

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, June 14, 2018
9:45 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN ALLAN DOMB
COUNCILMAN DEREK S. GREEN
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILWOMAN HELEN GYM
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
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RESOLUTIONS 180403, 180470, 180471, 180578,
and 180579

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
3 morning. We're going to start our
4 hearing, if I could ask for a little
5 quiet. Thank you all very much.

6 Before our Council session, we
7 have a public hearing on a number of
8 confirmations. So I believe we have a
9 quorum. We're going to get started.

10 This is a public hearing of the
11 Committee of the Whole. The purpose of
12 this hearing is to take testimony on
13 Resolutions No. 180403, 180470, 180471,
14 180578, 180579.

15 Mr. Christmas, please read the
16 titles of the resolutions.

17 THE CLERK: Resolution 180403,
18 approving the appointment of Abby
19 Pozefsky to the Philadelphia Water, Sewer
20 and Storm Water Rate Board.

21 Resolution 180470, confirming
22 the appointment of Barbara Moore as a
23 member of the Board of the Philadelphia
24 Energy Authority, to serve in the term
25 ending January 1, 2019.

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Resolution 180471, confirming
the reappointment of Christopher Lewis as
a member of the Board of the Philadelphia
Energy Authority, to serve in the term
ending January 1, 2023.

Resolution No. 180578,
confirming the appointment of Michael
Kopistansky, as a member of the Board of
the Philadelphia Energy Authority, to
serve in the term ending January 1, 2023.

Resolution 180579, approving
the reappointment of Sonny Popowsky to
the Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm
Water Rate Board.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

Thank you, Mr. Christmas.

I believe the witnesses to
testify on these resolutions are Emily
Schapira, Abby Pozefsky, and Sonny
Popowsky. Would they please come forward
to the witness table.

(Witnesses approached witness
table.)

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

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2 morning. If you can just please state
3 your name for the record and proceed with
4 your testimony.

5 MS. SCHAPIRA: Good morning,
6 Council President Clarke and members of
7 Council. My name is Emily Schapira. I'm
8 the Executive Director of the
9 Philadelphia Energy Authority. I'm very
10 pleased to be here today to share our
11 strong support for Resolutions 180470,
12 180471, and 180578, which include two new
13 appointments to our Board that are newly
14 created Board seats for Barbara Moore and
15 Michael Kopistansky and one
16 reappointment, that of our Chairman,
17 Christopher A. Lewis, to the Board of the
18 Philly Energy Authority.

19 I'll submit my testimony in
20 writing and have full bios for each of
21 the members, but I'll quickly give you
22 the basics here.

23 For those folks who don't know,
24 our mission at the Energy Authority is to
25 drive energy affordability and

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2 sustainability for the City. As I'm sure
3 everybody knows, in February of 2016,
4 with the leadership of the Council
5 President and many members of Council, we
6 launched the Philadelphia Energy Campaign
7 to that end. The Campaign is a ten-year,
8 \$1 billion investment in energy
9 efficiency and clean energy products for
10 City buildings, schools, low- and
11 moderate-income housing, and small
12 businesses citywide, and it will create
13 10,000 jobs. We shared our Year 1 report
14 a couple weeks ago now on the Energy
15 Campaign, showing that we helped create
16 225 jobs in 2017 and supported over \$50
17 million in energy projects that year.

18 Late last year, Council adopted
19 an expansion of the Energy Authority
20 Board from five appointees to seven. As
21 we've grown our staff and programming, we
22 needed additional expertise and resources
23 to effectively carry out that mission.
24 So with the reappointment of our Chairman
25 and two new members with strong breadth

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2 and depth of energy knowledge and
3 experience, we'll be well-positioned to
4 achieve the goals of the Energy Campaign.

5 So Resolution 180471 reappoints
6 Christopher A. Lewis, who has been the
7 Chairman of the Energy Authority since
8 2011. He's a partner and Chief Officer
9 for Diversity and Inclusion at Blank Rome
10 and he has decades of experience working
11 on energy issues, and his leadership has
12 been invaluable to the Energy Authority
13 as we've really grown the program and
14 grown our work. I strongly would urge
15 everyone to support Chris's reappointment
16 to the Board to serve out an additional
17 five-year term.

