

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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Res. 110196 - Nomination of E. Mitchell Swann as
Philadelphia Energy Authority (PEA) Board member
to serve in term ending 1/1/16.

Res. 110197 - Nomination of Christopher Lewis as
PEA Board member to serve in term ending 1/1/13.

Res. No. 110198 - Nomination of Barbara Adams as
PEA Board member to serve in term ending 1/1/15.

Res. 110199 - Nomination of Ken Ogawa as PEA
Board member to serve in term ending 1/1/12.

Res. 110237 - Nomination of Emily Schiller as
PEA Board Member to serve in term ending 1/1/14.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Anna C. Verna, Chair	Bill Green
Marian B. Tasco, Co-Chair	William K. Greenlee
Jannie C. Blackwell	Curtis Jones, Jr.
Blondell Reynolds-Brown	Jack Kelly
Darrell L. Clarke	Donna Reed Miller
Frank DiCicco	Brian J. O'Neill
W. Wilson Goode, Jr.	Frank Rizzo

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good
3 morning, everyone. This is a public
4 hearing of the Committee of the Whole.

5 I would ask Mr. McPherson to
6 please read the titles of the
7 resolutions.

8 MR. MCPHERSON: Resolution No.
9 110196, confirming the appointment of
10 E. Mitchell Swann as a member of the
11 Board of the Philadelphia Energy
12 Authority, to serve in the term ending
13 January 1, 2016.

14 Resolution No. 110197,
15 confirming the appointment of Christopher
16 Lewis as a member of the Board of the
17 Philadelphia Energy Authority, to serve
18 in the term ending January 1, 2013.

19 Resolution No. 110198,
20 confirming the appointment of Barbara
21 Adams as a member of the Board of the
22 Philadelphia Energy Authority, to serve
23 in the term ending January 1, 2015.

24 Resolution No. 110199,
25 confirming the appointment of Ken Ogawa

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2 as a member of the Board of the
3 Philadelphia Energy Authority, to serve
4 in the term ending January 1, 2012.

5 And Resolution No. 110237,
6 confirming the appointment of Emily
7 Schiller as a member of the Board of the
8 Philadelphia Energy Authority, to serve
9 in the term ending January 1, 2014.

10 (Witnesses come forward.)

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Good
12 morning. Welcome. Please identify
13 yourself for the record. And if you have
14 any statements you would like to make,
15 please do so.

16 MR. SWANN: Good morning. I'll
17 start. My name is E. Mitchell Swann.
18 I'm very pleased to be nominated for
19 participation in this committee. I've
20 prepared a statement, which I can read
21 into the record.

22 Good morning, President Verna
23 and members of the committee. I'm a
24 consulting engineer and principal at MDC
25 Systems Enterprises. MDC is a project

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2 management and engineering consultancy,
3 helping its clients execute complex
4 construction project in the Delaware
5 Valley, throughout the U.S., and around
6 the globe.

7 I appreciate this opportunity
8 to testify today regarding my nomination
9 to a position on the Board of the
10 Philadelphia Energy Authority. I'd like
11 to give you an overview of my background
12 and my views on the opportunities and
13 benefits that the Energy Authority can
14 bring to the City and the region.

15 I'm a native Philadelphian,
16 raised in West Philadelphia and
17 Germantown, and I now reside in
18 University City. I, like my fellow board
19 member candidate Chris Lewis, I'm a
20 graduate of Central High School, Class
21 235, and a graduate of Drexel University,
22 with a bachelor's of science in
23 mechanical engineering, with an energy
24 focus.

25 I've been a licensed

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2 professional engineer in Pennsylvania
3 since 1983, and I am licensed in at least
4 ten other states and a chartered engineer
5 in the UK. And I've been a LEED-
6 accredited professional from US Green
7 Building Council since 2003.

