

MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS

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Friday, June 3, 2022

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COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

LISA DEELEY, CHAIRWOMAN
OMAR SABIR, COMMISSIONER
NICK CUSTODIO, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
ERIC KAPENSTEIN, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER

HELD AT:

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CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Good afternoon,
everybody. Sorry. I didn't mean to yell.

I call the June 3, 2022 meeting of the
Return Board for the 2022 Primary and Special
election to order.

First, I will preserve the order and
decorum of these meetings. Everyone in
attendance should be on notice that shouting
out or interrupting the proceedings will not be
tolerated. Those who violate this will be
asked to leave.

The Sunshine Act permits anyone attending
a public meeting to object to a perceived
violation at any time during the meeting. If
you choose to do so, please succinctly state
your objection. Objecting is not an
opportunity for speechmaking.

Before I begin, I'm pleased to announce
that yesterday, the Pennsylvania Commonwealth
Court ordered 60 counties to canvass and
segregate their undated ballots, something that

1 please, step forward.

2 (No response.)

3 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: We will now move to
4 Deputy Commissioner Kapenstein for a report
5 from the secretary for e-mailed public comment.

6 DEPUTY KAPENSTEIN: There were no e-mailed
7 public comments by 10:45 a.m. today.

8 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you, Eric.

9 I now call on Garrett Dietz.

10 MR. DIETZ: Good afternoon, Commissioners.

11 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Good afternoon,
12 Garrett.

13 MR. DIETZ: Before we hold the
14 tiebreakers, I wanted to bring a matter to the
15 attention of the Return Board for the Office of
16 Member of the Republican Ward Executive
17 Committee in Ward 9, Division 7.

18 We were contacted by a write-in candidate
19 for that office concerning the write-in vote
20 that he cast for himself in this contest.

21 After checking into the matter, the staff
22 concurs, and we must amend the computation to
23 this contest.

24 We now require a new computation to be

1 signed by the Return Board, specifically, for
2 the contest of member of the Republican Ward
3 Executive Committee in Ward 9, Division 7 to
4 reflect these results, changing the result from
5 one write in to two write in votes for this
6 contest.

7 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you, Garrett.

8 I would like to make a motion to amend
9 today's Agenda to add the reading of the
10 results of the canvassing and computation for
11 Republican Ward Executive Committee for Ward 9,
12 Division 7, due to the fact that this issue
13 arose less than 24 hours before the beginning
14 of the meeting.

15 Also, that the staff post an amended
16 Agenda to the website within one business day.

17 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Second.

18 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Deputy Commissioner
19 Kapenstien, please call the roll.

20 DEPUTY KAPENSTEIN: Commissioner Deeley?

21 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Aye.

22 DEPUTY KAPENSTEIN: Commissioner Bluestein
23 is not present.

24 Commissioner Sabir?

1 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Aye.

2 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: The motion to amend
3 the Agenda to add Republic Ward Executive
4 Committee has been approved.

5 Thank you, Garrett. Please continue.

6 MR. DIETZ: Now we can move into the
7 tiebreaker process. I'm going to quickly go
8 over the rules of the road for this process.

9 We will first draw for the contest where
10 three or more candidates are tied for first
11 place. This is strictly among members of the
12 Ward Executive Committee. We will then draw
13 for the contest where two or more candidates
14 are tied for second place.

15 The County Board will draw in order of
16 Ward, Division among each category.

17 Whomever is present will be able to draw
18 first in that contest on their behalf. If more
19 than one person is present to draw for the same
20 race, the candidate that was checked in first
21 will draw first and so on.

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

1 The candidate that draws ball number one
2 wins a Ward Executive Committee position. The
3 candidate that draws ball number two wins a
4 Ward Executive Committee position only among
5 first place ties.

6 A County Board of Elections employee will
7 draw for candidates not present.

8 For all races where no candidate or proxy
9 is present, we will use a random function in
10 Excel to decide to tie breaker.

11 The candidate that draws the largest
12 number in the random function will win the
13 highest position available and so on.

14 Once the race has been drawn, either in
15 person or in Excel, we will not re-do the
16 tiebreaker draw for any reason, and all winners
17 will be sent a certificate.

18 So first, it looks like we have Sydia
19 Winstead from Ward 36, Division 27 on the
20 Democratic ballot. It's a four-way tie.

21 (Ms. Winstead approaches.)

22 MR. DIETZ: That was ball number one so
23 you win the position. Congratulations.

24 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you for coming

1 down.

2 MR. DIETZ: If you want to stick around,
3 after the meeting I can give you a certificate.

4 Because that was a second place tie,
5 nobody else can win in that tiebreaker.

6 So we're going to move on to Gary Hawkins
7 in Ward 60, Division 13. It's a two-way tie
8 for second place on the Democratic ballot.

