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Philadelphia City Commissioners

Public Meeting Agenda

Friday, November 7, 2025

9:02 a.m.

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Meeting was taken at the offices of  
Philadelphia City Commissioners Office, 11311  
Roosevelt Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA before Julie  
Kavanaugh, a Court Reporter and Notary Public of the  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on the above date and  
time.

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Omar Sabir, Chairman

Seth Bluestein, Secretary

Lisa Deeley, Vice Chair

Nick Custodio

Eric Kapenstein

Khalif Chestnut

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2               COMMISSIONER SABIR: Good morning. I call  
3 to order the meeting of Philadelphia City  
4 Commissioners, sitting as the return board in  
5 order to commence the Canvass and computation  
6 for the general elections on November 4, 2025.

7               This meeting is in compliance with the  
8 Pennsylvania Sunshine Act. The Philadelphia  
9 City Commissioners are a three-member,  
10 bipartisan board of elected officials in charge  
11 of elections and voter registration for the  
12 City of Philadelphia. Each commissioner is  
13 elected to serve a four-year term that  
14 coincides with the municipal election cycle for  
15 mayor and city council. The commissioners set  
16 and enforce departmental policies to administer  
17 voter registration and conduct elections in  
18 accordance with federal and state voter  
19 registration election laws. The city  
20 commissioners were created by the Pennsylvania  
21 Assembly in 1711 with a focus on taxation to  
22 help various regulatory powers throughout the  
23 centuries. The commissioners started  
24 maintaining voter rights in 1799 and took more  
25 election-related responsibilities, but didn't

1 emerge in its current form until the adoption  
2 of Philadelphia Home and Charter in 1951.

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

14 Finally, it's my responsibility to  
15 preserve the order. As such, defamatory,  
16 discriminatory, personal attacks will not be  
17 tolerated. If you wish to make a public  
18 objection to receive the Sunshine Act  
19 violation, please raise your hand and I'll  
20 recognize you. Outbursts will not  
21 be tolerated.

22 Anyone wishing to offer a public comment,  
23 please step forward.

24 Hearing none, we'll now move to report --  
25 are there any email public comments,

1 Commissioner?

2 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: As of 7:45 a.m.,  
3 there were no email public comments.

4 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Thank you very much.

5 We'll now proceed to the Canvass swear in.  
6 Before we swear everyone in, I would like to  
7 say thank you for all of your hard work. We  
8 have been delivering -- experts from outside  
9 say we have been delivering, because we have  
10 the most secure elections that we have ever had  
11 in the United States of America, so it's  
12 because of you. We thank you tremendously for  
13 keeping up the integrity to make sure we have  
14 accurate and fast election results.

15 Any commissioners want to comment before I  
16 swear them in?

17 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: I would echo your  
18 comments and say thank you, everyone, for all  
19 of your hard work. We really appreciate it.

20 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Yes, thank you. I  
21 would just like to say, it's so nice to see all  
22 of you together. This is one of my favorite  
23 times, especially now. You all work in  
24 different places and some of you may not even  
25 know each other. Look around and -- you know,

1 this is the team and all of us are a part of  
2 it. We could not do it without you. You  
3 are -- this is it right now. This is what  
4 everyone is waiting for, us to certify. Thank  
5 you so much for all you do. Be kind to each  
6 other and let's get this done. Thank you  
7 again.

8 COMMISSIONER SABIR: We will now proceed  
9 to the Canvass swearing in.

10 Will the board of elections' staff please  
11 raise your right hand?

12 Do you, each of you solemnly swear or  
13 affirm that you will perform your duties in  
14 assisting canvassing, computation of votes as a  
15 general election held November 4, 2025 in the  
16 city and county of Philadelphia?

17 (I do.)

18 COMMISSIONER SABIR: And, do you swear or  
19 affirm that you will perform your duties  
20 impartially and that you shall not read, write,  
21 count or certify any return votes that are  
22 false or fraudulent, so help you God?

23 (I do.)

24 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Pursuant to the 1937  
25 Pennsylvania election code, the canvass of

1 votes cast at the general election, Tuesday,  
2 November 4, 2025 in the city and county of  
3 Philadelphia, now call the first ward  
4 individuals. Thank you for all your hard work.

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6 (Hearing concluded at  
7 9:07 a.m.)

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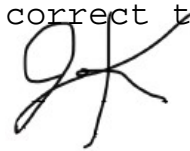
1 C E R T I F I C A T I O N

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3 I hereby certify that the  
4 proceedings and evidence noted are  
5 contained fully and accurately in the  
6 stenographic notes taken by me in the  
7 foregoing matter, and that this is a  
8 correct transcript of the same.

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11 Court Reporter - Notary Public

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15 this transcript does not apply to any  
16 reproduction of the same by any means,  
17 unless under the direct control or  
18 supervision of the certifying reporter.)

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