8 I have extensive experience in
9 the engineering, design, and construction
10 of high-tech and energy-conscious
11 buildings and systems, from residential
12 to industrial, and have worked for some
13 of the most well-known firms in that
14 arena, including the Kling Linquist
15 Partnership and Day & Zimmerman in
16 Philadelphia, and HLW International in
17 New York. I've been directly involved in
18 the design and construction of over 5
19 million square feet of built space.

20 Beyond the planning and policy
21 perspective, I understand how things get
22 done and where the rubber meets the road
23 in design, construction, and operations.
24 For about a little over the last ten
25 years, I've concentrated my focus on

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2 diagnosis and solutions for problem

3 projects and risk management and

4 litigation in the built environment.

5 I've been a consultant in the development

6 of green and high-performance standards

7 and served on the Nutter transition team

8 subgroup on sustainability.

9 I've also chaired numerous

10 technical committees for international

11 engineering organizations and a

12 contributing author on several

13 publications, including, most recently,

14 The ASHRAE Green Guide.

15 I'm active in the community

16 affairs in the region. I'm currently the

17 Chair of the Enterprise Center CDC in

18 West Philadelphia, on the board of the

19 Painted Bride Arts Center, the West

20 Philadelphia Cultural Alliance, the

21 Pennsylvania Environmental Council, and

22 the Drexel University Alumni Board of

23 Governors, as well as the Engineers Club

24 of Philadelphia, where I'm vice

25 president.

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2 As my fellow PEA board member
3 Chris will outline, the context for
4 energy utilization and sourcing has
5 changed dramatically in Pennsylvania. In
6 its short form, electricity is now priced
7 in an open market, and this can create
8 some opportunities for savings if this
9 competition takes hold of that
10 marketplace, but it can also introduce
11 fluctuations and instability, as
12 unexpected events can alter your
13 circumstance; for example, earthquakes
14 and tsunamis.

15 And while earthquakes and
16 tsunamis are clearly not a Philadelphia
17 concern, the fact that we live in a
18 global market does not mean that those
19 type of events have no impact on us.
20 Even when far away, the vibrations of
21 unexpected events can be felt in our
22 region.

23 Thoughtful planning and sound
24 stewardship of our resources is essential
25 to position the City and, by extension,

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2 the region in such a way that any
3 negative impacts are minimized, and
4 positive opportunities can be capitalized
5 upon.

6 The PEA should have the
7 flexibility to enter into agreements for
8 energy efficiency or renewable energy
9 products that could exceed the four-year
10 duration which currently binds the City,
11 and this will help us to work in a
12 long-range planning format so necessary
13 for energy-related initiatives and help
14 us better future-proof the City against
15 price fluctuations and supply
16 disruptions. It also allows for
17 conservation and other energy-saving
18 projects to be financed over a longer
19 period, thereby enhancing the financial
20 feasibility of these projects.

21 Thank you for providing me this
22 opportunity to testify before you today
23 and to contribute to this great effort in
24 a too often unheralded but essential area
25 of the City's and the region's interest.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
3 you.

4 Are there any questions of
5 Mr. Swann?

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 O'Neill.

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Mr. Swann,
9 in the past few months since the
10 deregulation and people being able to go
11 out and buy electricity, many
12 Philadelphians have taken advantage of
13 the discount that they've been able to
14 get. I don't know what the true numbers
15 are, but I think it's about a quarter
16 million in the region of the Philadelphia
17 area.

18 Do you envision at any time the
19 board you're about to join and the Energy
20 Authority getting involved in the
21 distribution of or generation of
22 electricity?

23 MR. SWANN: I wouldn't see it
24 as a practical matter for the City to try
25 to compete with, say, Exelon on the

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2 generation or distribution.

3 That said, there may be some
4 opportunities for local generation, let's
5 say, photovoltaics or something at a City
6 installation, which helps reduce load on
7 Exelon or PECO's requirements.

8 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Okay.

9 MR. SWANN: But I wouldn't see
10 the City selling power to neighborhoods.

11 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Okay,
12 thank you.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
14 there any other questions of Mr. Swann?

