

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Room 400, City Hall
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Thursday, January 29, 2015
9:40 a.m.

PRESENT:

COUNCIL PRESIDENT DARRELL L. CLARKE
COUNCILWOMAN CINDY BASS
COUNCILWOMAN JANNIE BLACKWELL
COUNCILMAN W. WILSON GOODE, JR.
COUNCILMAN WILLIAM K. GREENLEE
COUNCILMAN BOBBY HENON
COUNCILMAN CURTIS JONES, JR.
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RESOLUTIONS 140984, 140985, 140986, 140987,
140988, and 150016

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
3 morning. We're going to start. We're
4 running real late.

5 This is the Committee of the
6 Whole of the City Council of
7 Philadelphia. Today the Committee will
8 hear testimony of the appointments to the
9 Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water
10 Rate Board and the Philadelphia Housing
11 Authority Board.

12 This hearing is called to
13 order. I recognize the presence of a
14 quorum of the Committee. This is the
15 public hearing of the Committee of the
16 Whole. The purpose of this public
17 hearing is to take testimony on
18 Resolutions 140984, 140985, 140986,
19 140987, 140988, and 150016.

20 Mr. Christmas, please read the
21 titles of the resolutions.

22 THE CLERK: Resolution 140984,
23 approving the appointment of Nancy
24 Winkler to the Philadelphia Water, Sewer
25 and Storm Water Rate Board; and

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2 Resolution 140985, approving
3 the appointment of Bernard Brunwasser to
4 the Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm
5 Water Rate Board; and

6 Resolution 140986, approving
7 the appointment of Sonny Popowsky to the
8 Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water
9 Rate Board; and

10 Resolution 140987, approving
11 the appointment of Lee Huang to the
12 Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water
13 Rate Board; and

14 Resolution 140988, approving
15 the appointment of Mike Chapman to the
16 Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water
17 Rate Board; and

18 Finally, 150016, approving the
19 appointment of Amy L. Kurland to be a
20 member of the Philadelphia Housing
21 Authority.

22 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
23 Thank you, Mr. Christmas.

24 The first witness to testify on
25 these resolutions are Nancy Winkler,

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2 Bernard Brunwasser, Sonny Popowsky, and
3 Lee Huang. Please come forward.

4 (Witnesses approached witness
5 table.)

6 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
7 morning.

8 (Good morning.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: If
10 you have any testimony, you will be asked
11 to please do so, or if your preference is
12 to have your testimony submitted to the
13 record. It's your choice. Right now
14 before you testify, just state your name
15 for the record and proceed with your
16 testimony.

17 Ms. Winkler.

18 MS. WINKLER: Okay. I'll go
19 first. Thank you, Council President
20 Clarke.

21 Thank you, Council President
22 Clarke and members of Council for the
23 invitation to provide testimony on
24 Resolution 140984. My name is Nancy
25 Winkler and I am pleased to be nominated

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2 to serve on Philadelphia's first Water
3 Rate Board. Thank you very much -- and
4 Storm Water. Thank you very much for
5 considering my nomination.

6 I'm a resident of Philadelphia
7 and a customer of the Water Department.
8 I'm a municipal finance and budget
9 professional. I have worked in the field
10 of municipal finance since 1982.
11 Currently I am the Treasurer of the City
12 of Philadelphia. In that capacity, I am
13 responsible, among other matters, for the
14 financing of the capital programs for the
15 City General Fund-supported
16 infrastructure investments, including
17 general obligation bonds and
18 City-supported debt issued by PAID for
19 economic development projects, the
20 Philadelphia Municipal Authority for
21 various City facilities, and the
22 Redevelopment Authority for redevelopment
23 projects. In addition, I oversee and
24 manage debt issuance by the Philadelphia
25 Gas Works, Philadelphia Airport, and the

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2 City of Philadelphia Water Department.
3 Prior to joining the City, I worked for
4 over 28 years at Public Financial
5 Management as an independent financial
6 advisor to state and local governments.
7 My final role at PFM was to manage for
8 over a decade the firm's New York office
9 and practice. At PFM, I worked in over
10 20 different states for a wide variety of
11 different municipalities and authorities,
12 including many revenue bond-supported
13 issuers. I have prior experience with
14 the water sector serving as Financial
15 Advisor to several water and sewer
16 clients, including the Nassau County
17 Sewer and Stormwater Finance Authority
18 and the St. Louis Metropolitan Sewerage
19 Authority.

