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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

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Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, June 7, 2007
9:45 a.m.

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PRESENT:

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT ANNA C. VERNA

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RESOLUTION 070404 - Resolution confirming the
appointment of Phoebe Haddon as a member of
the Board of Ethics, to serve in the term
ending November 16, 2009.

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COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good morning. This is the public hearing of the Committee of the Whole.

I would ask Mr. McPherson to please read the title of Bill No. 070404.

MR. McPHERSON: Resolution confirming the appointment of Phoebe Haddon as a member of the Board of Ethics, to serve in the term ending November 16, 2009.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT Verna: Good morning.

MS. WILKERSON: Good morning. My name is Joyce Wilkerson. I'm Chief of Staff for the Mayor's Office. I'm honored to appear before you today to introduce Phoebe Haddon, nominee to the independent Board of Ethics. Ms. Haddon is nominated to take the seat formerly held by Reverend Waller. Reverend Waller submitted his resignation earlier this spring. The other members that Phoebe would join include Richard Glazer, Rich Negrin, Stella Tsai and Pauline

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2 Abernathy.

3 As Council is well aware,
4 Philadelphia has taken great strides
5 towards ethics reform in recent years
6 culminating in the creation of the
7 independent Ethics Board.

8 Under the law, the Mayor
9 nominates members to the Ethics Board.
10 With the advice and consent of a majority
11 of the members of Council, they're
12 seated.

13 Members of the Ethics Board
14 have certain restrictions, including a
15 prohibition from seeking any elected
16 office for a period of two years. Once
17 they're confirmed, members of the new
18 Ethics Board can only be removed for
19 cause after notice from the Mayor, a
20 hearing before City Council and a vote of
21 two-thirds of members of City Council.

22 With that as background, it is
23 my distinct pleasure to introduce
24 Professor Phoebe Haddon seated to my
25 left. Ms. Haddon is a Professor at the

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2 Temple University James E. Beasley School
3 of Law. She's no stranger to local
4 government. From 1987 to 1990,
5 Ms. Haddon directed a corporation
6 established by the Redevelopment
7 Authority to create new affordable
8 housing initiatives in the City and also
9 served as Deputy Executive Director
10 there. She did that while on sabbatical
11 from Temple Law School. She's also
12 served as a Hearing Examiner for the
13 City's Water Department.

14 Currently, Ms. Haddon teaches
15 constitutional law, has written three
16 casebook editions in the area of
17 constitutional law. In addition, she's
18 written extensively on professional
19 responsibilities in ethics.

20 Professor Haddon will serve the
21 balance of the three-year term on the
22 Board. Her professional and civic
23 commitments are extensive, including
24 service as a trustee for Pennsylvanians
25 for a Modern Courts and the Bar

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2 Association's Committee on Racial and
3 Gender Bias and the ABA Section on Legal
4 Education. Ms. Haddon has been selected
5 for her independence, integrity, civic
6 commitment and high ethical standards.

7 On behalf of the
8 Administration, I respectfully request
9 that you confirm Phoebe Haddon to the
10 independent Board of Ethics by approving
11 Resolution 070404 so that she can begin
12 her independent work as soon as possible.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
14 you very much.

15 Good morning.

16 MS. HADDON: Good morning.

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
18 Welcome. Is there something you would
19 like to add to what has already been said
20 about you?

21 MS. HADDON: Well, first, let
22 me say that it is an honor to be
23 nominated to this Board and join Richard
24 Glazer, Pauline Abernathy and Richard
25 Negrin. Each of these individuals have

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2 worked tirelessly to effectuate the new
3 ethics provisions, and I hold them and
4 their work in the highest regard. I look
5 forward to assisting them in continuing
6 to effectuate the law.

7 I thought I would offer some
8 additional insights about my background
9 and experience that leads me to be
10 interested in serving on this Board.

11 As Joyce Wilkerson has said, I
12 have been a President -- I'm sorry; a
13 Professor of Law at Temple University for
14 25 years, principally teaching
15 constitutional law and torts. I am the
16 author of several casebooks, and I also
17 am the author of several law review
18 articles on a variety of issues,
19 including diversity, ethics and
20 professional responsibility. Much of my
21 work has focused on considering the
22 lawyer as a public citizen and thinking
23 about democratic participation in a more
24 meaningful fashion.

25 As a Law Professor, I've been

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2 deeply involved in public interest and
3 social justice work, and Joyce Wilkerson
4 mentioned some of the things that I have
5 been involved in, so I won't go back into
6 those, but I would mention that I was
7 also the Chair of the Reinvestment Fund
8 for over ten years and, in that capacity,
9 watched the extraordinary growth of that
10 organization that has been so responsive
11 to the revitalization of communities in
12 Philadelphia.

13 I also served as Deputy
14 Executive Director, as Joyce mentioned,
15 and I was proud to be a part of Robert
16 Hazen's leadership during that time and
17 his team, which included several
18 outstanding women with whom you are
19 familiar. One of them sits next to me,
20 Joyce Wilkerson, but they also include
21 Charisse Lillie, who was General Counsel
22 at the time, and Patricia Smith, who was
23 Development Counsel at the time. It's
24 not surprising that these women have
25 continued to work in the interest of a

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2 better Philadelphia in a host of
3 significant positions. Their work ethic
4 and integrity are well known by Council,
5 and I am grateful to have had the
6 privilege to work with them and to learn
7 from them.

8 Finally, I would add that I am
9 currently a member of the Board of two
10 for-profit Boards, the newly established
11 Valley Green Bank and the
12 long-established insurance company, the
13 Philadelphia Contributionship Companies.
14 That's an entity that was created by Ben
15 Franklin. These connections also inform
16 my understanding and appreciation of the
17 importance of maintaining integrity by
18 imposing firm ethical guidelines to
19 government behavior and corporate
20 decision-making.

21 I believe that the City is
22 poised to be a leader in the area of good
23 government and ethics with the creation
24 of this Ethics Board and the amendments
25 to the Charter. I am particularly

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2 pleased that the Ethics Board is planning
3 to train over 90 percent, practically
4 all, of the City employees and City
5 officials about the obligations related
6 to the changes in the law. It is my hope
7 that the City will become a leader in
8 defining ethical and good government, and
9 I would be pleased to help in this
10 endeavor.

11 Thank you very much.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Thank
13 you.

14 Are there any questions from
15 members of the Committee?

16 (No response.)

17 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Any
18 questions or comments from members of the
19 Committee?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA:
22 Seeing no one, I thank you very much.

23 MS. HADDON: Thank you.

24 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: This
25 will conclude our public hearing. We

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2 will now go into our public meeting.

3 The Chair recognizes
4 Councilwoman Tasco.

5 COUNCILWOMAN TASCO: Madam
6 President, I move that Resolution 070404
7 be reported out of Committee with a
8 favorable recommendation.

9 (Duly seconded.)

10 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: It
11 has been moved and seconded that
12 Resolution No. 070404 be reported out of
13 Committee with a favorable
14 recommendation.

15 All in favor will signify by
16 saying aye.

17 (Aye.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: Those
19 opposed?

20 (No response.)

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT VERNA: The
22 ayes have it and the motion carries.

23 Thank you very much.

24 (Committee of the Whole
25 adjourned at 9:50 p.m.)

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