15 (No further questions.)

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
17 you very much, sir.

18 Please identify yourself for
19 the record.

20 MR. LEWIS: Good morning,
21 Council President Verna and members of
22 City Council. My name is Christopher
23 Lewis, and I have a prepared statement
24 that I'd be happy to read, or forego if
25 you wish.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: If
3 you could abbreviate that, it would be
4 wonderful.

5 MR. LEWIS: Will do.

6 I am a partner at Blank Rome
7 and a member of the firm's Energy
8 Industry Group, and I appreciate this
9 opportunity to testify today regarding my
10 nomination to the Philadelphia Energy
11 Authority.

12 Like my colleague Mitchell
13 Swann, I am a product of the Philadelphia
14 public schools. I attended Masterman,
15 and I graduated from Central High School
16 four years before Mr. Swann.

17 I was fortunate to attend
18 Harvard, where I received a B.A. in
19 government, and I'm also a graduate of
20 the University of Michigan Law School.

21 I have extensive experience
22 with government. I served in Governor
23 Casey's administration first as Executive
24 Deputy in the Office of General Counsel,
25 and then as Secretary of the Commonwealth

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2 of Pennsylvania, where I oversaw the
3 operations of the Department of State.

4 Since then, I've been involved
5 in other governmental agencies. In
6 particular, in 2000, Governor Ridge
7 nominated me to the State's Judicial
8 Conduct Board, the board that oversees,
9 prosecutes, and investigates misconduct
10 of judges; and in 2004, I chaired that
11 board.

12 I am active in civic affairs in
13 this region. I currently serve on the
14 boards of Arthur Ashe Youth Tennis and
15 Education, the Urban Affairs Coalition,
16 Drexel University College of Medicine,
17 and West Chester University.

18 Let me say just a few words
19 about choice and competition in
20 electricity markets. In 1996, the
21 Commonwealth dramatically changed the
22 regulatory landscape for electric
23 utilities by enacting the Electricity
24 Generation Customer Choice and
25 Competition Act.

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2 Before that act, utilities were
3 monopolies, and the price of electricity
4 was regulated by the PUC on a rate-of-
5 return basis. After the act, competitive
6 markets were created where consumers can
7 now shop for their electricity, as one of
8 the Councilmen noted.

9 In the PECO territory, where we
10 are now, rate caps expired on December
11 31, 2010. And now, all consumers have
12 the right to choose their electric
13 supplier, and this power to switch gives
14 them greater control not only over the
15 price they pay but also over other
16 features of their service, such as the
17 ability to select a green or renewable
18 energy source of supply.

19 The key benefit of the Energy
20 Authority is that it gives the City of
21 Philadelphia increased flexibility in
22 taking advantages of the opportunities
23 presented by this new landscape. Unlike
24 the City itself, the Authority would have
25 the legal authority to enter into

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2 agreements for energy efficiency or
3 renewable energy projects that could
4 exceed four years in duration, and this
5 would allow the conservation and other
6 agency savings to be financed over a
7 longer period, enhancing the financial
8 feasibility of those projects.

9 The Authority could also help
10 the City's small commercial and
11 industrial customers to combine their
12 purchases to obtain better offers from
13 competitive suppliers.

14 And finally, the Authority
15 could be a useful tool for the City's
16 Energy Office, which is the central point
17 for the City's energy planning and
18 purchases.

19 Thank you, Council President
20 Verna, for the opportunity to present
21 this testimony.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:

23 You're welcome, Mr. Lewis.

24 The Chair recognizes Councilman
25 O'Neill.

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2 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you,
3 Madam President.

4 Mr. Lewis, I appreciate your
5 testimony, and the experience is going to
6 be extremely helpful to the City and to
7 the Authority.

8 Do you anticipate or envision
9 the Authority getting involved in the
10 generation business or the distribution
11 business?

12 MR. LEWIS: No.

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Okay,
14 thank you.