20 In my role as City Treasurer,
21 I've had the opportunity to learn a great
22 deal about the Water Department's capital
23 program, debt structure, credit quality,
24 and general finances. The Water
25 Department serves an essential, critical

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2 function: to provide drinking water,
3 sewerage treatment, and stormwater
4 management for the residents, employees,
5 and businesses of the City of
6 Philadelphia, which is the fifth largest
7 city in the country. The City is the
8 single largest customer of the Water
9 Department. The Department must meet
10 complex environmental requirements,
11 manage a multi-billion-dollar, multi-year
12 capital program and, importantly, it must
13 provide these services in an affordable
14 manner to its customers. The City has a
15 large population in poverty or with low
16 income, which further challenges the
17 Water Department.

18 I understand that any member of
19 the Philadelphia Water Rate Board must be
20 able and willing to donate a substantial
21 amount of time to consider these and
22 other complex factors, all of which
23 impact the City's water rates. I am
24 prepared to do that work. I believe I
25 have a sound background of knowledge

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2 about the City's Water Department. In
3 the past four years as City Treasurer, I
4 have worked on three water new money
5 financings and three water refundings for
6 savings transactions, as well as letter
7 of credit renewals. While this gives me
8 a sound base, I do appreciate the
9 additional work necessary to evaluate the
10 details of cost of service and the rate
11 structure and to consider all
12 stakeholders.

13 As a resident of the City, I
14 believe I can contribute to this process
15 and to the work of the other members of
16 the Water Rate Board in a positive and
17 constructive manner.

18 Thank you for this opportunity.
19 I'm happy to answer any questions, if
20 there are any.

21 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
22 Thank you, Ms. Winkler.

23 MR. POPOWSKY: Thank you,
24 Council President Clarke, members of City
25 Council. My name is Sonny Popowsky.

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2 It's my honor to appear before this
3 Council pursuant to your resolution as a
4 nominee to serve on the newly created
5 Philadelphia Water, Sewer and Storm Water
6 Rate Board.

7 Under the ordinance
8 establishing the new Board, all five
9 members must be residents of the City and
10 have a minimum of five years of
11 professional experience in relevant
12 areas. In addition, under the ordinance,
13 at least one member of the Board, quote,
14 "shall have experience as a consumer
15 advocate in utility rate cases."

16 I am a resident of the
17 University City neighborhood of West
18 Philadelphia and I have more than 30
19 years of experience working on matters
20 involving the regulation of public
21 utilities, including serving from 1990 to
22 2012 as the Consumer Advocate of
23 Pennsylvania. As the Consumer Advocate
24 and previously as an Assistant Consumer
25 Advocate from 1979, my job was to

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2 represent Pennsylvania consumers in
3 matters involving the regulation of their
4 utility service. My representation was
5 primarily before the Pennsylvania Public
6 Utility Commission, but I also
7 successfully argued cases on behalf of
8 Pennsylvania consumers in matters before
9 the Commonwealth Court, the Supreme Court
10 of Pennsylvania, and the United States
11 Supreme Court.

12 After retiring from my position
13 in Harrisburg, I returned to Philadelphia
14 where I had attended the University of
15 Pennsylvania Law School and begun my
16 legal career with the law firm of Pepper,
17 Hamilton and Scheetz. Since retirement,
18 I have been a -- I have joined a number
19 of government and non-profit boards,
20 including -- that deal with utility
21 issues, including the United States
22 Secretary of Energy's Electricity
23 Advisory Committee, the Electric Power
24 Research Institute, and here in
25 Philadelphia the Energy Coordinating

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2 Agency.

3 I'd be extremely pleased to
4 draw on my many years of experience in
5 utility regulation to serve on the new
6 Philadelphia Water Rate Board. There's
7 no question that water and wastewater
8 service is essential to the health and
9 prosperity of all Philadelphia residents
10 and businesses. Because this is a
11 necessary service and because it is not
12 the type of service that lends itself to
13 competitive market forces, the prices
14 charged for public water and wastewater
15 services must be regulated in a way that
16 is reasonable and affordable for all
17 consumers. That is true whether the
18 service is provided by investor-owned
19 utilities that are regulated by the
20 Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission or
21 by a municipally owned utility such as
22 the Philadelphia Water Department.

