

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

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SESSION OF 2023

207TH OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

No. 1

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

The House convened at 12 m., e.s.t.

**THE CHIEF CLERK
(BROOKE WHEELER) PRESIDING**

CALL TO ORDER

The CHIEF CLERK. This being the day and the hour appointed by Article II, section 4, of the Constitution of Pennsylvania for the meeting of the General Assembly, the House of Representatives will now come to order.

The Sergeants at Arms will close the doors of the House.

The prayer will be offered by Rev. Joan M. Sabatino, minister emerita, director, Unitarian Universalist Justice PA. After the prayer, we will recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members and guests please rise as able.

PRAYER

REV. JOAN M. SABATINO, Guest Chaplain of the House of Representatives, offered the following prayer:

Good afternoon, and thank you for inviting me to share an opening prayer with you today.

While I am aware that there are many people in this hall – family, friends, staffers, supporters, Capitol workers – it is you, the 200 or so Representatives, elected either for your 2d or 5th or 10th term or your 1st, you that I hope will pray with me and listen and hear each other's prayers.

You have been chosen by your people. We are aware that representing the people of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is not an easy job. You were elected to serve, to serve the needs of the residents of your district, to help them when they need it and to give them hope that our Commonwealth, in these troubling times, can be the best place to reside, to work, to raise a family, to grow old. Each of you will be sworn in today, and each of you has your own theological understanding of God, the divine, the creator; how this earth was formed, why we are here, what is our purpose. Therefore, I ask you to take a moment now and call to your mind the word you use for your God.

Now let us pray together:

Spirit of life and love, that which is known by many names yet is beyond our full understanding, we ask You to bless this ceremony and the legislators who have been elected to serve in the 2023-2024 Pennsylvania House of Representatives legislative term.

We pray first that you each garner an understanding that each and every person has inherent worth and dignity. As our Commonwealth becomes more and more diverse, so has our House, and that is good and right. We pray today that you honor and respect diversity in all its forms.

We pray also that the laws you pass in the next few years are based on equity, care, and compassion for all. We pray that you find time for reflection, knowing what is in your heart and why you are making the decisions that you will make. May you be reminded often of your calling to this body, to this service – not so that you will be intimidated or overwhelmed, but so that you may stay true to your values each day, the values that you promised your constituents, the values you promise us. Remember those promises so that you may be faithful in carrying them forward.

Today we pray that you may be inspired to be filled with new breath, new energy, new understanding; to be filled with new enthusiasm; to see fresh opportunities, new perspectives, new avenues for action and resolution.

And finally, never forget the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part. Your decisions not only affect human existence, but also the earth on which we are sustained. Many religions have an understanding of humanity being given earth, this beautiful blue-green sphere that floats in space, to tend and therefore to thrive on.

Spirit of life and love, thank You for all the blessings of our lives. May this body move forward today with a new understanding of your responsibilities to serve the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and may you do so with kindness, care, compassion, and love.

So may it be. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

(The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by members-elect and visitors.)

ELECTION RETURNS PRESENTED

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair recognizes the Sergeant at Arms of the House.

The SERGEANT AT ARMS. Madam Chief Clerk, the Deputy Secretary for Elections and Commissions, Jonathan Marks.

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair recognizes Deputy Secretary for Elections and Commissions Jonathan Marks.

Mr. MARKS. On behalf of the Secretary of the Commonwealth, it is my honor to present the returns and the statement of campaign expense compliance for the election held

on November 8, 2022, for the office of Representative in the General Assembly.

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair extends the thanks of the House to Mr. Marks.

The clerk will proceed with the reading of the returns.

The following election returns were read:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AND THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF
PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

I have the honor to present the returns of the General Election held November 8, 2022. The following, having received the highest number of votes in their respective districts, were duly elected Members of the House of Representatives in the General Assembly:

