

1 MEETING OF THE COMMISSIONERS

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3 FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022

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6 COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

7 Lisa Deeley, Chairwoman  
8 Seth Bluestein, Commissioner  
9 Omar Sabir, Commissioner

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10 HELD AT:  
11 City Commissioners Warehouse  
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4 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: I call this meeting  
5 of the Return Board to order to commence the  
6 canvas and computation for the general and  
7 special election of Tuesday November 8, 2022.

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

14 The Sunshine Act permits anyone  
15 attending a public meeting to object to a  
16 perceived violation at any time during the  
17 meeting.

18 If you choose to do so, please  
19 succinctly state your objection. Objecting is  
20 not an opportunity for speechmaking.

21 We will now move to public comment.  
22 Commenters shall state where they live, or if  
23 they are not a resident of Philadelphia, that  
24 they are a Philadelphia taxpayer or since this

1 is the return Board which candidate they  
2 represent.

3 Public comment is not an opportunity  
4 for dialogue or Q&A. It is public comment, a  
5 chance for you to tell us what you think.

6 Each speaker shall have two minutes,  
7 however, I may extend this time at my  
8 discretion. All public comments must be  
9 relevant and germane to Board business.

10 Finally it is my responsibility to  
11 preserve the order and decorum of the meetings  
12 as such profane, slanderous, discriminatory  
13 our personal attacks will not be tolerated.

14 If there is anyone who has requests or  
15 concerns in regard to the general and special  
16 election of Tuesday November 8, 2022 or would  
17 like to put anything else on the record in  
18 regard to the general and special election,  
19 please step forward.

20 MR. GARELLA: Good morning,  
21 Commissioners. My names Rich Garella on  
22 behalf of Protect Our Vote Philly.

23 I'd like to compliment you on your new  
24 set up here. This is really looking great.

1 I'd like to request perhaps a little  
2 bit more attention to the notification of the  
3 public for your public meetings. There have  
4 been a lot of delays lately and some mistaken  
5 information and we feel it's quite important  
6 that the public be informed of these meetings  
7 and given the agenda at least 24 hours in  
8 advance as required by the Sunshine Act.

9 And furthermore, I'd like to mention  
10 that this cycle will be the first cycle of  
11 official or risk-limiting audits as directed  
12 by the Secretary of State.

13 On behalf of the public, I hope that  
14 you will consider announcing as best you can  
15 and with as much advance notice as possible,  
16 when this risk-limiting audit will take place  
17 and when the public can observe it.

18 The purpose of a risk-limiting audit is  
19 transparency and it's to show and confirm that  
20 the results of the election are correct.

21 Therefore it's really imperative for a  
22 successful audit that it be conducted in full  
23 transparency before the public.

24 Thank you.

1 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Is there anyone  
2 else here for public comment?

3 We will now move to Commissioner  
4 Bluestein for e-mailed public comments.

5 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: There were no  
6 e-mailed public comments this morning.

7 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you,  
8 Commissioner. We will now swear in the staff.  
9 Will the Board of Elections staff please rise  
10 and raise your right hand? Good morning.

11 ALL: Good morning.

12 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Do you and each of  
13 you solemnly swear that you will perform your  
14 duties in assisting in the canvassing and the  
15 computation of the votes cast in the general  
16 and special election held on Tuesday, November  
17 8, 2022 in the City and County of  
18 Philadelphia? And do you swear that you will  
19 perform your duties impartially and that you  
20 shall not read, write, count or certify any  
21 return votes falsely or fraudulently so help  
22 you God?

23 ALL: I do.

24 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Thank you.

1 Pursuant to the 1937 Pennsylvania Election  
2 Code, the canvas of the votes cast in the  
3 general and special election Tuesday, November  
4 8th, 2022, in the City and County of  
5 Philadelphia is now officially open. Call 1st  
6 Ward, 1st Division.

7 Commissioner Bluestein, do you have any  
8 items to be added to the agenda?

9 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: I have none.

10 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: Commissioner Sabir,  
11 do you have any items to be added to the  
12 agenda?

13 COMMISSIONER SABIR: I just wanted to  
14 say, again, thank you for all your hard work.  
15 Appreciate y'all and we going to see some of  
16 y'all on social media.

17 Keep up the great work and thank you.

18 CHAIRWOMAN DEELEY: You're welcome.

19 Have a good day.

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22 (Whereupon the meeting concluded at 9:07 a.m.)

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