23 While the prices for water and
24 wastewater services must be reasonable
25 and affordable, it is also necessary for

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2 the rates to be sufficient to ensure that
3 the safety and quality of our water are
4 maintained to the strictest standards
5 suitable for all household purposes and
6 that the City's sewer and stormwater
7 systems are operated in a sustainable
8 manner.

9 The job of the Water Rate Board
10 or any regulatory organization is to try
11 to ensure that rates are set in a manner
12 that is sufficient to provide the quality
13 of service that consumers need at prices
14 that they can reasonably afford. I
15 believe that the new Philadelphia Rate
16 Board can serve an important function in
17 helping to ensure the economic and
18 physical health of the City of
19 Philadelphia, and I'd be honored to
20 contribute to that service by becoming a
21 member of the Board.

22 Thank you for your
23 consideration. I'd be happy to answer
24 any questions.

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Thank you for your testimony.

3 MR. HUANG: Council President
4 Clarke, other members of Council, thank
5 you for the invitation to provide
6 testimony on Resolution 140987. My name
7 is Lee Huang and I'm pleased to be
8 nominated to serve on Philadelphia's
9 first Water Rate Board.

10 I'm a Senior Vice President and
11 Principal of Econsult Solutions,
12 Incorporated, a Philadelphia-based
13 economic consulting firm. In that
14 capacity, I have led engagements in and
15 for the City of Philadelphia on such
16 topics as tax reform, commercial
17 corridors, MBE and WBE utilization in
18 City contracts, and equitable
19 distribution of home lending and business
20 lending by the City's authorized
21 depository banks. I also teach a
22 graduate-level course called Quantitative
23 Tools for Consulting at the Fels
24 Institute of Government of the University
25 of Pennsylvania. I also serve on the

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2 Boards or Advisory Boards of Asian
3 American Chamber of Commerce of Greater
4 Philadelphia, Community Design
5 Collaborative, PHL Diversity, Spruce Hill
6 Community Association, Sustainable
7 Business Network of Greater Philadelphia,
8 and Welcoming Center for New
9 Pennsylvanians.

10 I earned a Master in Public
11 Administration degree from the Fels
12 Institute of Government of the University
13 of Pennsylvania, with certificates in
14 Public Finance and Economic Development.
15 I earned a Bachelor of Science degree
16 from the Wharton School of Business at
17 the University of Pennsylvania, with dual
18 concentration in Accounting and
19 Management.

20 I'm delighted to bring these
21 professional perspectives to the Water
22 Rate Board. I always strive to look at
23 things in a fair, analytical, and
24 informed manner and am eager to serve the
25 City in this way.

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2 Thank you again for this
3 opportunity. I'd be happy to answer
4 questions you might have.

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you very much.

7 MR. BRUNWASSER: Good morning,
8 President Clarke and members of City
9 Council. My name is Bernard Brunwasser
10 and I am a former City employee who
11 worked for the Water Department for 40
12 years and was Water Commissioner toward
13 the end of my career. It is my honor
14 again to address you nearly four years
15 since my retirement from City service in
16 2011.

17 I've always been blessed to
18 have an excellent relationship with
19 members of this Council, past and
20 present, and look forward to a continued
21 strong relationship. I'm also very
22 grateful to Mayor Nutter for nominating
23 me for this new Rate Board that was
24 authorized by the voters.

25 As many of you know, I was the

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2 Water Commissioner from 2004 to 2011.
3 This was the culmination of my wonderful
4 40-year career with the Philadelphia
5 Water Department that began in 1970. I
6 have been a proud Philadelphian since
7 1951 when my parents and I immigrated to
8 the U.S. from Europe. I was educated in
9 the Philadelphia public school system and
10 was graduated from Northeast High School
11 in 1966. During my senior year at Penn
12 State University, I was tested and
13 recruited by the City's Personnel
14 Department for the position of Management
15 Trainee. Subsequently, I was hired by
16 the Water Department after graduation.

