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BEFORE THE

PHILADELPHIA CITY COMMISSIONER

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IN RE: TIEBREAKER MEETING

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BEFORE: OMAR SABIR, Chair (Via Telephone)
Khalif Chestnut, Deputy Commissioner to the
Chair
Lisa Deeley, Vice Chair
Seth Bluestein, Secretary/Commissioner
Eric Kapenstein, Deputy Commissioner to
Bluestein
HEARING: Friday, June 5, 2026
12:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Philadelphia City Commissioners Election
Warehouse
11311 Roosevelt Boulevard
Philadelphia, PA 19154
SPEAKER: Dana Eckroade and Joe Lynch

Reporter: Emma Edwards

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A P P E A R A N C E S

ALSO PRESENT:

DANA ECKROADE, Deputy Executive Director Philadelphia
City Commissioners

JOE LYNCH, Director of Election Operations Philadelphia
City Commissioners

LOUISE BRANCH

MARTHA WILLIAMS

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3 VICE CHAIR: Good afternoon.

4 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Good afternoon.

5 VICE CHAIR: The Return Board for the 2026
6 primary and special election has reconvened.
7 Chairman Sabir is joining us telephonically.

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

13 The Sunshine Act permits anyone attending a
14 public meeting to object to a perceived violation
15 at any time during the meeting. If you choose to
16 do so, please succinctly state your objection.
17 Objecting is not an opportunity for speech making.
18 We will now move to public comment.

19 Commenters shall state where they live or,
20 if they are not a resident of Philadelphia, that
21 they are a Philadelphia taxpayer, or, since this
22 is the Return Board, which candidate they
23 represent. Public comment is not an opportunity
24 for dialogue or Q and A. It is public comment, a
25 chance for you to tell us what you think. Each

1 speaker shall have two minutes. However, I may
2 extend this time at my discretion. All public
3 comments must be relevant or germane to Board
4 business.

5 Finally, it is my responsibility to preserve
6 the order and decorum of the meeting, as such,
7 profane, slanderous, discriminatory or personal
8 attacks will not be tolerated. Anyone wishing to
9 offer public comment, please step forward.

10 Seeing none, we will now move to
11 Commissioner Bluestein for email to public
12 comments.

13 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: As of 10:45 a.m.
14 there were no email public comments.

15 VICE CHAIR: Thank you. We will now proceed
16 to new business. And I will now call on Dana
17 Eckroade to conduct the drawing of lots for ties
18 in the Office of Board Executive Committee.

19 MS. ECKROADE: Good afternoon,
20 Commissioners.

21 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Good afternoon.

22 VICE CHAIR: Good afternoon, Dana.

23 MS. ECKROADE: Thank you, everybody, for
24 showing up.

25 So the casting of lots for tie winners for

1 the Board, Executive Committee and local offices
2 in the 2026 general primary and special election
3 will commence with the following procedures. We
4 will first draw for the contest where three or
5 more candidates are tied for first place. We will
6 then draw for the contest where two or more
7 candidates are tied for second place.

8 The County Board will draw an order of ward
9 division among each category. Whomever is present
10 will be able to draw first in the contest on their
11 behalf. If more than one person is present to
12 draw for the same race, the candidate that was
13 checked in first will draw first and so on. To
14 draw on behalf of a candidate as a proxy, the
15 proxy must have a letter signed by the candidate
16 authorizing them to do so.

17 The candidate that draws ball number one
18 wins a Ward Executive Committee position. The
19 candidate that draws ball number two wins a Ward
20 Executive Committee position only among first
21 place ties. The County Board of Elections
22 employee will draw for candidates not present.
23 For all races where no candidate or proxy is
24 present, we will use a random function in Excel to
25 decide the tiebreaker. The candidate that draws

1 the largest number in the random function will win
2 the highest position available, and so on.

3 Once a race has been drawn, either in person
4 or in Excel, we will not redo the tiebreaker draw
5 for any reason. All qualified winners who are
6 present today will be handed their certificate at
7 the conclusion of the drawing and all others will
8 be sent to their registered address. We will now
9 be --- we will now begin.

10 VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

11 MS. ECKROADE: We're going to start with
12 Word 3230, Louise Branch.

13 MR. LYNCH: Louise picked number one.

14 VICE CHAIR: And for 3230, Martha Williams
15 is also present.

16 MR. LYNCH: Martha? And Martha is two.

17 MS. ECKROADE CHAIR: Is anybody else here to
18 draw on the tiebreaker? That will conclude the
19 meeting for today.

20 MR. LYNCH: We did random.

21 VICE CHAIR: We'll do the random.

22 Commissioner Bluestein, do you have any
23 items to be added today's agenda?

24 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: I do not. Thank
25 you.

1 VICE CHAIR: Deputy Chestnut, Chairman
2 Sabir, do you have any items to be added to
3 today's agenda?

4 DEPUTY CHESTNUT: We have none. Thank you.

5 VICE CHAIR: Thank you.

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7 MEETING CONCLUDED AT 12:06 P.M.

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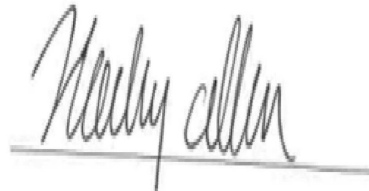
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Haley Allen,

Court Reporter

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