

1 PHILADELPHIA CITY COMMISSIONERS

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10 TIE BREAKER MEETING

11 Friday, November 21, 2025

12 12:00 p.m.

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20 REPORTED BY:

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1 ATTENDANCE

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3 OMAR SABIR, CHAIRMAN

4 KHALIF CHESTNUT, CHIEF DEPUTY

5 LISA M. DEELEY, VICE CHAIR

6 NICK CUSTODIO, DEPUTY TO THE VICE CHAIR

7 SETH BLUESTEIN, COMMISSIONER

8 ERIC KAPENSTEIN, DEPUTY

9 DANA ECKROADE

10 LISA FRONCEK

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1 PROCEEDINGS

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3 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Good

4 afternoon. I call to order the meeting of the
5 Philadelphia City Commissioners Return Board
6 for Friday, November 21, 2025. This meeting
7 is in compliance with the Pennsylvania
8 Sunshine Act.

9 The Philadelphia City
10 Commissioners are a three member bipartisan
11 board of elected officials in charge of
12 elections and voter registrations for the City
13 of Philadelphia. Each commissioner is elected
14 to serve a four year term that coincides with
15 the municipal election cycle for Mayor and
16 City Council.

17 The Commissioners set and enforced
18 departmental policies to administer voter
19 registration and conduct elections in
20 accordance with Federal and State voter
21 registration and election laws.

22 The City Commissioners were
23 created by the Pennsylvania Assemblies in
24 1711 with the focus on taxation, held various

1 regulatory powers throughout the centuries.
2 The Commissioner started maintaining voter
3 lists in 1799 and took on more election
4 related responsibility, but didn't emerge in
5 its current form until the adaption of
6 Philadelphia Home Loan Charter in 1951.

7 We will start off with public
8 comments. Before we get into comments,
9 commenter's shall state where they live or if
10 they are not a resident of Philadelphia, and
11 that they are a Philadelphia taxpayer.

12 Public comment is not an
13 opportunity for dialog or Q&A. It is public
14 comment, a chance for you to tell us what you
15 think. Each speaker will have two minutes to
16 speak. However, I may extend the time at my
17 discretion. Public comment must concern
18 matters on today's meeting agenda.

19 Finally, it is my responsibility
20 to preserve the order and decorum of the
21 meetings. As such profane, slanderous,
22 discriminatory personal attacks will not be
23 tolerated. If you wish to make a public
24 objection to a perceived Sunshine Act

1 violation, please raise your hand and I will
2 recognize you. Outbursts will not be
3 tolerated. Anyone wishing to offer public
4 comment, please step forward.

5 Hearing none, we will now proceed
6 to the report from our secretary for email
7 public comments.

8 Secretary Seth Bluestein, are
9 there any email public comments?

10 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Good
11 afternoon, Commissioners, all comments that
12 were emailed by 9:45 a.m. were shared with
13 the commissioners and deputies by 10:00 a.m.
14 and have been provided to each commissioner at
15 the beginning of the meeting, and are also
16 available at the public comment table.

17 We received one email public
18 comment for this week's meeting from
19 Jared Holiday related to today's tiebreaker
20 procedures. I did speak with Deputy
21 Director Eckroade, who responded to
22 Mr. Holiday about the procedures. I have
23 reviewed the comment, and I ask that we move
24 it into the record.

1 COMMISSIONER SABIR: I've also
2 reviewed them. Please move them into the
3 record.

4 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: I have also
5 reviewed them and they can be moved into the
6 record. Thank you.

7 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Thank you,
8 Secretary Bluestein. We will now proceed to
9 new business. We will begin by considering
10 the first agenda item under casting of the
11 lots for tied voters. We will have our
12 Deputy Executive Director, Dana.

13 MS. ECKROADE: Good afternoon,
14 everyone.

15 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Good
16 afternoon, Dana.

17 MS. ECKROADE: Anyone who is here
18 for casting of the lots for the tied
19 elections, please make sure that you sign in.
20 Before we begin, I just want to go over the
21 rules before we proceed.