17 My career began in the old
18 Water Pollution Control Division,
19 preparing and monitoring its budget,
20 preparing staffing requests, personal
21 services reports, requisitioning and
22 other administrative work. In 1983 after
23 several promotions, I was recruited from
24 the Operations Division to the Finance
25 Division to manage the Department's

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2 budgeting, ratemaking, accounting,
3 auditing, and capital financing work. By
4 1989, I was a General Manager of the
5 Finance Division, and in 1999, I was
6 appointed Deputy Water Commissioner for
7 Finance and Administration. With the
8 strong support of this legislative body,
9 the Finance Division saved more than 100
10 million in net present value savings,
11 \$100 million, in debt service payments as
12 we systematically refinanced most of the
13 Department's pre-1993 bonds at much lower
14 rates of interest. Combined with the
15 Department's huge operational cost
16 savings during that same period, water
17 rates were stabilized and the
18 Department's national reputation regained
19 its luster.

20 I was first appointed Water
21 Commissioner in 2004 and was reappointed
22 in 2008. During that period, I rendered
23 two Commissioner's Rate Determinations
24 under the regulations in force at that
25 time.

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2 As this brief history of my
3 career shows, I was intimately involved
4 in the Water Department's financial
5 history for many years, beginning with
6 the budget preparation in the 1970s,
7 followed by rate case preparation and
8 oversight, accounting management, and
9 capital financing by the mid 1980s, and
10 during the City's financial crisis of
11 1990 and 1991 when all the City credits
12 were downgraded to junk bond status, I
13 also became the Department's prime
14 contact with the three Wall Street bond
15 rating agencies. The Water Fund was the
16 first City credit that reentered the bond
17 market in June 1991 and succeeded in
18 receiving investment-grade bond ratings.
19 This was the beginning of a long and
20 steady rise in the credit ratings of
21 Philadelphia's water and wastewater
22 revenue bonds. The Water Department
23 achieved its highest bond ratings ever by
24 the end of the last decade.

25 Beginning in 1991, I prepared

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2 and sent quarterly financial reports to
3 all three bond rating agencies while
4 addressing all of their specific
5 concerns.

6 The Water Department built
7 trust on Wall Street by consistently
8 outperforming our financial projections
9 and by always being painfully honest with
10 the rating agencies, bond insurers, and
11 the investment community.

12 A strong bond rating is
13 particularly important to a water,
14 wastewater, and stormwater utility like
15 our own because we have an immense
16 capital infrastructure investment whose
17 replacement value is in the tens of
18 billions of dollars. The utility most
19 constantly replace and maintain this
20 enormous investment by selling its
21 revenue bonds through sophisticated
22 purchasers who have many other investment
23 options in the bond marketplace.

24 All of our citizens should
25 remember that a considerable amount of

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2 Water Department spending is a direct
3 result of unfunded federal and state
4 mandates for drinking water purity,
5 stormwater runoff, wastewater treatment,
6 affluent quality, and other standards.
7 Beginning with the Clean Water Act of
8 1972, water, sewer, and stormwater
9 utilities, public and private, have had
10 to deal with evermore stringent rules and
11 regulations coming out of Washington.
12 For better or worse, this has forced
13 these utilities to propose and pass
14 frequent and larger rate increases upon
15 their customers. Although this resulted
16 in a remarkable improvement in our river
17 and stream environments, it also
18 increased the burden on the pockets of
19 ratepayers.

20 One major challenge the Water
21 Department faces, like many other similar
22 utilities across the nation, is finding a
23 way to meet all current and future
24 federal regulations while keeping the
25 cost of water affordable for as many

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2 customers as possible. This will not get
3 any easier in the years to come. The
4 Water Department has done an excellent
5 job over the past 20 years in finding
6 significant cost savings and efficiencies
7 in the way it operates. However, it is
8 essential that additional ways to save
9 operating costs emerge in the future.

10 The Water Department must also
11 work more closely with the City, the
12 Water Revenue Bureau, and appropriate
13 consumer representatives to build new
14 strategies to help those customers who
15 live at or below the poverty line. Since
16 more than one-quarter of our fellow
17 citizens fall into this category, it is
18 essential that additional means of
19 private and government assistance be
20 found for them.

21 Finally, I must close by saying
22 that over the past 20 years, the
23 Philadelphia Water Department has been
24 considered one of the very best utilities
25 of its kind in the nation, thanks in

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2 large part to the strong support and
3 cooperation of this Council.
4 Philadelphians deserve the best, so it is
5 incumbent for the new Philadelphia Water,
6 Sewer and Storm Water Rate Board to help
7 keep the Water Department on top while
8 being mindful of its customers' ability
9 to pay.

