

1 PHILADELPHIA CITY COMMISSIONERS

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9 PHILADELPHIA CITY COMMISSIONERS 05/23/2025 SUNSHINE

10 MEETING

11 Friday, May 23, 2025

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1 ATTENDANCE
2 COMMISSIONER OMAR SABIR, CHAIR
3 COMMISSIONER LISA M. DEELEY, VICE-CHAIR
4 COMMISSIONER SETH BLUESTEIN, SECRETARY
5 BOARD MEMBERS

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

2 (XX:XX 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 sitting as the return
7 board in order to commence the canvas and computation
8 for the primary election of the 2025 primary election.
9 This meeting is in compliance with the Pennsylvania
10 Sunshine Act. The Philadelphia City Commissioners are
11 a three-member bipartisan board in charge of elections
12 and voter registration for the City of Philadelphia.
13 Each commissioner is elected to serve a four-year term
14 that coincides with the municipal election cycle for
15 Mayor and City Council.

16 The Commissioners set and enforced departmental
17 policies to administer voter registration and conduct
18 elections in accordance with federal and state voter
19 registration and election laws. The City
20 Commissioners were created by the Pennsylvania
21 assembly in 1711 with the focus on taxation, and held
22 various regulatory powers throughout the centuries.
23 The Commissioner started maintaining voter lists in
24 1799 and took on more election-related
25 responsibilities, but didn't emerge into its current

1 form until the adoption of Philadelphia Home Rule
2 Charter in 1951.

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

13 Finally, it is my responsibility to preserve the
14 order and decorum of the meetings as such, profane,
15 slanderous, discriminatory or personal attacks will
16 not be tolerated. If you wish to make a public
17 objection to a perceived Sunshine Act violation,
18 please raise your hand and I will recognize you.
19 Outbursts will not be tolerated. Anyone wishing to
20 offer public comment, please step forward. Hearing
21 none, we will now move to email public comment.
22 Secretary, were there any public comments emailed?

23 MR. BLUESTEIN: As of 7:45 a.m., there were no
24 email public comments.

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

1 proceed to the canvas swearing in. Will the Board of
2 Elections staff please rise and raise your right
3 hands? Everybody got their right hand up? The lawyer
4 said everybody got to raise their right hand up. Yep.

5 Do you and each of you soundly swear or affirm
6 that you will perform your duties in assisting in the
7 canvas and computation of votes cast in the primary
8 election held on May 20th, 2025 in the city of County
9 of Philadelphia?

10 BOARD MEMBERS: I do.

11 MR. SABIR: And do you swear or affirm that you
12 will perform your duties impartially and that you
13 shall not read, write, count, or certify any return
14 votes that are false or fraudulent so help you God?

15 BOARD MEMBERS: I do.

16 MR. SABIR: Pursuant to the 1937 Pennsylvania
17 Election Code, the canvas of votes cast at the primary
18 election of Tuesday, May 20th, 2025, in the city of
19 County Philadelphia will now officially begin. Call
20 the first ward and division. Thank you for your hard
21 work. Proceed. Thank you. Vice-chair Deeley, do you
22 have any other business to be raised at this meeting?

23 MS. DEELEY: I have none.

24 MR. SABIR: Secretary Bluestein, do you have any
25 other business to be raised at this meeting?

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IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand
this 30th day of May, 2025.



John Gachanja

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