Name	District
Patrick J. Harkins	First
Robert E. Merski	Second
Ryan A. Bizzarro	Third
Jacob Daniel Banta	Fourth
Barry J. Jozwiak	Fifth
Bradley T. Roae	Sixth
Parke H. Wentling	Seventh
Aaron Joseph Bernstine	Eighth
Marla A. Brown	Ninth
Amen Brown	Tenth
Marci Mustello	Eleventh
Stephenie G. A. Scialabba	Twelfth
John Adda Lawrence	Thirteenth
James E. Marshall	Fourteenth
Joshua Daniel Kail	Fifteenth
Robert F. Matzie	Sixteenth
Timothy R. Bonner	Seventeenth
Kathleen Christine Tomlinson	Eighteenth
Aerion Andrew Abney	Nineteenth
Emily Kinlead	Twentieth
Sara Innamorato	Twenty-first
Joshua M. Siegel	Twenty-second
Dan B. Frankel	Twenty-third
Latasha Denise Mayes	Twenty-fourth
Brandon Joseph Markosek	Twenty-fifth
Paul F. Friel, Jr.	Twenty-sixth
Daniel J. Deasy	Twenty-seventh
Robert W. Mercuri	Twenty-eighth
Timothy Patrick Brennan	Twenty-ninth
Arvind Venkat	Thirtieth
Perry Sinclair Warren, Jr.	Thirty-first
Anthony M. DeLuca	Thirty-second
Mandy Steele	Thirty-third
Summer Lee	Thirty-fourth
Austin Davis	Thirty-fifth
Jessica Lynn Benham	Thirty-sixth
Melinda S. Fee	Thirty-seventh
Nickolas Pisciotano	Thirty-eighth
Andrew Kuzma	Thirty-ninth
Natalie Nicole Stuck	Fortieth
Brett R. Miller	Forty-first
Daniel Laurenzano Miller	Forty-second
Keith James Greiner	Forty-third
Valerie S. Gaydos	Forty-fourth
Anita Astorino Kulik	Forty-fifth

Jason A. Orbitay	Forty-sixth
Joseph Frank D'Orsie	Forty-seventh
Timothy Jon O'Neal	Forty-eighth
Ismail Smith-Wade-El	Forty-ninth
Donald Cook	Fiftieth
Charity Grimm Krupa	Fifty-first
Ryan J. Warner	Fifty-second
Steven Richard Malagari	Fifty-third
Gregory Scott	Fifty-fourth
Jill Nixon Cooper	Fifty-fifth
George Dunbar	Fifty-sixth
Eric R. Nelson	Fifty-seventh
Eric M. Davanzo	Fifty-eighth
Leslie Anita Rossi	Fifty-ninth
Abigail E. Major	Sixtieth
Laura Elizabeth Hanbidge	Sixty-first
James Bruno Struzzi II	Sixty-second
Donna R. Oberlander	Sixty-third
Robert Lee James	Sixty-fourth
Kathy L. Rapp	Sixty-fifth
Brian A. Smith	Sixty-sixth
Martin T. Causer	Sixty-seventh
Clinton D. Owlett	Sixty-eighth
Carl Walker Metzgar	Sixty-ninth
Matthew D. Bradford	Seventieth
James Patrick Rigby	Seventy-first
Frank Burns	Seventy-second
Dallas Paul Kephart	Seventy-third
Dan K. Williams	Seventy-fourth
Michael J. Armanini	Seventy-fifth
Stephanie Paige Borowicz	Seventy-sixth
Harry Scott Conklin	Seventy-seventh
Jesse W. Topper	Seventy-eighth
Louis C. Schmitt, Jr.	Seventy-ninth
James V. Gregory	Eightieth
Richard S. Irvin	Eighty-first
Paul R. Takac, Jr.	Eighty-second
Jamie L. Flick	Eighty-third
Joseph D. Hamm	Eighty-fourth
David Hummer Rowe	Eighty-fifth
Perry A. Stambaugh	Eighty-sixth
Thomas Holden Kutz	Eighty-seventh
Sheryl M. Delozier	Eighty-eighth
Robert W. Kauffman	Eighty-ninth
Paul Thomas Schemel	Ninetieth
Daniel P. Moul	Ninety-first
Dawn Keefer	Ninety-second
Paul Michael Jones	Ninety-third
Wendy Jo Fink	Ninety-fourth
Carol Hill-Evans	Ninety-fifth
P. Michael Sturla	Ninety-sixth
Steven Curtis Mentzer	Ninety-seventh
Thomas M. Jones	Ninety-eighth
David H. Zimmerman	Ninety-ninth
Bryan D. Cutler	One hundredth
John A. Schlegel	One hundred first
Russell H. Diamond	One hundred second
Patty Kim	One hundred third
David A. Madsen	One hundred fourth
Justin C. Fleming	One hundred fifth
Thomas Mehaffie	One hundred sixth
Joanne Carol Stehr	One hundred seventh
Lynda J. Schlegel Culver	One hundred eighth
Robert Leadbeter	One hundred ninth
Tina Pickett	One hundred tenth
Jonathan A. Fritz	One hundred eleventh
Kyle J. Mullins	One hundred twelfth