10 That concludes my formal
11 testimony. I'd be happy to answer any
12 questions you may have.

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 Thank you very much for your testimony.

15 Are there any questions of
16 these witnesses by members of the
17 Committee?

18 (No response.)

19 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
20 There being none, thank you very much for
21 your testimony.

22 Is there anyone else interested
23 in testifying on this particular
24 resolution?

25 (Witness approached witness

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2 table.)

3 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
4 morning. State your name for the record.

5 MR. BALLENGER: Good morning,
6 Mr. Council President and members of City
7 Council. My name is Robert Ballenger.
8 I'm an attorney at Community Legal
9 Services in the Energy Unit where I focus
10 on utility matters. I recently served as
11 counsel in my firm's role in the Water
12 Department's most recent 2012 rate case
13 where we served as Public Advocate. That
14 case settled in late 2012.

15 Water Department rates are a
16 matter of significant concern for
17 residential water and sewer customers who
18 we serve as Public Advocate.
19 Approximately half of those customers
20 struggle to afford utility service and
21 other fundamental necessities of life.

22 I submitted written testimony
23 on Resolution 140984 concerning the
24 appointment of the City Treasurer, Nancy
25 Winkler, to the Board that will oversee

1 1/29/15 - WHOLE - RES. 140984, etc.
2 new water, sewer and stormwater rates. I
3 urge this Committee to vote no on that
4 resolution.

5 While I'm here to speak
6 primarily about that filed testimony in
7 opposition to the appointment of the City
8 Treasurer to the Water Rate Board, I'd
9 like to briefly voice my strong support
10 for the appointment of Mr. Sonny Popowsky
11 to the Water Rate Board. That's
12 Resolution 140986. Mr. Popowsky's
13 decades of experience fighting for
14 utility customers as Pennsylvania's
15 Consumer Advocate have benefited all
16 Philadelphians served by PGW and PECO.
17 I'm confident his service on the Water
18 Rate Board will be meaningful, and he's a
19 vital member of that Board. I urge the
20 Committee to vote yes to Mr. Popowsky's
21 nomination.

22 My written testimony explains
23 the legal basis for my conclusion that
24 the City Treasurer's service on the Water
25 Board would violate fundamental

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2 principles of due process. Council
3 correctly recognized and included in its
4 own ordinance establishing this Water
5 Rate Board that the Board must be
6 independent, reaching its own conclusions
7 about rates and issuing appealable
8 decisions. Unlike the process that has
9 been in place for many years where the
10 Water Commissioner has the last word in
11 setting PWD rates, the new Board will be
12 required to comply with due process under
13 Pennsylvania law. Among those due
14 process requirements, a fundamental and
15 important requirement is that
16 decision-makers be impartial and free
17 from conflict. The City Treasurer, by
18 virtue of her position, cannot be
19 expected to make decisions that are
20 incompatible with her post and in
21 contravention of the goals of the
22 Administration, and this conflict is
23 inherent in the City Treasurer's
24 function. It is irreconcilable --

25 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

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2 Excuse me, sir. Hold on one second.

3 Folks, we're conducting
4 hearings here. I'd ask you all to please
5 keep your voices down. Thank you.

6 MR. BALLENGER: Thank you,
7 Mr. Council President. I appreciate
8 that.

9 As I was saying, the conflict
10 is inherent in the City Treasurer's
11 function. It's irreconcilable. There's
12 no way that the Treasurer can function as
13 an impartial member of this Board given
14 her responsibility over PWD finances,
15 including the bonds it sells to finance
16 capital work, which are backed by
17 customer rates, the rates that will be
18 set by this Board.

19 As my testimony goes into
20 briefly, I think it's helpful to think
21 about due process in the same way for all
22 utility customers, and I tried to do that
23 by analogy in my testimony. I think it
24 demonstrates how unfair it would be to
25 Water Department customers to have the

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2 City Treasurer participate in setting
3 rates.