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Are
16 there any other questions of Mr. Lewis?

17 (No further questions.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
19 you.

20 MR. LEWIS: Thank you.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
22 Kindly identify yourself for the record.

23 MR. OGAWA: Good morning, Madam
24 President and members of City Council.
25 My name is Ken Ogawa. I also have a

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2 prepared statement I can read into the
3 record or abbreviate if you desire.

4 So I've been nominated to serve
5 on this Energy Authority board. And my
6 background, I am currently the Executive
7 Director of Operations and Maintenance at
8 the University of Pennsylvania. In that
9 capacity, I am in charge of all of the
10 facilities, including providing utilities
11 to the buildings and managing many of the
12 conservation programs on campus.

13 Several of the key projects
14 which are pertinent to the Authority.
15 I've negotiated several long-term energy
16 contracts with Trigen. And also, we have
17 instituted a load-serving entity, which
18 is a legal entity allowed to buy power
19 effectively on the wholesale market.
20 Penn has decided to aggregate all of its
21 electrical load and procure power at the
22 best price for all of the university.

23 So while we are not generating
24 or distributing power in the sense of
25 competing with PECO, we have decided to

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2 aggregate our load to get a better price
3 for all of our entities.

4 I've also -- I'm managing a
5 revolving-loan account, which is very
6 much like a energy-savings performance
7 contract. This is an internally-funded
8 project where we can effectively take our
9 own capital, loan it to other entities
10 inside the university, where we can
11 initiate projects to conserve energy.

12 Prior to joining the University
13 of Pennsylvania, I served 22 years in the
14 Navy. I've served in facilities all
15 around the world. And I oversaw a number
16 of energy conservation and renewable
17 energy projects, many of which were
18 financed using long-term public to
19 private partnerships.

20 I hold a bachelor's degree in
21 mechanical engineering from the
22 University of California, Davis; a
23 master's degree in mechanical engineering
24 from the University of Maryland. I'm
25 also a licensed professional engineer and

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2 a LEED-accredited professional.

3 I hope that this brief
4 description of my background has been
5 valuable, and I would be happy to answer
6 any questions at this time.

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
8 you very much.

9 Are there any questions?

10 The Chair recognizes Councilman
11 Jones.

12 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
13 Madam President.

14 There's no question; there is
15 only a comment that we are fortunate to
16 have such individuals participate in a
17 new concept that may well save the City
18 of Philadelphia considerable dollars and
19 may guide us in the future about one of
20 the largest issues to face the City,
21 energy consumption, and give us guidance
22 on how we should proceed.

23 So for you guys to dedicate
24 yourselves, to give your talents to us,
25 we are truly grateful.

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2 MR. OGAWA: Thanks.

3 MR. LEWIS: Thank you.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
5 you.

6 The Chair recognizes
7 Councilwoman Brown.

8 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Thank you,
9 Madam President.

10 Good morning, gentlemen.

11 I too want to go on record,
12 first to commend Councilman Clarke for
13 his vision, actually, in recognizing it
14 was time for us to have this new division
15 of government; and secondly, to
16 acknowledge the very diverse, but also
17 rich and relevant, experience that will
18 be essential for helping us tackle this
19 new issue and know that we will look to
20 you for your guidance, as what you do is
21 deeply linked to our city's future and
22 how we do better when it comes to
23 servicing our women, children, and
24 families.

25 Thank you very much.

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2 MR. LEWIS: Thanks.

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
4 Chair recognizes Councilman Rizzo.

5 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Again,
6 thanks for your service. This is greatly
7 appreciated. It's a very prestigious
8 group there.

9 You may have addressed this but
10 I may have missed it. Other than
11 electricity, what other energy sources
12 are you going to deal with? Are you
13 going to deal with natural gas, gasoline,
14 steam? What is the entire involvement of
15 the group?