22 The County Board will draw in
23 order of Warden division. If more than one
24 person is present to draw for the same race,

1 the candidate that was checked in first, will
2 draw first, and so on. If the tie is for
3 first, the candidate that draws ball number
4 one wins the position of majority inspector,
5 and the candidate that draws ball number two
6 wins the position of minority inspector. If
7 the tie is for second place, the candidate
8 that draw that draws ball number one wins the
9 position of minority inspector.

10 To draw on behalf of a candidate
11 as a proxy, the proxy must have a letter
12 signed by the candidate authorizing them to do
13 so.

14 A County Board of Elections
15 employee will draw for candidates not
16 present. For all races where no candidate or
17 proxy is present, we will use a random
18 function in Excel to decide the tie breaker.
19 The candidate that draws the largest number
20 in the random function will win the tie.

21 Once a race has been drawn, either
22 in person or in Excel, we will not redo the
23 tie breaker draw for any reason. All board
24 worker position winners will be mailed a

1 certificate within the upcoming weeks.

2 Judges of Election ties will not
3 be drawn today by state election law. Those
4 ties will be decided by the elected majority
5 inspector instead of a drawing up lots. All
6 board worker winners -- I just stated
7 that -- will receive a certificate within the
8 next coming weeks. We will proceed.

9 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Real quick
10 before you proceed. I just want to say thank
11 you, number one, for coming up here. I really
12 appreciate you coming up here.

13 You know, you are the
14 cornerstone of democracy, and I can't begin to
15 thank you how much you come out every single
16 election and serve on democracy. So I just
17 want to make sure it's on the record that we
18 thank you. I'm pretty sure other
19 commissioners feel the same way. If you want
20 to -- if the commissioners want to say
21 something as well.

22 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Thank
23 you, Chairman. I completely agree with your
24 sentiments. Thank you to all the board worker

1 candidates who are serving our election. We
2 really appreciate it.

3 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: I'll echo
4 the sentiments of my colleagues. Just so you
5 know, that was my first elected position, was
6 Judge of elections when I was 18. So rah,
7 rah, Judges of election, and majority
8 inspectors. You are, as the Chairman said,
9 the backbone. Thank you.

10 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Please
11 proceed.

12 MS. FRONCEK: Can we have Ryan?
13 We're going to start with Ward 5. I'll be
14 picking on behalf of Anisa Louise George.

15 Okay. We'll now call
16 Jason Hartwig. Is there a Jason here? Susan,
17 for 22-14. Okay. This is for 22-14, and it
18 should be Susan Roxandich. Yes. Okay, we
19 have five people for the tie breaker for this.
20 I will now pull on behalf of Jason Hartwig.
21 Number four. I'll now be pulling on behalf
22 of Malachi Barnes, number one. I'll be
23 pulling on behalf of Jasmine Council, number
24 three. The next draw will be on behalf of

1 Seth Anderson -- Oberman, number two. That
2 concludes for 22-14. The winner will be
3 Malachi Barnes for 22-14.

4 We have Peter -- I'm not sure how
5 to pronounce it. Okay. So this will be
6 25-02. And we will have Peter Devyatkin.
7 Okay. We have three people in a tie breaker
8 for this division. One. I will pull on the
9 hand of Dazi Void, number two. Next will be
10 Raymond Wisniewski. The winner of this ward
11 and division will be Peter Devyatkin.

12 25-07, and can we have Ryan Haccie
13 come up, number one. I will be pulling on
14 behalf of Kimberly Ann Stewart. The winner
15 will be Ryan Haccie for 25-07.

16 The ward and division will be
17 36-35 and can we have Prince Latif come up?
18 This is a seven way tie for this ward and
19 division. Okay. Number four. I will be
20 pulling on behalf of Jalen Hurts, number
21 seven. Next I'll be pulling on behalf of
22 Jim Anderson, number two. Next I'll be
23 pulling on behalf of Sophie Maximan, number
24 one. Julie Quintaville will be next, and that

1 is number three. Michael Edward Bell, number
2 Six. Emily Katherine Bonar, number five. The
3 winner for 36-35 is Sophie Maxman.

4 Alright. The next ward and
5 division we'll be pulling for is 58-24, and
6 we'll have Margaret Burg. Please come up.
7 For this ward of division it is a three way
8 tie. Number three, I'll be pulling on behalf
9 of Al Schmidt, number two. Next I'll be
10 pulling on behalf of Joseph Wetzel, number
11 one. Joseph Wetzel is the winner for 58-24.

