

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, June 21, 2018
9:55 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN ALLAN DOMB
COUNCILMAN DEREK S. GREEN
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON
COUNCILMAN DAVID OH
COUNCILWOMAN MARIA D. QUINONES-SANCHEZ
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN

RESOLUTIONS 180657 and 180658

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
3 morning. This is a public hearing of the
4 Committee of the Whole. The purpose of
5 this hearing is to take testimony on
6 Resolutions No. 180657 and 180658.

7 Mr. Christmas, will you please
8 read the title of the resolutions.

9 THE CLERK: Resolution 180657,
10 approving the appointment of Belinda Mayo
11 as a member of the Board of Commissioners
12 of the Philadelphia Housing Authority;
13 and

14 Resolution 180658, approving
15 the appointment of Samuel Staten Jr. as a
16 member of the Board of Commissioners of
17 the Philadelphia Housing Authority.

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
19 Thank you.

20 I believe we have one witness
21 today to testify on this resolution,
22 Ms. Belinda Mayo. Mr. Staten, the other
23 nominee, is out of town and unavailable,
24 but I think we all know Sam Staten, Jr.

25 (Witness approached witness

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2 table.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

4 Ms. Mayo, please proceed with your
5 testimony.

6 MS. MAYO: Good morning.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Just
8 state your name for the record.

9 MS. MAYO: My name is Belinda
10 Mayo.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
12 morning. Tell us how great you are. I
13 mean, we all know it, but it's like...

14 MS. MAYO: First of all, I want
15 to thank you for the opportunity to be
16 considered as a Commissioner with the
17 Housing Authority. It's a little
18 bittersweet for me. Over the last 30
19 years, I've been engaged in housing
20 advocacy and worked for the City of
21 Philadelphia's Office of Housing and
22 Community Development until last year
23 when I retired. I can remember many,
24 many years ago when I became a housing
25 advocate and was with the Tenant Action

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2 group, one of the first campaigns that we
3 launched was to advocate for a public
4 housing resident on the Board of the
5 Philadelphia Housing Authority. And I
6 remember at the time Mayor Green said to
7 me and other members of the Tenant Action
8 group and Eva Gladstein, my Co-Director,
9 that putting a resident on the Housing
10 Authority Board was the same as putting a
11 child on the School Commission Board.

12 And so from what I understand
13 in conversations that I've had more
14 recently, the Housing Authority Board has
15 changed. There are residents on the
16 Board of the Housing Authority and that
17 they have a much more focused and planned
18 approach to providing affordable housing
19 in the public domain for residents of
20 Philadelphia.

21 Over the years I've been --
22 I've had the good opportunity of working
23 with residents at PHA and as well as
24 working with community-based
25 organizations that support public housing

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2 residents.

3 So, again, I want to thank you
4 for that opportunity.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you.

7 Are there any questions for
8 this witness by members?

9 (No response.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

11 There being none, that completes the
12 witness list.

13 I would ask if there's anyone
14 else here to testify on this issue?

15 (No response.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

17 Seeing none, that concludes the public
18 hearing of the Committee of the Whole.

19 We will now go into our public
20 meeting.

21 MS. MAYO: That's it?

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

23 Thank you. Thank you for your testimony,
24 Ms. Mayo. Look forward to working with
25 you.

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2 And the Chair recognizes
3 Councilmember Henon for a single motion
4 on the two resolutions.

5 COUNCILMAN HENON: Thank you,
6 Mr. Chairman. I move that Resolutions
7 180657 and 180658 be reported from this
8 Committee with a favorable recommendation
9 and that the rules of Council be
10 suspended to permit consideration of
11 these resolutions at our next session of
12 Council.

13 (Duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
15 Thank you. It has been moved and
16 properly seconded that Resolutions 180657
17 and 180658 be reported from this
18 Committee with a favorable recommendation
19 and that the rules of Council be
20 suspended so as to permit first reading
21 and consideration of these resolutions at
22 the next session of Council.

23 All those in favor say aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Those opposed?

3 (No response.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
5 ayes have it, and Resolutions 180657 and
6 180658 will be reported from this
7 Committee with a favorable recommendation
8 and a suspension of the rules to allow
9 for their consideration at the next
10 session of Council.

11 This concludes the business of
12 the Committee.

13 Thank you all very much.

14 (Committee of the Whole
15 concluded at 10:00 a.m.)

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