16 MR. OGAWA: My understanding
17 is, we could look at any of the options
18 to reduce energy costs and improve
19 sustainability to the City. Obviously,
20 we're primarily focused on long-term and
21 renewable, which are the items
22 specifically in the original charter.

23 COUNCILMAN RIZZO: Terrific.
24 Thank you very much.

25 Thanks, Madam President.

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: The Chair
3 recognizes Councilman O'Neill.

4 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Yes.

5 Mr. Ogawa, I'm going to ask you the same
6 question. Do you envision the Authority
7 getting involved in the distribution or
8 generation?

9 MR. OGAWA: I do not expect
10 that Philadelphia would benefit from
11 generating or distributing power
12 directly.

13 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Okay. And
14 I just have a question for the panel. I
15 think there's an opportunity to take the
16 expertise here and help the City not just
17 become more sustainable, but coupled with
18 -- coupling that with driving our bills
19 lower. I mean, we have such huge utility
20 bills, whether it's gas or electricity or
21 whatever.

22 And could the panel just -- any
23 or all of you comment on whether that's
24 something that you could achieve, or help
25 achieve, in that area. I know the small

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2 business, the aggregation, but the City
3 itself, do you see an opportunity for the
4 City to reduce its energy bills?

5 MR. OGAWA: I believe that the
6 City probably could aggregate their loads
7 and potentially negotiate better
8 contracts with their service providers.
9 So yes, I think you are --

10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: I mean the
11 City's even bigger than the University of
12 Pennsylvania just about. I mean, it's --
13 you've had some experience on a scale; I
14 hope our scale is at least as large as
15 that.

16 But thank you. Appreciate it.

17 (Witnesses come forward.)

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Good
19 morning.

20 Councilman DiCicco?

21 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
22 Madam Chair.

23 I'm not sure if this is
24 appropriate at this time or who might be
25 able to answer this question, but do we

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2 know whether there will be any staffing
3 or operational costs related to this
4 authority?

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: The
6 sponsor of the bill is Councilman Clarke.

7 (Councilman Clarke not present
8 at this time.)

9 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Yeah, he
10 was here.

11 Well, I'll hold that question
12 until the sponsor returns. Thanks.

13 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Okay. Why
14 don't we have these witnesses testify.

15 Good morning. Would you state
16 your name for the record, please, and
17 proceed.

18 MS. ADAMS: Certainly. I'm
19 Barbara Adams. Good morning,
20 Councilwoman Tasco and the other members
21 of City Council that are here.

22 It's been a long time since I
23 was last here. Some of you are the same,
24 some of you are new.

25 In the interest of time, I will

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2 briefly paraphrase my testimony, relying
3 on the full testimony to be part of the
4 record. And in addition to my testimony,
5 there is a attached my résumé as well as
6 a supplement to that résumé that details
7 the areas of my background and experience
8 that are directly involved in energy.

9 I am a resident of
10 Philadelphia, and until last January
11 18th, I was the general counsel for the
12 Commonwealth appointed by Governor
13 Rendell; I served in that capacity for
14 five-and-a-half years.

15 Prior to that, I was with Duane
16 Morris, a large international law firm
17 that's headquartered in Philadelphia, and
18 I practiced there for 28 years. During
19 that time, I did develop an interest,
20 which has been sustained over the past 15
21 years, in sustainability and in the
22 opportunities that arise from large
23 entities purchasing power with regard to
24 the various deregulation of the various
25 types of energy.

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2 I just want to highlight three
3 aspects of my background just to give you
4 a little insight into some matters that I
5 have handled.

6 First and foremost, yes, I was
7 a Commissioner for the Philadelphia Gas
8 Commission --

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Very good.

10 MS. ADAMS: -- along with Chair
11 Tasco. I served in that capacity for
12 four years, in the mid-'90s.

13 I also, as a lawyer,
14 represented large energy-purchasing
15 entities such as hospitals and
16 universities in reviewing energy savings
17 contracts proposals.

