

PHILADELPHIA CITY COMMISSIONERS

Philadelphia City Commissioners Sunshine Meeting

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

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ATTENDANCE

OMAR SABIR, CHAIR OF THE CITY COMMISSIONERS
LISA M. DEELEY, VICE-CHAIR OF THE CITY COMMISSIONERS
SETH BLUESTEIN, COMMISSIONER
JOSEPH LYNCH, DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS

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

2 (11:00 a.m.)

3 MR. SABIR: Good morning.

4 BOARD MEMBERS: Good morning.

5 MR. SABIR: I call to order the meeting of the
6 Philadelphia City Commissioners Board of Elections for
7 Wednesday, May 21st, 2025. This meeting is in
8 compliance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act. The
9 Philadelphia City Commissioners are a three-member
10 bipartisan board of elected officials in charge of
11 elections and voter registrations for the City of
12 Philadelphia. Each Commissioner is elected to serve a
13 four-year term that coincides with the municipal
14 election cycle for Mayor and City Council.

15 The Commissioner set and enforce departmental
16 policies to administer voter registration and conduct
17 elections in accordance with federal and state voter
18 registration and election laws. The City
19 Commissioners were created by the Pennsylvania
20 assembly in 1711 with a focus on taxation, and held
21 various regulatory powers throughout the century. The
22 Commissioners started maintaining voter lists in 1799
23 and took on more election-related responsibilities,
24 but didn't emerge in its current form until the
25 adoption of Philadelphia's Home Rule Charter in 1951.

1 We will start off with public comments. Before
2 beginning their comments, the commenter should state
3 where they live or if they are not a resident of
4 Philadelphia, and that they are a Philadelphia
5 taxpayer. Public comment is not an opportunity for
6 dialogue or Q&A. It is public comment, a chance for
7 you to tell us what you think. Each speaker will have
8 two minutes to speak. However, I may extend the time
9 at my discretion. Public comment must concern matters
10 on today's meeting agenda.

11 Finally, it is my responsibility to preserve the
12 order and decorum of the meetings, as such, profane,
13 slanderous, discriminatory or personal attacks will
14 not be tolerated. If you wish to make a public
15 objection to a perceived Sunshine Act violation,
16 please raise your hand, and I will recognize you.
17 Outbursts will not be tolerated. Anyone wishing to
18 offer public comment, please step forward. Seeing no
19 public comment, we will now move to report from
20 secretary for email public comments.

21 Secretary Bluestein, are there any email public
22 comments?

23 MR. BLUESTEIN: As of 9:45 a.m., there were no
24 email public comments.

25 MR. SABIR: Thank you very much. We will now

1 proceed to old business. First, we have our report
2 from our Director of Operations, Mr. Joe Lynch. Good
3 morning, Joe.

4 MR. LYNCH: Good morning, Commissioners.

5 BOARD MEMBERS: Good morning.

6 MR. LYNCH: I just want to report that yesterday
7 was another successful election put behind us. It's
8 not -- it's not completed yet, obviously. We're going
9 to start working on certifying results and we're
10 pushing forward. So yesterday was a great day and I
11 appreciate all your support. Thank you.

12 MR. SABIR: Thank you, Joe. Vice-Chair Deeley,
13 do you have any questions?

14 MS. DEELEY: I have none.

15 MR. SABIR: Secretary Bluestein, do you have any
16 question?

17 MR. BLUESTEIN: I have none. Thank you.

18 MR. SABIR: That completes our old business for
19 today's meeting. We will now proceed to new business,
20 which we have none. So that was our last item on our
21 agenda before we adjourn. Commissioner Deeley, do you
22 have any other business to be raised at this meeting?

23 MS. DEELEY: I have none. Thank you.

24 MR. SABIR: Secretary Bluestein?

25 MR. BLUESTEIN: Thank you, Chairman. I just want

1 to thank Joe and all the staff for a job well done
2 with the election yesterday.

3 MR. SABIR: Yes. Thanks you guys. You all did a
4 phenomenal job. We rolled out some new initiatives in
5 our process, and I thank you. I motion that we
6 adjourn today's meeting. Is there a second?

7 MS. DEELEY: Second.

8 MR. SABIR: Secretary Bluestein, please call the
9 roll.

10 MR. BLUESTEIN: Vice-Chair Deeley?

11 MR. LYNCH: I vote aye.

12 MR. BLUESTEIN: I vote aye. Chairman Sabir?

13 MR. SABIR: Aye. This meeting is adjourned.
14 (End of audio recording.)

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
this 11th day of June, 2025.



John Gachanja

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