4 So if we imagine the Chief
5 Financial Officer of Exelon Corporation
6 being appointed to the PUC to oversee the
7 establishment of PECO rates, that's
8 roughly an apt analogy for what's
9 happening with the nomination of the City
10 Treasurer. It would not be possible for
11 Exelon's CFO, who has a fiduciary duty to
12 the shareholders of PECO's parent, to put
13 aside her professional responsibility,
14 and I don't think customers would want
15 that person to be in charge of setting
16 the higher rates that they would have to
17 pay, which ultimately could be motivated
18 by that same fiduciary obligation toward
19 shareholders.

20 Pennsylvania due process should
21 protect us from that circumstance because
22 it requires impartiality, and not just
23 actual impartiality but the appearance of
24 impartiality. The City Treasurer is a
25 high-ranking, cabinet-level member of the

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2 Administration who's charged with
3 management responsibility over PWD
4 indebtedness and cannot satisfy this
5 legal standard.

6 An independent authority for
7 utility ratemaking is essential to
8 ensuring that Water Department claims for
9 higher rates are subjected to thorough
10 and diligent examination and review by
11 decision-makers who are required to act
12 with impartiality. Although the
13 Treasurer may possess the professional
14 qualifications that would be desirable in
15 a Board member and, of course, this
16 testimony is not personal, as I've only
17 just met the City Treasurer moments ago,
18 it is by virtue of her position that I do
19 not believe she can serve on this Board.

20 I respectfully urge the members
21 of the Committee of the Whole to vote no
22 to the appointment of the City Treasurer.
23 That's Resolution 140984.

24 Thank you. I would be happy to
25 answer any questions you may have.

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2 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

3 Thank you for your testimony.

4 Any questions of this witness
5 by members of the Committee?

6 (No response.)

7 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

8 There being none, thank you very much for
9 your testimony.

10 MR. BALLENGER: Thank you.

11 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Next
12 we will have Ms. Amy Kurland.

13 (Witness approached witness
14 table.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: Good
16 morning.

17 MS. KURLAND: Good morning,
18 President Clarke and members of City
19 Council. I am Amy Kurland, the Inspector
20 General for the City of Philadelphia, and
21 I'm very pleased to appear before you
22 today regarding my application for
23 appointment to the PHA Board.

24 I have served the City as
25 Inspector General since January of 2008.

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2 As you know, my office's mission is to
3 boost public confidence in City
4 government by rooting out fraud,
5 corruption, misconduct, waste, and
6 mismanagement. During my time in office,
7 the Inspector General's Office has saved
8 or recovered for the City over \$34
9 million and conducted more than 1,000
10 investigations as a result of our
11 commitment to preventing fraud and
12 corruption by City employees and
13 businesses with City contracts.

14 I am certain that PHA faces
15 some of the same issues that I deal with
16 on a daily basis, and I believe having an
17 experienced watchdog on its Board would
18 help the agency. I care deeply about the
19 City and its residents, and I believe my
20 desire to make the City a better place
21 for its residents and my skills as
22 Inspector General make me a good
23 candidate for the PHA Board.

24 I thank you for the opportunity
25 to testify. I look forward to helping to

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2 support and govern PHA, and I welcome any
3 questions that you may have.

4 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
5 Thank you. Thank you very much for your
6 testimony.

7 Any questions?
8 (No response.)

9 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
10 Anyone else here to testify on any of
11 these resolutions?

12 (No response.)

13 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:
14 There being none, thank you all very
15 much.

16 This concludes the public
17 hearing of the Committee of the Whole.
18 We will now go into the public meeting.

19 The Chair recognizes
20 Councilmember Jones for a single motion
21 on the six resolutions.

22 COUNCILMAN JONES: Thank you,
23 Mr. Chairman. I move that Resolutions
24 No. 140984, 140985, 140986, 140987, and
25 140988, along with 150016 be reported

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2 from this Committee with a favorable
3 recommendation.

4 (Duly seconded.)

5 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

6 Thank you. It has been moved and
7 properly seconded that Resolutions No.
8 140984, 140985, 140986, 140987, 140988,
9 and 150016 be reported from this
10 Committee with a favorable
11 recommendation.

12 All those in favor please say
13 aye.

14 (Aye.)

15 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE:

16 Those opposed?

17 (No response.)

18 COUNCIL PRESIDENT CLARKE: The
19 ayes have it, the motion carries, and the
20 resolutions will be reported from this
21 Committee with a favorable recommendation
22 at the next session of Council.

23 This concludes our business for
24 today. Thank you all very much.

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