

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, March 15, 2012
9:15 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN KENYATTA JOHNSON
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA

RESOLUTION 120074 - Resolution appointing
Nancy Winkler to the Board of Directors of the
Philadelphia Municipal Authority.

RESOLUTION 120075 - Resolution appointing
Emily Bittenbender to the Board of Directors
of the Philadelphia Municipal Authority.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good morning. We have established a quorum of the Committee of the Whole. We will now proceed.

Mr. Decker, would you please read the title of the first resolution.

CHIEF CLERK: Resolution No. 120074, entitled "A resolution appointing Nancy Winkler to the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Municipal Authority."

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And can you also read the title of the second resolution.

CHIEF CLERK: Resolution No. 120075, entitled, "A resolution appointing Emily Bittenbender to the Board of Directors of the Philadelphia Municipal Authority."

COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

Would you ladies please come forward, if you'd like to say a couple of words on your behalf.

(Witnesses approached witness

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2 table.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good

4 morning.

5 (Good morning.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

7 Please proceed.

8 MS. WINKLER: Good morning,

9 Council President Clarke and members of
10 the Committee of the Whole. I'm Nancy E.
11 Winkler, City Treasurer and Deputy
12 Finance Director. I'm here to testify on
13 Resolution No. 120074, which seeks to
14 appoint me to the Board of Directors of
15 the Philadelphia Municipal Authority.

16 The Philadelphia Municipal
17 Authority was incorporated in 1975 as the
18 Equipment Leasing Corporation of
19 Philadelphia pursuant to the Municipal
20 Authorities Act of 1945 and renamed by
21 Council ordinance in 1983 to the
22 Philadelphia Municipal Authority, PMA.
23 Its business is leasing equipment to the
24 City, managing disposable refuse and
25 managing facilities such as City Hall,

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2 the Criminal Justice Center, the
3 Municipal Services Building and One
4 Parkway Building.

5 Prior to my tenure with the
6 City, which began in January of 2011, I
7 worked for over 28 years with Public
8 Financial Management, the PFM Group,
9 since 1990 as a Managing Director. From
10 2000 to 2011, I managed PFM's New York
11 office and managed the firm's New York
12 and Maryland practices, which included
13 municipal, state, authority, higher
14 education and not-for-profit issuers.

15 My experience includes
16 substantial work in public-private
17 partnerships, advising state and
18 municipal entities, revenue bond issuers,
19 colleges and not-for-profit entities on
20 municipal bond issuance, debt
21 restructuring and various strategies to
22 manage their debt portfolio and ratings,
23 as well as numerous distressed
24 municipalities.

25 I have a BA in American Studies

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2 and Economics from Georgetown University.
3 I'm also a graduate of the London School
4 of Economics. And I have served as a
5 member of the Executive Committee at the
6 New York State Citizens Budget Commission
7 for many years.

8 As a member of the five-member
9 Board, if confirmed, I would serve a
10 five-year term, beginning in 2012 and
11 ending in 2017.

12 I want to thank the Mayor for
13 this nomination and thank City Council
14 for your consideration. I look forward
15 to serving on the Board, if confirmed.

16 This concludes my testimony. I
17 appreciate the opportunity to appear
18 before you today, and I'm happy to answer
19 any questions you may have.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

21 Thank you very much.

22 Councilman Jones.

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: No.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you.

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2 Please proceed,

3 Ms. Bittenbender.

4 MS. BITTENBENDER: Good

5 morning, Council President Clarke and
6 members of the Committee of the Whole. I
7 am Emily Bittenbender and I'm here to
8 testify on Resolution No. 120075, which
9 seeks to appoint me to the Board of
10 Directors of the Philadelphia Municipal
11 Authority, PMA. As a member of this
12 five-member board, if confirmed, I would
13 serve until January of 2015.

14 As you just heard, PMA was
15 incorporated in 1975 as the Equipment
16 Leasing Corporation of Philadelphia
17 pursuant to the Municipal Authorities Act
18 of 1945 and renamed by Council ordinance
19 in 1983 to the Philadelphia Municipal
20 Authority. The powers of PMA include the
21 acquisition, holding, construction,
22 maintenance, operation, ownership and
23 leasing of facilities and equipment.

24 Please let me tell you a little
25 bit about myself. I have a Bachelor of

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2 Fine Arts Degree from Moore College of
3 Art and Design, and since 2003, I have
4 been the Managing Partner of Bittenbender
5 Construction, a general construction
6 company that I established.

7 My mission is to provide the
8 highest possible quality of service while
9 optimizing value for my clients. My
10 business manages all phases of commercial
11 construction. Our expertise includes
12 cultural, academic, healthcare,
13 corporate, retail projects within the
14 City and the tri-state region.

15 Prior to establishing my
16 business, I was the Vice President of
17 Design and Construction for the National
18 Constitution Center, in which I provided
19 project management and oversight, with
20 the mission to build the first-ever
21 museum dedicated to honoring our nation's
22 Constitution. Prior to that experience,
23 I was the first-ever Capital Program
24 Director for the City of Philadelphia,
25 where I was responsible for the creation

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2 and management of the CPO, City agency
3 that had 100 employees created to bring a
4 private-sector approach to project
5 construction and budget management in the
6 City. The CPO's portfolio included the
7 management of about 350 design and
8 construction projects equalling about 500
9 million for 14 client agencies, including
10 Fairmount Park, Philadelphia Art Museum,
11 Police, Fire, Health and Human Services.

12 In closing, I would like to
13 thank Mayor Nutter and City Council for
14 giving me the opportunity to serve as a
15 Board member for PMA. If confirmed, I
16 pledge to work very hard to fulfill the
17 PMA's mandate and I look forward to the
18 opportunity to again serve the citizens
19 of Philadelphia.

20 Thank you for your time, and
21 I'm happy to respond to any questions.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Thank you.

24 Any questions from the members
25 for these two witnesses?

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2 (No response.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Anyone else to testify on these
5 resolutions?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 There being none, we will now go from the
9 public hearing to the public meeting.

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Jones on Resolution No. 120074.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
13 Mr. President. I move that Resolution
14 No. 120074 be reported out of Committee
15 with a favorable recommendation.

16 (Duly seconded.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: With
18 rules suspension.

19 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: No, not
20 for resolutions.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

22 Don't need it?

23 COUNCILMAN JONES: No.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

25 Thank you for the correction.

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2 It's been moved and seconded.

3 All in favor?

4 (Aye.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Those opposed?

7 (No response.)

8 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
9 ayes have it. Resolution 120074 is
10 reported out of Committee with a
11 favorable recommendation.

12 Councilman Jones.

13 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
14 Mr. President. I move that Resolution
15 Bill No. 120075 be reported out of
16 Committee with a favorable
17 recommendation.

18 (Duly seconded.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

20 Thank you. It's been moved and seconded.

21 Those in favor?

22 (Aye.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

24 Those opposed?

25 (No response.)

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Resolution 120075 is reported out of
4 Committee with a favorable
5 recommendation.

6 This concludes the public
7 meeting of the Committee of the Whole.

8 Thank you.

9 (Committee of the Whole
10 concluded at 9:20 a.m.)

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the
proceedings, evidence and objections are
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foregoing matter on March 15, 2012, and that
this is a true and correct transcript of same.

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RPR-Notary Public

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