18 Resolution 180470 appoints
19 Barbara Moore to one of the new Board
20 seats created last year. Barbara was
21 nominated by Mayor Kenney and is the
22 Sustainability Coordinator for the
23 Philadelphia Housing Authority. She's
24 also a trustee of the Leon Sullivan
25 Charitable Trust and brings a wealth of

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2 experience on affordable housing as well
3 as energy performance contracting to the
4 Energy Authority. Barbara has been with
5 PHA since 1994 and has been an advisor to
6 the Energy Campaign and a supporter of
7 our work for the last two years and would
8 be a great addition to our Board as well.

9 Resolution 180578 appoints
10 Michael Kopistansky to the other new
11 Board seat created last year. Mike was
12 nominated by City Council. He's an
13 energy engineer by trade and brings us
14 more than 25 years of experience in
15 energy efficiency and clean energy,
16 including with SEPTA where he really led
17 their energy work a few years ago.

18 Mike has an MBA in finance as
19 well from LaSalle, which would be really
20 helpful for our work, and he's also a
21 graduate of Northeast High School, if
22 that's helpful.

23 So I'd like to thank everyone.
24 I'll leave my full testimony for the
25 record. Appreciate it.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you very much.

4 MS. POZEFSKY: Good morning,
5 Council President and Councilmembers and
6 everyone else. My name is Abby Pozefsky.
7 I'm an attorney. I've been nominated to
8 be on the Water Rate Board.

9 I have submitted testimony, but
10 I'll give you a very brief summary. I
11 know this is a very valuable time.

12 I've started out as a legal
13 services attorney, but I worked for the
14 City for 30 years as General Counsel for
15 the Water Department, Chief Deputy of
16 Regulatory Affairs for the Law
17 Department, and General Counsel and Chief
18 Administrative Officer for the
19 Philadelphia Gas Works. In those
20 capacities, I became very familiar with
21 rate proceedings and with the need, which
22 is very genuine here in Philadelphia, to
23 balance infrastructure demands and costs
24 against affordability for our citizens
25 who are often not in the best economic

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2 shape.

3 I'm honored to be nominated to
4 the Board and I would be honored to
5 serve.

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
7 Thank you very much for your testimony.

8 MR. POPOWSKY: Thank you,
9 Council President Clarke and members of
10 City Council. My name is Sonny Popowsky.
11 I have been nominated to serve a second
12 term with the Philadelphia Water Sewer
13 and Storm Water Rate Board. I was a
14 member of the original Board that was
15 created pursuant to the legislation that
16 was established by Council. You may
17 recall that under that legislation, the
18 five members of the Board must be
19 residents of Philadelphia and at least
20 one member must have experience as a
21 utility consumer advocate.

22 I am a resident of University
23 City. I graduated from the University of
24 Pennsylvania Law School, and then after
25 law school, I moved to Harrisburg for

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2 about 30 years where I served as the
3 Consumer Advocate of Pennsylvania where
4 my job was to represent the consumers of
5 Pennsylvania in matters involving their
6 utility service before the Pennsylvania
7 Public Utility Commission all the way to
8 the United States Supreme Court.

9 Last year I was chosen by the
10 other members of the Board to serve as
11 Chairman of the Board. It's been an
12 honor to serve in this position. We've
13 had a couple of cases now, and we're
14 working hard on a case right now. And I
15 appreciate the reappointment and I
16 appreciate this opportunity to appear
17 before Council, and I would be honored to
18 serve another term with the Philadelphia
19 Water, Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board.

20 Thank you.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Thank you. Thank you for your service.

23 Do we have any questions or
24 comments from members of the Committee?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: No
3 one else to testify?

4 (No response.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: That
6 completes our witness list.

7 This concludes the public
8 hearing of the Committee of the Whole.
9 We will now go into our public meeting.

10 And the Chair recognizes
11 Councilman Greenlee for a single motion
12 on the five resolutions.

13 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank
14 you, Mr. President. I move that
15 Resolutions 180403, 180470, 180471,
16 180578, and 180579 be reported from this
17 Committee with a favorable recommendation
18 at our next session of Council.

19 (Duly seconded.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
21 Thank you. It has been moved and
22 properly seconded that Resolutions
23 180403, 180470, 180471, 180578, and
24 180579 be reported from this Committee
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3 All those in favor of the
4 motion will signify by saying aye.

5 (Aye.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
7 Those opposed?

8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
10 ayes have it. These resolutions will be
11 reported from this Committee with a
12 favorable recommendation at our next
13 session of Council.

14 This concludes the business of
15 the Committee.

16 Thank you all very much.

17 (Committee of the Whole
18 concluded at 9:55 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
proceedings, evidence and objections are
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