9 (Mr. Hawkins approaches.)

10 MR. DIETZ: All right. Ball number one,
11 so you win the position -- same thing, if you
12 want to stick around afterwards, I can give you
13 the certificate.

14 Is there anybody else here? Any
15 candidates or proxies to draw?

16 (No response.)

17 MR. DIETZ: All right. That looks like
18 it. We'll do random function in Excel for the
19 all races.

20 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: I want to take a
21 minute to congratulate the two winners who came
22 all the way up here to draw. Thanks for being
23 here and congratulations.

24 (Round of applause.)

1 MS. DIETZ: Okay. So I've drawn numbers
2 for the random function in Excel, and we're
3 going to go by division, kind of switching
4 between Democratic and Republican.

5 First, I'm going to go through the first
6 place ties. So remember, the top two people
7 win the position for this group of ties.

8 Ward 6, Division 14, on the Democratic
9 ballot, Robert E. Cousar, Jr. and Jamal R.
10 Hyden have the top two positions.

11 Ward 21, Division 34, Republican,
12 Christian R. Snyder and Dan Salvatore have the
13 top two positions.

14 Ward 39, Division 25, Republican, Colleen
15 Anne Vlassopoulo and Francis McMenamin, II have
16 the top two positions.

17 Ward 48, Division 13, Democratic, Ian M.
18 McCarthy and Brian Andrew Stickel have the top
19 two positions.

20 Ward 57, Division 2, Republican, Russell
21 S. Houck and Catherine Houck have the top two
22 positions.

23 Ward 59, Division 7, Democratic, Adam
24 Johnathan Gulick and Angel T. Scott have the

1 top two positions.

2 Ward 60, Division 17, Democratic ballot,
3 Quiana S. Jordan Mitchell and Patricia Gale
4 Vickers have the top two positions.

5 So now onto the second place ties, where
6 only the highest ranked person will win a
7 position.

8 Ward 5, Division 9, Democratic, Anil N.
9 Kothari.

10 Ward 5, Division 16, Democratic, Michael
11 Philip Priolo.

12 Ward 5, Division 23, Democratic, John
13 Francis Lyons, III.

14 Ward 5, Division 30, Republican, Andrew
15 Francis Derenzy.

16 Ward 5, Division 36, Democratic, Mary
17 Kathleen Dillon.

18 Ward 8, Division 20, Democratic, Alexander
19 E. Reish.

20 Ward 8, Division 33, Democratic, Brendan
21 Lundquist.

22 Ward 8, Division 35, Democratic, Andrew
23 McGinley.

24 Ward 21, Division 25, Democratic,

1 Alexandra Winter Hart.
2 Ward 24, Division 8, Democratic, Joshua
3 lee Hupp.
4 Ward 26, Division 16, Republican, Louis J.
5 Iaconi, Junior.
6 Ward 26, Division 19, Republican, Richard
7 A. Pasquarella.
8 Ward 27, Division 22, Democratic, Matteo
9 P. Busterna.
10 Ward 34, Division 6, Democratic, Natalie
11 J. Edmunds.
12 Ward 36, Division 14, Republican, Carmine
13 J. Zulli, III.
14 Ward 36, Division 19, Democratic, Jonathan
15 Aaron Plotkin.
16 Ward 39, Division 43, Republican, Albert
17 D. Lancellotti.
18 Ward 43, Division 5, Democratic, Sarah
19 Ghee.
20 Ward 33, Division 16, Democratic, Joann
21 Taylor.
22 Ward 45, Division 5, Democratic, Michael
23 Francis Clark.
24 Ward 46, Division 18, Democratic, James

1 Robert Roebuck.

2 Ward 46, Division 18, Republican, Audra
3 Ouellette.

4 Ward 50, Division 11, Democratic,
5 Stephanie Watson-Drayton.

6 Ward 56, Division 6, Democratic, John F.
7 Wright.

8 Ward 56, Division 28, Democratic, Susan R.
9 Kafitz.

10 Ward 59, Division 20, Democratic, Heather
11 Ann Fisher.

12 Ward 60, Division 20, Democratic, David L.
13 Lacy.

14 Ward 61, Division 11, Democratic, Kenneth
15 Robinson, Jr.

16 And Ward 61, Division 20, Democratic,
17 Paris Troy Carter.

18 And that's all I have.

19 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you, Garrett.

20 Thank you, Dana.

21 Commissioner Sabir, do you have any items
22 to be added to today's Agenda?

23 COMMISSIONER SABIR: No, I do not.

24 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: There are no items

1 remaining on the Agenda. Thank you.

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

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Kathryn Doyle
Court Reporter - Notary Public

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