

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE ON LAW AND GOVERNMENT

Remote location using Microsoft® Teams
Tuesday, February 21, 2023
10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCILWOMAN KATHERINE GILMORE RICHARDSON, CHAIR
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR., VICE-CHAIR
COUNCILMAN BRIAN J. O'NEILL
COUNCILMAN ANTHONY PHILLIPS

BILL: 220736

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2 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

3 RICHARDSON: Good morning. Before we
4 begin the public hearing, I will make
5 the following announcement: Due to the
6 continuing threat to public health from
7 COVID-19, City Council Committees are
8 currently meeting remotely. We are
9 using Microsoft Teams to make these
10 remote hearings possible.

11 Instructions for how the public
12 may view and offer public testimony at
13 public hearings of Council Committees
14 are included in the public hearing
15 notices that are published in the Daily
16 News, Inquirer and Legal Intelligencer
17 prior to the hearings and can also be
18 found on PHLCouncil.com. I now note
19 that the hour has come.

20 Ms. Alford, will you please
21 indicate the roll to take attendance.
22 Members that are in attendance will
23 please indicate that you are present
24 when your name is called. Also, please

1 say a few brief words when responding
2 so that your image will be displayed on
3 screen when you speak.

4 THE CLERK: Councilmember
5 Phillips.

6 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS: Good
7 morning, colleagues. Good morning,
8 viewing public. Councilman Phillips
9 here.

10 THE CLERK: Councilmember
11 O'Neill.

12 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Good
13 morning, everyone.

14 THE CLERK: Thank you.
15 Vice-Chair Jones.

16 COUNCILMAN JONES: Good
17 morning, Madam Chair, colleagues and
18 Philadelphia. I am present.

19 THE CLERK: Thank you.
20 And, Chair Gilmore Richardson.

21 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE
22 RICHARDSON: I am present. Thank you.
23 A quorum of the Committee is present
24 and this hearing is now called to

1 order. This is the public hearing of
2 the Committee on Law and Government
3 regarding Bill No. 220736.

4 Ms. Alford, will you please
5 read the title of the bill.

6 THE CLERK: Bill No. 220736, an
7 ordinance amending Section 21-1203 of
8 The Philadelphia Code, entitled
9 "Appointments to Citizens Police
10 Oversight Commission," by revising
11 prohibited activities for
12 Commissioners, all under certain terms
13 and conditions.

14 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE
15 RICHARDSON: Thank you. Before we
16 begin to hear testimony from the
17 witnesses we have for today, everyone
18 who has been invited to the meeting to
19 testify should be aware that this
20 public hearing is being recorded.
21 Because the hearing is public,
22 participants and viewers have no
23 reasonable expectation of privacy. By
24 continuing to be in the meeting, you

1 are consenting to being recorded.

2 Additionally, prior to
3 recognizing Members for the questions
4 or comments they have for witnesses, I
5 will note for the record that at this
6 time we will use the chat feature
7 available in Microsoft Teams to allow
8 Members to signify that they wish to be
9 recognized. In order to comply with
10 the Sunshine Act, the chat feature must
11 only be used for this purpose.

12 Testimony on Bill No. 220736
13 was heard in this Committee on Tuesday,
14 February 6, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

15 Ms. Alford, will you please
16 call the first panel we have to testify
17 this morning on Bill No. 220736.

18 THE CLERK: There are no
19 additional witnesses to testify on this
20 bill today.

21 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

22 RICHARDSON: Okay. Are there any
23 questions from members of this panel or
24 members of this Committee?

1 (No response.)

2 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

3 RICHARDSON: Hearing no questions from
4 members of this panel and there being
5 no other panels to testify, we will
6 take a brief break to connect members
7 of the public that wish to testify on
8 the bill before the Committee hearing
9 today.

10 We have no witnesses for public
11 comment today?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

14 RICHARDSON: Okay. There being no
15 further questions from members of the
16 Committee and no one to testify
17 publicly and no other witnesses to
18 testify on Bill No. 220736, I will ask
19 if there is anyone else present in this
20 hearing whose name we have failed to
21 call and that wishes to offer testimony
22 on the bill being considered today?

23 (No response.)

24 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

1 RICHARDSON: Hearing none, this
2 concludes the public hearing of the
3 Committee. We will now go into a
4 public meeting to consider the action
5 to be taken on the bills and
6 resolutions before this Committee
7 today. We will now convene the public
8 meeting.

9 Ms. Alford, will you please
10 call the roll to take attendance.
11 Members that are in attendance will
12 please indicate that you are present
13 when your name is called. Also, please
14 say a few brief words when responding
15 so that your image will be displayed on
16 screen when you speak.

17 THE CLERK: Councilmember
18 Phillips.

19 COUNCILMAN PHILLIPS: Good
20 morning, Madam Chair. Good morning,
21 colleagues. And good morning, City of
22 Philadelphia. Councilman Phillips
23 present.

24 THE CLERK: Councilmember

1 O'Neill.

2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Present.

3 THE CLERK: Vice-Chair Jones.

4 COUNCILMAN JONES: Present.

5 THE CLERK: Chair Gilmore

6 Richardson.

7 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

8 RICHARDSON: I am present.

9 The Chair now recognizes

10 Councilmember Jones for a motion on

11 Bill No. 220736.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,

13 Madam Chair.

14 I make a motion to move Bill

15 No. 220736 with a favorable

16 recommendation and further move that

17 the rules of Council be suspended to

18 allow next reading at our next session

19 of Council.

20 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Second.

21 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

22 RICHARDSON: The Chair notes for the

23 record that Councilmember O'Neill

24 seconds the motion.

1 It has been moved and properly
2 seconded that Bill No. 220736 be
3 reported from this Committee with a
4 favorable recommendation and further
5 move that the rules of Council be
6 suspended to permit first reading of
7 this bill at the next session of
8 Council.

9 All those in favor of the
10 motion will signify by stating aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

13 RICHARDSON: Those opposed?

14 (No response.)

15 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

16 RICHARDSON: The ayes have it. The
17 motion carries.

18 Are there any additional
19 remarks today from Vice-Chair Jones or
20 members of the Committee?

21 COUNCILMAN JONES: No, ma'am,
22 just that you run an official hearing.

23 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

24 RICHARDSON: Thank you, Vice-Chair

1 Jones. Thank you very, very much. And
2 thank you, colleagues Councilmembers
3 O'Neill and Phillips, for joining us
4 this morning.

5 This concludes the business
6 before the Committee on Law and
7 Government today. Thank you all very
8 much for your attendance. Have a great
9 day.

10 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you.

11 COUNCILWOMAN GILMORE

12 RICHARDSON: Thank you, Vice-Chair
13 Jones, O'Neill and Phillips.
14 Appreciate you, all the staff and all
15 the staff members who make this
16 possible. Thank you so much.

17 (Committee on Law and
18 Government concluded at 10:31 a.m.)

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I, hereby certify that the
proceedings and evidence noted are contained
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TANEHA CARROLL
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