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PHILADELPHIA GAS COMMISSION
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THE SWEARING IN OF
COUNCILMEMBER DRISCOLL AS A COMMISSIONER
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Tuesday, April 25, 2023
10:15 a.m.

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VIA ZOOM VIDEOCONFERENCING
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BEFORE: ROYAL E. BROWN, Acting Chairman
EVAN URBANIA
MICHAEL DRISCOLL
Commissioners

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1 of Commissioner Evan Urbania and newly
 2 appointed Commissioner Mike Driscoll.
 3 I would like to have the agenda read,
 4 marked, and entered into the record as Gas
 5 Commission Exhibit #1.
 6 EXEC. DIR. McCLENDON: "The
 7 Philadelphia Gas Commission will hold a
 8 regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday,
 9 April 25th, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. via Zoom
 10 videoconferencing due to the COVID-19
 11 pandemic for the purposes of:
 12 "1. The swearing in of Councilmember
 13 Mike Driscoll as a Commissioner;
 14 "2. The Philadelphia Gas Works'
 15 FY 2024 capital budget; and
 16 "3. Any such other business that may
 17 properly be brought before this Commission.
 18 "Royal Brown, Acting Chairman."
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 20 (Whereupon the document was marked
 21 for identification purposes as PGC Exhibit
 22 #1.)
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 24 ACTING CHAIRMAN BROWN: Thank you.

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1 The first item on the agenda is the
 2 swearing in of our new Commissioner.
 3 Section 6, Paragraphs 2 and 3, of the
 4 Management Agreement provide that City
 5 Council shall appoint two members to the Gas
 6 Commission.
 7 As one of the Council's selections
 8 was left vacant with the resignation of the
 9 esteemed Derek Green, City Council, by
 10 Resolution No. 230283, approved on
 11 April 20th, 2023, has selected Councilmember
 12 Mike Driscoll as his replacement.
 13 Councilmember Driscoll represents the
 14 6th Councilmanic District of the City of
 15 Philadelphia. Prior to his election to City
 16 Council, he served in the Pennsylvania House
 17 of Representatives representing the 173rd
 18 Legislative District beginning in 2014.
 19 Councilmember Driscoll earned his
 20 undergraduate degree at LaSalle University
 21 before completing his Master's in government
 22 administration at the University of
 23 Pennsylvania.
 24 At this time I ask Councilmember

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1 Driscoll to raise his hand and repeat after
 2 me, so that you can officially be sworn in
 3 as a Gas Commissioner.
 4 I, state your name...
 5 COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL: I, Michael
 6 Driscoll...
 7 ACTING CHAIRMAN BROWN: ...solemnly
 8 swear that I will support...
 9 COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL: ...solemnly
 10 swear that I will support...
 11 ACTING CHAIRMAN BROWN: ...obey and
 12 defend...
 13 COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL: ...obey and
 14 defend...
 15 ACTING CHAIRMAN BROWN: ...the
 16 Constitution of the United States...
 17 COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL: ...the
 18 Constitution of the United States...
 19 ACTING CHAIRMAN BROWN: ...the
 20 Constitution of the Commonwealth of
 21 Pennsylvania...
 22 COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL: ...the
 23 Constitution of the Commonwealth of
 24 Pennsylvania...

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1 ACTING CHAIRMAN BROWN: ...the
 2 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter...
 3 COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL: ...the
 4 Philadelphia Home Rule Charter...
 5 ACTING CHAIRMAN BROWN: ...and that I
 6 will discharge the duties of this office
 7 with fidelity.
 8 COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL: ...and that I
 9 will discharge the duties of this office
 10 with fidelity.
 11 ACTING CHAIRMAN BROWN: Well,
 12 congratulations, Commissioner Driscoll.
 13 Would any other Commissioners like to
 14 make any comments at this time?
 15 COMMISSIONER URBANIA: I will. Evan
 16 Urbania here. I welcome Mr. Driscoll to the
 17 Commission and I look forward to working
 18 with you.
 19 COMMISSIONER DRISCOLL: Same here.
 20 Thank you.
 21 ACTING CHAIRMAN BROWN: Okay.
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 23 Reported By: Susan Marie Migatz, RMR, CRR
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