18 Finally, as general counsel, I
19 did supervise the legal representation of
20 the energy savings contract proposals
21 that were to be used by agencies of the
22 State government to reduce their energy
23 costs.

24 In addition to energy, I did
25 focus my practice, when I was practicing

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2 privately, on public finance. I think
3 that will be a good background for this
4 authority, which I suspect will be
5 reviewing energy savings contract
6 proposals, various financing proposals,
7 public/private partnership proposals.

8 Also generally, my background
9 in government gives me some familiarity
10 with the special aspects of a
11 governmental entity such as the
12 Authority, including special procurement
13 concerns, ethics, Sunshine Law, and
14 right-to-know matters.

15 Thank you for providing me this
16 opportunity to testify, and I welcome any
17 questions.

18 COUNCILWOMAN TASC0: Thank you
19 very much.

20 I'm sorry. We're a little
21 distracted here this morning. If you'll
22 forgive us.

23 Are there any questions of this
24 witness?

25 (No questions.)

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2 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Thank you
3 very much for your testimony. We welcome
4 you. We value the work that you did with
5 the Philadelphia Gas Commission, and
6 we've watched your career, and you're
7 moving forward. Thank you.

8 MS. ADAMS: Thank you.

9 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: You're
10 next? Okay.

11 MS. SCHILLER: Thank you. Good
12 morning, Madam Chair, Madam President,
13 and members of Council. My name's Emily
14 Schiller.

15 I'd like to thank Councilman
16 Clarke for this nomination, and I'm
17 honored to testify today for Resolution
18 110237.

19 As I said, my name's Emily
20 Schiller. I'm the Associate Director for
21 Sustainability and Leadership at the
22 Wharton School at the University of
23 Pennsylvania. I'm proud to present my
24 credentials today and express my passion
25 for helping create a sustainable,

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2 affordable energy for future for
3 Philadelphia.

4 Philadelphia's been my home for
5 thirteen years, and I've been a homeowner
6 in Kensington for the last four. I hold
7 a bachelor's of arts from the University
8 of Pennsylvania and an MBA from the
9 Wharton School in environmental and risk
10 management, with a focus on enterprise
11 sustainability.

12 I came to Wharton to help shift
13 the way we do business towards models
14 that benefit a triple bottom line,
15 incorporates benefits to communities, the
16 planet, and financial stakeholders at the
17 same time. I am a lead accredited
18 professional, with a specialization in
19 operations and maintenance.

20 Prior to earning my MBA at
21 Wharton, I spent five years running a
22 consumer heating oil cooperative called
23 Perk Fuel Buyers, here in Philly. We
24 used group buying power to negotiate
25 affordable prices and terms for 1500

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2 households in the region, many of whom
3 were senior citizens and low-income
4 families.

5 In that capacity, I served as
6 an advocate for the Low-Income Home
7 Energy Assistance Program, LIHEAP,
8 lobbying our Congressional delegation
9 annually for increased federal funding,
10 in partnership with PECO, PPL, the
11 Utility Emergency Services Fund, and the
12 National Fuel Funds Network and
13 supporting the State-level administration
14 of LIHEAP by serving on the LIHEAP
15 Advisory Council in Harrisburg. I
16 partnered with PECO's low-income usage
17 reduction program to support energy
18 conservation for those needed it most in
19 our city.

20 I learned from our members the
21 real-life ramification of going without
22 utilities, and I remain their advocate
23 and champion today.

24 In my current role at Wharton,
25 I assess and work to reduce our

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2 environmental footprint from an
3 operational perspective, focusing on
4 energy conservation, water-use reduction,
5 waste and recycle issues, and much more.

6 We've made exciting strides in
7 the last two years at Wharton, earning
8 Penn's first LEED certification on a
9 renovation project and putting into place
10 significant energy reduction projects and
11 greening our operations across the board.
12 We've played a leadership role at Penn in
13 sustainability and continue to work with
14 the University to meet our climate action
15 plan goals.

