATORS
- STEPHANIE REID, DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATIONS

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

2 (6:00 p.m.)

3 CHAIRMAN SABIR: Good evening. I call to order
4 the meeting of the Philadelphia Commissioners Board of
5 Elections for Monday, March 25th, 2024. This meeting
6 is in compliance under the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.
7 The Philadelphia City Commissioners are a three-member
8 bipartisan board of elected officials in charge of
9 elections and voter registration for the county of
10 Philadelphia.

11 Each commissioner is elected to serve a four-year
12 term that coincides with the municipal election cycle
13 for mayor and city council. The commissioners set and
14 enforced departmental policies to administer voter
15 registration and conduct elections in according to
16 federal and state voter registration and election
17 laws. The city commissioners were created by the
18 Pennsylvania Assembly in 1711 with a focus on taxation
19 and held various regulatory powers throughout the
20 centuries. The commissioners started maintaining
21 voter lists in 1799 and took on more election related
22 responsibilities, but didn't emerge to its current
23 form until the adaptation of Philadelphia Home Rule
24 Charter in 1951.

25 We will start off with public comments. Before

1 beginning their comments, commenters shall state where
2 they live or if they are not a resident of
3 Philadelphia and that they are a Philadelphia
4 taxpayer. Public comment is not an opportunity for
5 dialogue or Q and A. It is a public comment, a chance
6 for you to tell us what you think. Each speaker will
7 have two minutes to speak, however, I may extend the
8 time at my discretion. Public comment must concern
9 matters on today's meeting agenda. Finally, it is my
10 responsibility to preserve the order and decorum of
11 the meetings as such, profane, slanderous,
12 discriminatory, or personal attacks will not be
13 tolerated.

14 If you wish to make a public objection to a
15 perceived sunshine violation, please raise your hand
16 and I will recognize you. Outbursts will not be
17 tolerated. Anyone wishing forward to offer public
18 comment, please step forward. No public comments. We
19 will now move to a report from Secretary Bluestein for
20 the emailed public comments. Are there any email
21 public comments?

22 SECRETARY BLUESTEIN: There were no public
23 comments emailed by 4:45 p.m.

24 CHAIRMAN SABIR: Thank you, Secretary Bluestein.
25 We will now proceed to old business. Vice Chairwoman

1 Deeley, do you have any old business to be raised at
2 this meeting?

3 VICE CHAIRMAN DEELEY: I do not.

4 CHAIRMAN SABIR: Secretary Bluestein, do you have
5 any old business to be raised at this meeting?

6 SECRETARY BLUESTEIN: I have none.

7 CHAIRMAN SABIR: We will now proceed to new
8 business. We will proceed to the swearing in of the
9 professional staff for the purpose of pre-election
10 logic and accuracy testing. Will the staff rise and
11 raise your right hand. Before we do this, I just want
12 to say thank you for spending your Monday evening on a
13 nice day with us. Really appreciate you. And I'm
14 pretty sure the other commissioners thank you for your
15 service, as well.

16 Do you solemnly swear that you will perform your
17 duties in assisting in the pre-election logic and
18 accuracy testing in preparation for the primary
19 election held on Tuesday, April 23rd, 2024, in the
20 city and county of Philadelphia, and that you will
21 perform your duties impartially and that you shall not
22 read, write, count, or certify any testing results
23 falsely or fraudulently, so help you God?

24 (I do.)

25 CHAIRMAN SABIR: Thank you. Please begin the

1 testing.

2 We will now move to the other portion of our
3 agenda. Other business. Vice Chairwoman Deeley, do
4 you have any other business to be raised at this
5 meeting?

6 VICE CHAIRMAN DEELEY: I have none.

7 CHAIRMAN SABIR: Secretary Bluestein, do you have
8 any business to be raised at this meeting?

9 SECRETARY BLUESTEIN: I have none.

10 CHAIRMAN SABIR: Thank you. Commissioners,
11 hearing no other business, I motion to adjourn today's
12 meeting. Is there a second?

13 SECRETARY BLUESTEIN: Second.

14 CHAIRMAN SABIR: Secretary Bluestein, please call
15 the roll.

16 SECRETARY BLUESTEIN: Vice Chair Deeley?

17 VICE CHAIRMAN DEELEY: Aye.

18 SECRETARY BLUESTEIN: I vote aye. Chairman
19 Sabir?

20 CHAIRMAN SABIR: Aye. The motion adjourn. This
21 meeting is adjourned. For those in attendance to
22 observe the logic and accuracies testing, you will now
23 be following our Director of Election Operators, Mr.
24 Joe Lynch.

25 (The meeting was adjourned.)

1 CERTIFICATE OF TRANSCRIPTIONIST

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3 I, HEATHER FACTOR, Legal Transcriptionist, do
4 hereby certify:

5 That the foregoing is a complete and true
6 transcription of the original digital audio recording
7 of the testimony and proceedings captured in the
8 above-entitled matter. As the transcriptionist, I
9 have reviewed and transcribed the entirety of the
10 original digital audio recording of the proceeding to
11 ensure a verbatim record to the best of my ability.


12 I further certify that I am neither attorney for
13 nor a relative or employee of any of the parties to
14 the action; further, that I am not a relative or
15 employee of any attorney employed by the parties
16 hereto, nor financially or otherwise interested in the
17 outcome of this matter.

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19 IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
20 this 25th day of May, 2024.

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