12 You we'll have the board division
13 66-33. There's a two way tie -- 66-33 there
14 will be a two way tie. If we could have
15 Ryan O'Driscoll, please. Okay. Number two.
16 I'll be pulling on behalf of
17 Francis H. D'Angelo, number one. The winner
18 for 66-33 is Francis D'Angelo.

19 The next ward and division we'll
20 be pulling for is 17-03, and if we could
21 please have Nia Stallworth. This ward and
22 division is a three way tie, number three.
23 I'll be pulling on behalf of Donald Kennedy
24 for 17-03, number one. Next, I'll be

1 pulling on behalf of Shaw-Nee Bright, number
2 two. The winner for this award and division
3 of 17-03 is Donald Kennedy.

4 MS. FRONCEK: Is there anybody
5 here that did not sign in or has not been
6 called?

7 COMMISSIONER SABIR: So thank you
8 again for everybody that came. We'll take a
9 recess to 12:30. I understand people have
10 been stuck in traffic. We'll reconvene at
11 12:30. Thank You.

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13 (Whereupon, a recess was taken.)

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15 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Back to
16 reconvene. Dana, please proceed.

17 MS. FRONCEK: We'll be pulling for
18 Ward 57 Division 22. Can we please have
19 Michaela Myers come up. This is a two way tie
20 for this board and division. Okay. Number
21 two. Okay, I'm going to pull on behalf of
22 Eric Neveil, number one. So the winner for
23 majority inspector will be Eric Neveil the
24 minority inspector Michaela Myers.

1 Is there anybody that did not
2 sign in or that was not called to pull the
3 ball?

4 Correction, that was for minority.
5 Only minority will be Eric Neveil.

6 COMMISSIONER SABIR: So just real
7 quick, yeah, just repeat what just happened
8 just to be on the same page.

9 MS. FRONCEK: A majority was
10 already a winner. That ball pull was for the
11 minority, and Eric Neveil pulled number one
12 for the minority inspector.

13 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Okay. And
14 Dana, did you just want to just reiterate what
15 happens after -- for the people who didn't
16 show up?

17 MS. ECKROADE: For anyone that did
18 not show up today, we will use a random
19 function in Excel to decide the tiebreaker.
20 The candidate that draws the largest number
21 in the random function will win the tie, and
22 then in a few weeks, we'll send out board
23 worker certificates in the mail. If anybody
24 wishes to resign, they could just sign,

1 resign, and mail it back to us as well if
2 they're not interested in fulfilling this
3 position.

4 COMMISSIONER DEELEY:

5 Mr. Chairman, I have a question for Dana, if I
6 may.

7 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Yes, you may.

8 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Dana,
9 before you do the Excel function, it appears
10 that in 22-26 there is a Kim Possible, a
11 fictional cartoon character, recorded as
12 receiving a write in vote. As Kim Possible is
13 not a person, I believe that we should take
14 her out of the function. She should be void.

15 MS. FRONCEK: Okay.

16 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Secretary, do
17 you have a problem with that?

18 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: I have
19 no objection that, assuming, if they check
20 SURE, and there's no actual Kim Possible
21 registered.

22 MS. FRONCEK: Yes, we'll check
23 SURE to make sure that that's impossible.

24 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Kim Possible

1 Impossible.

2 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Thank you.

3 We will now -- Thank you, Dana, I appreciate
4 you and your staff as well. I know it's not
5 easy. I appreciate everything to do. We
6 will now move to any additional comments by
7 commissioners. Vice Chair, Deeley, do you
8 have any other business for this meeting?

9 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Thank you.

10 I don't.

11 COMMISSIONER SABIR: Secretary
12 Bluestein, do you have any other business for
13 this meeting?

14 COMMISSIONER BLUESTEIN: Thank
15 you, I have none.

16 COMMISSIONER SABIR: I would just
17 also just like to, again, thank everyone who
18 came up. And also, if you did not win, you
19 can still serve on the election board.

20 Megan will be sending something
21 out. So we definitely -- we have holes, so
22 you definitely can serve on the election board
23 at some capacity somewhere. And thank you
24 again. Thank you, Commissioners.

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2 (Whereupon, the meeting concluded at
3 or about 12:35 p.m.)

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