

1 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Good morning
2 again, everyone. So I'm now going to call
3 to order the meeting of the Return Board in
4 order to commence the canvas and compilation
5 for the general and special election of
6 Tuesday, November 7, 2023.

7 First, it's my duty and
8 responsibility to preserve order and decorum
9 during these meetings so everyone in
10 attendance should be respectful at each
11 other and be on notice that shouting or
12 disruption can't be tolerated. Those who
13 violate this rule may be asked to leave.

14 The Sunshine Act does permit
15 anyone attending a public meeting to object
16 to a perceived violation at any time during
17 the meeting. If you choose to do so, please
18 succinctly state your objection and be
19 reminded that an objection is not an
20 opportunity for speechmaking.

21 We will now move to public
22 comment. Commentors shall state where they
23 live or if they're not a resident of
24 Philadelphia that they are Philadelphia

1 taxpayers or since it's the Return Board,
2 which candidates they represent. Public
3 comment is again not an opportunity for
4 interrogation, dialogue, or questions and
5 answers. It's a public comment; a chance
6 for those commenting to tell us what they
7 think.

8 The speaker may have approximately
9 two minutes. However, I may extend that
10 time at my discretion. All public comments
11 must be relevant or germane to the Board's
12 business. Finally, it is my responsibility
13 to preserve again, as you know, the order
14 and dignity of this proceeding which is an
15 important public meeting so therefore we
16 will prohibit and not allow slanderous,
17 discriminatory, or personal attacks. It
18 won't be tolerated.

19 If there is anyone here who has
20 requests or concerns in regard to the
21 general and special election on Tuesday,
22 November 7, 2023 or would like to put
23 anything else on the public record in regard
24 to the general election or special election,

1 they can step forward now.

2 (No response).

3 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Hearing

4 none, we will proceed. Judge Furlong, did

5 we have any e-mail public comments?

6 JUDGE FURLONG: There were no

7 public comments e-mailed by 7:45 a.m.

8 JUDGE CRUMLISH: And, Judge

9 Johnson, are you aware of any other public

10 comments?

11 JUDGE JOHNSON: No, I'm not.

12 JUDGE CRUMLISH: So now that

13 will close this portion of the meeting and

14 we will now swear in the staff.

15 Will the Board of Elections staff

16 please rise and raise your right hand? Do

17 you and each of you solemnly swear that you

18 will perform your duties in assisting in the

19 canvassing and computation of the votes cast

20 in the general and special election held on

21 Tuesday, November 7, 2023 in the City and

22 County of Philadelphia?

23 And do you swear that you will

24 perform your duties impartially and that you

1 shall not read, write, count, or certify any
2 return votes that are false or fraudulent so
3 help you God?

4 ALL: I do.

5 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Thank you.

6 And again, pursuant to the 1937 Pennsylvania
7 Election Code, the canvas of the votes
8 casted at general and special election of
9 Tuesday, November 7, 2023 in the City and
10 County of Philadelphia will now officially
11 begin. Call the first ward, first division.

12 So, ladies and gentlemen, you have
13 now been sworn. Your brothers and sisters
14 who will be also assisting us in the
15 computation and canvas will be joining us.
16 So you can now be escorted to the next room.
17 Thanks again for your patience.

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19 (Whereupon there was a break
20 in the proceedings.)

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22 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Good
23 morning, everyone. Thank you so much for
24 your patience and welcome. My name is James

1 Crumlish -- Judge James Crumlish. With me
2 is Judge Furlong and Judge Johnson. We're
3 sitting as the Board of Elections. However,
4 we're here to do an important public service
5 as you are today. So we're going to ask you
6 now to rise and raise your right hands and I
7 will perform the oath.

8 Do you and each of you solemnly
9 swear that you will perform your duties in
10 assisting in the canvassing and computation
11 of the votes cast in the general and special
12 election held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023
13 in the City and County of Philadelphia?

14 And do you swear that you will
15 perform your duties impartially and that you
16 shall not read, write, count, or certify any
17 return votes falsely or fraudulently so help
18 you God?

19 ALL: I do.

20 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Thank you
21 very much, ladies and gentlemen, and we do
22 appreciate your service here today. Thank
23 you.

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1 (Whereupon there was a break
2 in the proceedings.)

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4 JUDGE CRUMLISH: I'm here
5 with Judge Furlong and Judge Johnson. We're
6 sitting as the City Commissioners and the
7 Board of Elections this year. So thanks
8 again. Good to meet you all. So if you all
9 would just rise now and raise your right
10 hands?

11 Do you and each of you solemnly
12 swear that you will perform your duties in
13 assisting in the canvassing and computation
14 of the votes cast in the general and special
15 election held on Tuesday, November 7, 2023
16 in the City and County of Philadelphia?

17 And do you swear that you will
18 perform your duties impartially and that you
19 shall not read, write, count, or certify any
20 return votes falsely or fraudulently so help
21 you God?

22 ALL: I do.

23 JUDGE CRUMLISH: Thank you
24 very much for your service here today. You

1 have a good day. Thank you again.

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3 (This concludes the meeting.)

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