Kyle Timothy Donahue
 Bridget Kosierowski
 Maureen E. Madden
 Dane Jeffery Watro, Jr.
 Michael Cabell
 James L. Haddock
 Alec Joseph Ryncavage
 Aaron Kaufer
 Edwin A. Pashinski
 Doyle Heffley
 Timothy F. Twardzik
 James A. Barton
 Joseph P. Kerwin
 Mark L. Rozzi
 Manuel M. Guzman, Jr.
 Mark M. Gillen
 Johanny Cepeda-Freytiz
 David M. Maloney
 V. Milou Mackenzie
 Michael Harry Schlossberg
 Jeanne McNeill
 Peter George Schweyer
 Stephen P. Samuelson
 Robert Freeman
 Joseph T. Emrick
 Ann L. Flood
 Joseph W. Adams
 John T. Galloway
 Tina Marie Davis
 Joseph F. Hogan
 Shelby E. Labs
 Brian Munroe
 Craig T. Staats
 Joseph P. Ciresi
 Donna Marie Scheuren
 Mary Josephine Daley
 Timothy Patrick Briggs
 Joseph G. Webster
 Melissa Cerrato
 Nancy Guenst
 Benjamin Sanchez
 Napoleon J. Nelson
 Danielle Friel Otten
 Christopher Pielli
 Melissa Shusterman
 Christina D. Sappey
 Carol Kazeem
 Wendell Craig Williams
 Leanne T. Krueger
 David M. Delloso
 Michael P. Zabel
 Gina H. Curry
 Jennifer O'Mara
 Gregory S. Vitali
 Kristine C. Howard
 Lisa Borowski
 Kate Anne Klunk
 Martina A. White
 Kerry A. Benninghoff
 Kevin J. Boyle
 Patrick Liam Gallagher
 Edward J. Neilson
 Marylouise Isaacson
 Jack B. Rader, Jr.
 Joseph Hohenstein
 Kristin Marcell

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Jason T. Dawkins
 Jose A. Giral
 Malcolm Kenyatta
 Benjamin R. Waxman
 Zachery Allen Mako
 Elizabeth A. Fiedler
 Regina G. Young
 Jordan Alexander Harris
 Ryan Mackenzie
 Rick Chester Krajewski
 Tarah Probst
 Gwendolyn Veronica Green
 Joanna E. McClinton
 Morgan Cephas
 Torren C. Ecker
 Tarik Khan
 Donna Bullock
 Seth M. Grove
 Danilo R. Burgos
 Darisha K. Parker
 Barbara Gleim
 Christopher M. Rabb
 Stephen Kinsey
 Jared G. Solomon
 Anthony A. Bellmon

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Witness my hand and the seal of my
 office this twenty-eighth day of December,
 2022.

(SEAL)

Leigh M. Chapman
 Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

CERTIFICATE ON ELECTION EXPENSES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
GREETINGS:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1632(b) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3252(b), I do hereby certify that all duly elected members of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have filed all of the reports and statements of contributions and expenditures required by the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code entitled "Primary and Election Expenses."

Witness my hand and the seal of my office
 this twenty-ninth day of December, 2022.

(SEAL)

Leigh M. Chapman
 Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

The CHIEF CLERK. The election returns for all candidates for membership in the House of Representatives will be printed in the Journal of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHIEF CLERK

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair notes with great sadness the untimely passing of Representative Anthony M. DeLuca of the 32d Legislative District on October 9, 2022.

RESIGNATIONS OF MEMBERS

The CHIEF CLERK. The clerk will read the resignation letters submitted by the Honorable Summer Lee of the 34th Legislative District, and the Honorable Austin Davis of the 35th Legislative District.

