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BEFORE THE PHILADELPHIA CITY COMMISSIONERS

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IN RE: PUBLIC MEETING - CANVASS SWEARING-IN MEETING

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BEFORE: COMMISSIONER OMAR SABIR, Chair
Commissioner Lisa M. Deeley, Vice-Chair
Commissioner Seth Bluestein, Member

HEARING: Friday, May 22, 2026
9:05 a.m.

LOCATION: 11211 Roosevelt Boulevard
Philadelphia, PA 19152

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CHAIR: Let's call to order the meeting of the Philadelphia City Commissioners. The city has a return order in order to commence the canvass and computation of the primary election of May 19, 2026. This meeting is in compliance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act, Philadelphia City Commissioners, a three-member, bi-partisan board of elected officials in charge of elections and voter registration for the City of Philadelphia.

Each Commissioner is elected to serve a four-year term that coincides with the municipal election cycle for Mayor and City Council. The Commission will set and enforce departmental policies to administer voter registration and conduct elections in accordance with federal and state voter registration and election laws.

City Commissioners were created by the Pennsylvania Assembly 1711 with a focus on taxation and other various regulatory powers throughout the centuries. The Commission has started maintaining a voter list 1799 and took on more election and greater responsibility and didn't emerge into its current form until the

1 adoption of Philadelphia Home Rule Charter 1951.

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

13 Finally, it is my responsibility to reserve
14 the order and decorum of the meeting. As such,
15 defaming, slanderous, discriminatory, personal
16 attacks will not be tolerated. If you wish to
17 make a public objection to a perceived Sunshine
18 Act violation, please raise your hand and I will
19 recognize you. Outbursts will not be tolerated.

20 Anyone wishing to offer public comment
21 please step forward. Seeing that there is no
22 public commenters, we will now move to a report
23 from Secretary Bluestein for email public comment.
24 Commissioner Bluestein, are there any email public
25 comments?

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CHAIR: And do you swear or affirm that you will perform your duties impartially and that you shall not read, write, count or certify any return votes that are false or fraudulent, so help you God?

(ALL RESPOND I DO.)

CHAIR: Personally, per the 1937 Pennsylvania Election Code, the canvass of the votes cast at the Primary Election Tuesday, May the 19th, 2026, in the City and County of Philadelphia will now officially begin. Call the first word and division. Thank you for all your hard work.

COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Thank you very much. I know that we've already taken the time to acknowledge the passing of Rodney Weber, but this morning, at this rare occasion, where we have the complement of our warehouse team, I would like to express my deep gratitude for all of your hard work, especially during this difficult time. And I would ask if we could, Chairman, take another moment of silence in memory of Rodney Weber.

1 (MOMENT OF SILENCE OBSERVED.)

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3 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Thank you very much.

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5 MEETING CONCLUDED AT 9:13 A.M.

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Dated the 27th day of May, 2026



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