16 If confirmed, I'm eager to work
17 with my fellow Authority members and
18 Council to make the Energy Authority a
19 body that can develop programs that
20 position Philadelphia as a leader in the
21 clean-energy economy, while providing the
22 City, our residents, and all members of
23 our community the opportunity to lower
24 their bills and green our city through
25 energy efficiency and green-energy

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2 production.

3 I'm proud to receive this
4 nomination and serve this city that has
5 given me so much. I hope to give back
6 the same.

7 Thank you very much for your
8 attention.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
10 you.

11 Are there any questions from
12 members of the committee?

13 The Chair recognizes Councilman
14 O'Neill.

15 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Yes. I
16 wanted to wait till both finished.

17 Miss Adams, you've given us a
18 lot of service, and I appreciate you
19 continuing to give the City volunteer
20 service in such an important way.

21 And I think this is a very
22 impress panel, and you can do a lot of
23 confirmations, and we're very fortunate
24 to have all five of you right out of the
25 initial confirmation.

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2 Do either of you see the
3 Authority getting involved in either the
4 generation or distribution business?

5 MS. ADAMS: I would like to
6 adopt the position of Mr. Swann. I would
7 say no, with the exception of isolated
8 where practical self-generation for the
9 City's own use possibilities.

10 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Okay. And
11 Miss Schiller?

12 MS. SCHILLER: I would agree
13 with that exactly.

14 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Okay.
15 When you talk about sustainability,
16 that's a very big definition, and it's a
17 wider definition, depending on who you
18 ask.

19 While it's not pure energy, the
20 City is -- I mean, we're bragging, and
21 rightfully so, that we've gone from 6 to
22 17 percent recycling, but it's
23 disastrously low still, and there are
24 some potential energy issues when you get
25 involved with that in addition to

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2 savings, which can be substantial as
3 well.

4 Do you see any limit to what
5 the -- when you look at that energy
6 definition in an expanded way, any area
7 that the Energy Authority could not weigh
8 in on, try to be an advocate in, or try
9 to be of some assistance, bringing --
10 whether it's private or nonprofit
11 expertise to the table? To assist the
12 City.

13 MS. SCHILLER: I would hope
14 that we can take a creative approach to
15 start at least and look at all options,
16 see what's available to us.

17 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Okay.

18 MS. SCHILLER: And what will
19 make this both more affordable for energy
20 in Philadelphia as well as greener.

21 So I hope that we can take a
22 creative approach and not rule things out
23 before we look at them.

24 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Thank you.

25 MS. ADAMS: I agree. I think

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2 it would be unnecessarily unimaginative
3 to not review all possible sources of
4 energy.

5 COUNCILMAN O'NEILL: Okay,
6 great. Thank you.

7 I have nothing further, Madam
8 President.

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
10 Chair recognizes Councilwoman Brown.

11 COUNCILWOMAN BROWN: Yes, Madam
12 President.

13 I have to comment again about
14 how important it is that we have panels
15 that are diverse in terms of experience
16 but also in terms of gender. So we
17 welcome your participation and are
18 delighted to see that the community
19 representing LIHEAP, that one of you
20 bring that experience and attentiveness
21 to that constituency as well.

22 So thank you very much.

23 Thank you, Madam President.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
25 you.

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2 Are there any other questions
3 from members of the committee?

4 The Chair recognizes Councilman
5 DiCicco.

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you,
7 Madam President.

8 I apologize. I had a question
9 for the sponsor of the bill while he was
10 out the room earlier. And I support this
11 legislation; it's a good thing.

12 Will there be a cost associated
13 with this? Will there be staffing? And
14 will that impact the budget, and where
15 would the money come from?

16 It's a long question, but I'm
17 just curious about that.

18 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you
19 for the question, Councilman.

20 Yes, Councilman. During the
21 course of the discussion with the
22 Administration about the support and the
23 formulation of this authority, that issue
24 came up.

