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PHILADELPHIA GAS COMMISSION  
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THE ELECTION OF A NEW CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR  
OF THE PHILADELPHIA GAS COMMISSION

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Tuesday, April 15, 2025  
10:02 a.m.

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Hybrid Meeting held on the  
18th Floor - 1515 Arch Street  
and Virtually via Teams

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BEFORE: CURTIS J. JONES, JR. (Via Teams)  
MIKE DRISCOLL  
CHRISTY BRADY, City Controller  
EVAN URBANIA  
BILL RUBIN, Alternate  
Commissioners

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MID-ATLANTIC DIVISION

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3 Deputy City Solicitor  
4 Counsel to Philadelphia Gas Commission

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6 Counsel to Philadelphia Gas Works  
7 COMMUNITY LEGAL SERVICES, INC.

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10 Counsel to Public Advocate

11 PRESENT ON BEHALF OF PGC:

12 GEMELA N. McCLENDON, ESQ.  
13 Executive Director  
14 HEIDI L. WUSHINSKE, ESQ.  
15 Hearing Examiner

16 ROSLYN BELL, ESQ.  
17 Hearing Examiner  
18 ANNA M. CORRADO ROWE  
19 Senior Analyst

20 TIMOTHY MURTHA  
21 Financial Analyst/Internal Auditor  
22 SANDRA FONTANEZ (Via Teams)  
23 Administrative Assistant

24 PRESENT ON BEHALF OF PGW:

WILLIAM J. GALLAGHER  
Vice President, Budget and Strategic  
Development

1 PRESENT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY CONTROLLER:

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FRANK IANNUZZI, ESQ.

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4 PRESENT ON BEHALF OF CITY COUNCIL:

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THOMAS P. FORKIN (Via Teams)

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6th District Chief of Staff

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PRESENT ON BEHALF OF THE PUBLIC:

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MITCH CHANIN (Via Teams)

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1 EXEC. DIR. McCLENDON: It is 10:02 so  
2 we're going to go ahead and get started  
3 because we only have Commissioner Urbania  
4 for a limited amount of time. This is going  
5 to run a little differently than normal.

6 Good morning. This meeting is being  
7 held in a hybrid format to enhance public  
8 participation. Instructions for virtual  
9 participation are included in the public  
10 meeting notices and can be found on the Gas  
11 Commission's website.

12 With the presence of Controller  
13 Brady, Councilmember Driscoll, Councilmember  
14 Jones, and Commissioner Urbania, we do have  
15 a quorum of the Gas Commission.

16 Can I have Hearing Examiner Wushinske  
17 read the agenda into the record.

18 COMMISSIONER URBANIA: Can I ask you  
19 to just get close to the mic so we can hear  
20 you.

21 HEARING EXAMINER WUSHINSKE: Let me  
22 know, can you hear me, Commissioner Urbania?

23 COMMISSIONER URBANIA: Yes.

24 HEARING EXAMINER WUSHINSKE: Thank

1           you.

2                         "The Philadelphia Gas Commission will  
3 hold its regularly scheduled meeting on  
4 Tuesday, April 15th, 2025, at 10:00 a.m. in  
5 the Commission's hearing room on the 18th  
6 Floor, 1515 Arch Street, Philadelphia  
7 Pennsylvania, with a virtual option for  
8 those who cannot attend in person, for the  
9 purpose of considering:

10                        "1. The election of a new Chair and  
11 Vice Chair of the Philadelphia Gas  
12 Commission;

13                        "2. The Philadelphia Gas Works'  
14 proposed fiscal year 2026 Capital Budget,  
15 forecast for fiscal years 2027 to 2031, and  
16 related matters;

17                        "3. PGW's proposed FY 2025 Capital  
18 Budget amendment; and

19                        "4. Such other business as may  
20 properly be brought before this Commission.

21                        "A link to the virtual meeting room  
22 will be posted on the Commission's website  
23 so as to allow members of the public to  
24 participate."

1 EXEC. DIR. McCLENDON: And with that  
2 this agenda will be entered into the record  
3 and marked as Gas Commission Exhibit #1.

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5 (Whereupon PGC Exhibit #1 was marked  
6 for identification.)

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8 EXEC. DIR. McCLENDON: The first item  
9 on the agenda is the election of a new Chair  
10 and Vice Chair of the Philadelphia Gas  
11 Commission.

12 With the retirement of Gene Brown  
13 after over 25 years of service on this  
14 Commission, the roles of Chair and Vice  
15 Chair must be filled.

16 To begin, nominations from members of  
17 the Commission are now in order for the  
18 office of Chair.

19 COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL: I would like  
20 to nominate Commissioner and City Controller  
21 Christy Brady for Chair.

22 COMMISSIONER JONES: Second.

23 EXEC. DIR. McCLENDON: Okay. Are  
24 there any additional nominations?

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(No response.)

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EXEC. DIR. McCLENDON: Hearing none, nominations are now closed.

At this time we will call for the vote. All Commissioners in favor of electing Controller Brady as the new Chair of the Gas Commission please say aye.

COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL: Aye.

COMMISSIONER BRADY: Aye.

COMMISSIONER JONES: Aye.

COMMISSIONER URBANIA: Aye.

EXEC. DIR. McCLENDON: The ayes have it.

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(Whereupon the motion was unanimously carried.)

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EXEC. DIR. McCLENDON: Thank you, Commissioners, and congratulations to Controller Brady.

CHAIRWOMAN BRADY: Thank you.

EXEC. DIR. McCLENDON: Next,

1 nominations are in order for the office of  
2 Vice Chair. We will now accept nominations  
3 for Vice Chair from members of the  
4 Commission.

5 CHAIRWOMAN BRADY: I would like to  
6 nominate Councilman Driscoll.

7 COMMISSIONER JONES: Second.

8 EXEC. DIR. McCLENDON: Are there any  
9 further nominations?

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11 (No response.)

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13 EXEC. DIR. McCLENDON: At this time  
14 nominations are closed.

15 I will now call for the vote. All  
16 Commissioners in favor of electing  
17 Councilmember Driscoll as Vice Chair of the  
18 Gas Commission please say aye.

19 CHAIRWOMAN BRADY: Aye.

20 COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL: Aye.

21 COMMISSIONER JONES: Aye.

22 COMMISSIONER URBANIA: Aye.

23 EXEC. DIR. McCLENDON: Thank you,  
24 Commissioners, and congratulations to



1 Councilmember Driscoll.

2 At this time I will now turn the  
3 meeting over to Chairperson Brady to  
4 continue this meeting.

5 CHAIRWOMAN BRADY: Thank you.

6 First, I want to sincerely thank my  
7 fellow Commissioners for your vote in  
8 electing me as Chairperson of the  
9 Philadelphia Gas Commission. It is an honor  
10 to take on this role and I'm grateful for  
11 the trust you've placed in me.

12 As Commissioners our duty is to the  
13 ratepayers of Philadelphia to ensure  
14 Philadelphia Gas Works operates  
15 transparently, responsibly, and in the best  
16 interests of the public.

17 I look forward to working with all of  
18 you to uphold that mission to ensure that  
19 PGW continues to provide safe, reliable, and  
20 affordable service to our city in a way that  
21 is also environmentally responsible.

22 Thank you.

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24 Reported By: Susan Marie Migatz, RMR, CRR

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