

Committee of the Whole
November 29, 2018

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Room 400, City Hall
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Thursday, November 29, 2018
10:09 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE L. BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN ALLAN DOMB
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILWOMAN HELEN GYM
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
COUNCILWOMAN BLONDELL REYNOLDS BROWN
COUNCILMAN MARK SQUILLA
COUNCILMAN AL TAUBENBERGER

RESOLUTIONS: 180672, 180673, 180674, 180919

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good morning.

3 We are going to start our Committee of
4 the Whole. This is the Public Hearing of the
5 Committee of the Whole. The purpose of this
6 hearing is to take testimony on Resolutions
7 180672, 180673 -- which one are we holding --
8 180673 is a hold, 180674 and 180191.

9 Mr. Christmas, please read the title of
10 the Resolutions.

11 THE CLERK: Resolution 180672:
12 Appointing H. Hetherington Smith to the Board of
13 Directors of the Center City District.

14 Resolution 180673: Appointing Scott
15 Nassar to the Board of Directors of the Center
16 City District.

17 Resolution 180674: Appointing Paige
18 Jaffe to the Board of Directors of the Center
19 City District.

20 And Resolution 180919: Confirming the
21 reappointment of Sanjuanita Gonzalez as a member
22 of the Board of Ethics to serve in the term
23 ending November 16, 2023.

24 Resolution 180673 is being held.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

1 Will the witnesses please come to the
2 Witness Table.

3 (Panel approaches Witness Table.)

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good morning.

5 MR. LEVY: Good morning, Council
6 President. My name is Paul Levy, President of
7 the Center City District. I'm joined by our two
8 nominees this morning.

9 Our Board is recommended and is asking
10 for your support through resolution of the
11 appointment of Paige Jaffe and Heather Smith to
12 our board. They are both here this morning and
13 prepared to make a brief statement if that is
14 helpful.

15 Thank you.

16 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

17 You good? You want to testify? You
18 don't have to if you don't want to.

19 MS. SMITH: Hi. My name is Heather
20 Smith. I've been a resident of Center City
21 Philadelphia since 1971 with a few exceptions in
22 between there. I run a commercial real estate
23 firm here in Philadelphia. And have been
24 actively involved in the community and
25 supportive of Philadelphia. Am delighted to

1 accept a nomination.

2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

3 MS. SMITH: If so deemed.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

5 MS. JAFFE: Good morning. I'm Paige
6 Jaffe. I live in Center City, Philadelphia. I
7 work for a company called CBRE doing retail
8 brokerage in and around the Greater Center City,
9 Greater Philadelphia area. And I would be
10 pleased to serve n the Center City District
11 Board.

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.

13 Ms. Nayak.

14 MS. NAYAK: Thank you.

15 My name is Maya Nayak. I'm the General
16 Counsel of the City's Board of Ethics. It's an
17 honor to be present here today in support of
18 Resolution No. 180919. And the reappointment of
19 Sanjuanita Gonzalez to the Board of Ethics.

20 Board Member Gonzalez is traveling out
21 of town on a trip that was planned long before
22 she received notice of this hearing last week.
23 And she regrets very much that she is unable to
24 be here and be present herself today.

25 Since Board Member Gonzalez first joined

1 the Board of Ethics in 2011, she's been actively
2 engaged and excellent Board of Ethics member.
3 She tends the Board's monthly meetings prepared
4 and contributes her insights to the Board's
5 deliberations. Her fellow board members value
6 her perspective in collegiality. And the Board
7 staff values her direction and support.

8 Based upon our experience, the City is
9 well served with Sanjuanita Gonzalez as a member
10 of the Board of Ethics. We would look forward
11 to continuing to work with her in this capacity.

12 I would be happy to read the written
13 testimony that Ms. Gonzalez submitted if you
14 would like or --

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: You can
16 submit it.

17 MS. NAYAK: I won't do that. And if you
18 have any questions, you know, please let me
19 know. Thank you very much.

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.
21 Any questions of these witnesses?
22 Chair recognizes, Councilwoman Reynolds
23 Brown.

24 COUNCILWOMAN REYNOLDS BROWN: Thank you.
25 Good morning, Mr. President.

1 Good morning, witnesses. To Paul Levy,
2 I want to say thank you and acknowledge your
3 continuing intentional efforts to build a board
4 that captures both talent of women and
5 minorities. And particular this morning, I want
6 to say thank you for bringing women to the board
7 who are of different generations because that
8 matters, as well.

9 So, we should -- the efforts to build a
10 board that looks like Philadelphia, should never
11 ever be underestimated. And I want to say thank
12 you publicly very much.

13 MR. LEVY: Thank you.

14 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you,
15 Councilwoman.

16 Any other questions by members of the
17 Committee of these witnesses?

18 There being none, I want to thank you
19 very much for your testimony.

20 MR. LEVY: Thank you very much.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: This
22 concludes the Public Hearing of the Committee of
23 the Whole. We will now go into our Public
24 Meeting.

25 (Public Hearing concludes.)

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2 (Public Meeting commences.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: And the Chair
4 recognizes Councilmember Greenlee for single
5 motion on the three resolutions.

6 COUNCILMAN GREENLEE: Thank you,
7 Mr. Chairman.

8 I move that Resolutions 180672, 180674,
9 and 180919 be reported from this Committee with
10 a favorable recommendation.

11 (Duly seconded.)

12 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Thank you.
13 It's been moved and properly seconded that
14 Resolutions No. 180672, 180674 and 180919 be
15 reported from this Committee with favorable
16 recommendation.

17 All those in favor the motion, will
18 signify by saying aye.

19 (Ayes.)

20 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Those
21 opposed?

22 (No opposition.)

23 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Ayes have it.
24 And Resolution 180672, 180674 and 180919 will be
25 reported from this Committee with favorable

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1 recommendation. This concludes the business of
2 the Committee. Thank you all very much for
3 attending.

4 (Committee of the Whole adjourned at
5 10:15 a.m.)

C E R T I F I C A T I O N

I, hereby certify that the proceedings and evidence noted are contained fully and accurately in the stenographic notes taken by me in the foregoing matter, and that this is a correct transcript of the same.

ANGELA M. KING, RPR,
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