25 As you know, these members are

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2 not compensated; and for that, I want to
3 thank them very much for making such a
4 significant commitment. And I think your
5 commitment and your work --

6 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Amen to
7 that.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: -- would
9 only grow as we move forward on this
10 very, very, very important issue.

11 The Mayor's Office of
12 Sustainability currently works on some of
13 these alternative-energy strategies, and
14 the thought was that that office would
15 probably provide staff support to the
16 Authority where appropriate.

17 COUNCILMAN DiCICCO: Thank you.
18 Again, I just wasn't sure, 'cause someone
19 asked me that question, and I haven't
20 really followed this in its entirety.

21 But thank you for the
22 explanation.

23 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
24 Councilman.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank

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2 you.

3 Are there any other questions
4 from members of the committee?

5 (No further questions.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
7 you.

8 Seeing none, may I say I think
9 that every one of the nominees are really
10 very, very qualified. And with that, I
11 would like to say that the public hearing
12 is concluded.

13 We will now go into our public
14 meeting.

15 The Chair recognizes Councilman
16 Clarke regarding Resolution No. 110196.

17 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
18 Madam President.

19 I move for the adoption of
20 Resolution No. 110196.

21 (Motion duly seconded.)

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
23 has been moved and seconded that
24 Resolution No. 110196 be reported out of
25 committee with a favorable

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2 recommendation. And all of these
3 resolutions will be placed on our next
4 session of Council's calendar for a final
5 vote.

6 The Chair now recognizes Clarke
7 for Resolution 110197.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: Thank you,
9 Madam President.

10 I move that Resolution 110197
11 be reported out of committee with a
12 favorable recommendation.

13 (Motion duly seconded.)

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
15 has been moved and seconded that
16 Resolution 110197 be reported out of
17 committee with a favorable
18 recommendation.

19 All in favor will say aye.

20 Those opposed?

21 The ayes have it, and the
22 motion carries.

23 And I don't believe we had a
24 vote on Mr. Swann. All those in favor of
25 Resolution No. 110196 will indicate by

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2 saying aye.

3 Those opposed?

4 The ayes have it, and the
5 motion carries.

6 The Chair recognizes Councilman
7 Clarke regarding Resolution 110198.

8 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move that
9 Resolution 110198 be reported out of
10 committee with a favorable
11 recommendation.

12 (Motion duly seconded.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
14 has been moved and seconded that
15 Resolution 110198 be reported out of
16 committee with a favorable
17 recommendation.

18 All those in favor will say
19 aye.

20 Those opposed?

21 The ayes have it, and the
22 motion carries.

23 Again, the Chair recognizes
24 Councilman Clarke regarding Resolution
25 110199.

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2 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move that
3 Resolution 110199 be reported out of
4 committee with a favorable
5 recommendation.

6 (Motion duly seconded.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
8 has been moved and properly seconded that
9 Resolution No. 110199 be reported out of
10 committee with a favorable
11 recommendation.

12 All those in favor will say
13 aye.

14 Those opposed?

15 The ayes have it, and the
16 motion carries.

17 The Chair recognizes Councilman
18 Clarke regarding Resolution 110237.

19 COUNCILMAN CLARKE: I move that
20 Resolution 110237 be reported out of
21 committee with a favorable
22 recommendation.

23 (Motion duly seconded.)

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It's
25 been moved and seconded that Resolution

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2 110237 be reported out of committee with
3 a favorable recommendation.

4 All in favor will say aye.

5 Those opposed?

6 The ayes have it, the motion
7 carries, and the resolution will be
8 placed on our final-reading calendar for
9 our next session of Council.

10 Thank you.

11 May we go immediately into the
12 Caucus Room, please.

13 (Proceedings end at 10:18 a.m.)

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C E R T I F I C A T E

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the proceedings of the City of Philadelphia Council Committee of the Whole are contained fully and accurately in the stenographic notes taken by me on Thursday, April 14, 2011, and that this is a true and correct statement of same.

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