

1 PHILADELPHIA CITY COMMISSIONERS

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9 PHILADELPHIA CITY COMMISSIONERS RETURN BOARD

10 MEETING

11 Monday, November 24, 2025

12 12:09 p.m.

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1 ATTENDANCE
2 OMAR SABIR, CHAIRMAN
3 LISA DEELEY, VICE CHAIR
4 SETH BLUESTEIN, SECRETARY
5 RAY HAMLIN, BOARD ATTORNEY
6 ERIC KAPENSTEIN, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
7 NICK CUSTODIO, DEPUTY COMMISSIONER
8 KAHLIF CHESTNUT, CHIEF DEPUTY
9 DANA ECKROADE, SUPERVISOR OF ELECTIONS

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1 P R O C E E D I N G S

2 (12:09 p.m.)

3 THE REPORTER: The time is now 12:09 p.m. We're
4 on the record.

5 CHAIR SABIR: Good afternoon.

6 BOARD MEMBERS: Good afternoon.

7 CHAIR SABIR: I call to order the meeting of the
8 Philadelphia City Commissioner's Return Board for
9 Monday, November 24th, 2025. This meeting is in
10 compliance with the Pennsylvania Sunshine Act.
11 Philadelphia City Commissioners are a three-member
12 bipartisan board of elected officials in charge of
13 elections and voter registration for the City of
14 Philadelphia. Each commissioner would like to serve a
15 four-year term that coincides with the municipal
16 election cycle for Mayor and City Council.

17 The Commission was set to enforce departmental
18 policies to administer voter registration and conduct
19 elections in accordance with Pennsylvania and state
20 voter registration election laws. The City
21 Commissioners were created by the Pennsylvania
22 assembly in 1711 with a focus on taxation and held
23 various regulatory powers throughout the centuries.
24 The Commissioners started maintaining voter lists in
25 1799, and took on more election related

1 responsibilities, but didn't emerge into its current
2 form until the adoption of Philadelphia Home Rule
3 Charter in 1951.

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

14 Finally, it is my responsibility to observe the
15 order and decorum of the meetings. As such, profane,
16 slanderous, discriminatory personal attacks will not
17 be tolerated. If you wish to make a public objection
18 to a perceived Sunshine Act violation, please raise
19 your hand and I will recognize you. Outburst will not
20 be tolerated. Anyone wishing to offer public comment,
21 please step forward. Hearing none, we will now move
22 to report from our secretary for email public
23 comments. Secretary Bluestein, are there any email
24 public comments?

25 MR. BLUESTEIN: As of 10:45 a.m., there were no

1 email public comments.

2 CHAIR SABIR: Thank you very much. We will now
3 proceed to new business. The board will now sign the
4 certification on November 4th, 2025 general election.
5 Thank you, Dana.

6 MS. ECKROADE: You're welcome.

7 CHAIR SABIR: We will now move to any additional
8 comments by commissioners. Vice Chair Deeley, do you
9 have any other business to raise in this meeting?

10 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Yes, if I may.

11 CHAIR SABIR: Proceed.

12 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: I would just like to thank
13 Dana and her staff and the rest of the staff for the
14 other contributions and hard work for this past
15 election. And I'd like to wish you all and your
16 families a healthy and fabulous Thanksgiving. And
17 know that I am very thankful for each of you and the
18 job that you do for us and for Philadelphia.

19 MS. ECKROADE: Thank you very much.

20 CHAIR SABIR: Secretary Bluestein?

21 MR. BLUESTEIN: I have nothing to add. Thank
22 you, Commissioner Deeley, for your kind word for all
23 the staff. I echo everything you said. Thank you.

24 CHAIR SABIR: Thank you for our staff, of course,
25 all the great work that you do. The poll workers, the

1 different departments working together to ensure that
2 we have another accurate, fast election. Dana
3 Eckroade, I'm looking forward to working with you
4 again in very few months. And I like the voter
5 turnout. So, again, let's see what we can do to keep
6 engaging the community as much as we possibly can.

7 And also I want to say the Eagles took a very bad
8 tumble yesterday. But keep your head up, we got
9 Friday, and hopefully we get a win on Friday. This
10 meeting is adjourned -- I move to adjourn this meeting
11 of the return board. Is there a second?

12 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Second.

13 CHAIR SABIR: Secretary Bluestein, please call
14 the roll.

15 MR. BLUESTEIN: Vice Chair Deeley?

16 COMMISSIONER DEELEY: Aye.

17 MR. BLUESTEIN: I vote aye. Chairman Sabir?

18 CHAIR SABIR: Aye. This motion passes. The
19 return board is adjourned. Happy Thanksgiving.

20 (The meeting was adjourned.)

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Public Meeting Agenda: Return Board Meeting

November 24, 2025 – 12:00 P.M.

Philadelphia City Commissioners
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- I. Call to Order
- II. Public Comment
 - A. In-person public comments
 - B. Report from the Secretary – Emailed public comments
- III. New Business
 - A. Signing of Certification
- IV. Non-Agenda Items