The following communications were read:

House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg

December 6, 2022

Honorable Joanna McClinton
Majority Leader
Pennsylvania House of Representatives
423 Main Capitol
Harrisburg, PA 17120

Leader McClinton:

I, Austin A. Davis, hereby resign my position as a Pennsylvania State Representative for the 2023-2024 legislative session effective at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, December 7, 2022. It has been my honor to represent the 35th Legislative District in Allegheny County.

Yours In Service,
Austin A. Davis

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House of Representatives
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Harrisburg

December 6, 2022

Dear Majority Leader Joanna McClinton –

I, Summer Lee, hereby resign my position as a Member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives for the 2023-2024 legislative session effective 10:00 AM on Wednesday, December 7, 2022.

Sincerely Yours,
Summer Lee
Representative
Pennsylvania House District 34

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

The CHIEF CLERK. Are there requests for leaves of absence?
The Chair recognizes the Democratic whip, Mr. Harris. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

The Chair recognizes the Republican whip, Mr. O'Neal. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

ROLL CALL

The CHIEF CLERK. The roll will now be taken and the members will signify their presence by pressing the "aye" button. The members will proceed to vote.

The following roll call was recorded, and the following members-elect were present:

PRESENT—200

Abney	Fink	Krajewski	Probst
Adams	Fleming	Krueger	Rabb
Armanini	Flick	Krupa	Rader
Banta	Flood	Kulik	Rapp
Barton	Frankel	Kutz	Rigby
Bellmon	Freeman	Kuzma	Roae
Benham	Friel	Labs	Rossi
Benninghoff	Fritz	Lawrence	Rowe
Bernstine	Gallagher	Leadbeter	Rozzi
Bizzarro	Galloway	Mackenzie, M.	Ryncavage
Bonner	Gaydos	Mackenzie, R.	Samuelson
Borowicz	Gillen	Madden	Sanchez
Borowski	Giral	Madsen	Sappey
Boyle	Gleim	Major	Schemel
Bradford	Green	Mako	Scheuren
Brennan	Gregory	Malagari	Schlegel
Briggs	Greiner	Maloney	Schlossberg
Brown, A.	Grove	Marcell	Schmitt
Brown, M.	Guent	Markosek	Schweyer
Bullock	Guzman	Marshall	Scialabba
Burgos	Haddock	Matzie	Scott
Burns	Hamm	Mayes	Shusterman
C Freytiz	Hanbidge	McClinton	Siegel
Cabell	Harkins	McNeill	Smith
Causar	Harris	Mehaffie	Smith-Wade-El
Cephas	Heffley	Mentzer	Solomon
Cerrato	Hogan	Mercuri	Staats
Ciresi	Hohenstein	Merski	Stambaugh
Conklin	Howard	Metzgar	Steele
Cook	Innamorato	Mihalek	Stehr
Cooper	Irvin	Miller, B.	Struzzi
Culver	Isaacson	Miller, D.	Sturla
Curry	James	Moul	Takac
Cutler	Jones, M.	Mullins	Tomlinson
D'Orsie	Jones, T.	Munroe	Topper
Daley	Jozwiak	Mustello	Twardzik
Davanzo	Kail	Neilson	Venkat
Davis	Kaufer	Nelson, E.	Vitali
Dawkins	Kauffman	Nelson, N.	Warner
Deasy	Kazeem	O'Mara	Warren
Delloso	Keefer	O'Neal	Watro
Delozier	Kenyatta	Oberlander	Waxman
Diamond	Kephart	Ortitay	Webster
Donahue	Kerwin	Otten	Wentling
Dunbar	Khan	Owlett	White
Ecker	Kim	Parker	Williams, C.
Emrick	Kinhead	Pashinski	Williams, D.
Evans	Kinsey	Pickett	Young
Fee	Klunk	Pielli	Zabel
Fiedler	Kosierowski	Pisciottano	Zimmerman

ADDITIONS—0**NOT VOTING—0****EXCUSED—0**

The CHIEF CLERK. Two hundred members having indicated their presence, a quorum is present.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO MEMBERS-ELECT

The CHIEF CLERK. Members will rise, place your left hand on your Bible or other Holy Book or the Constitution, raise your right hand, and remain standing at your desk during the administration of the oath to which each member will swear or affirm.

The oath of office will be administered by the Honorable John McNally, judge, Dauphin County Court of Common Pleas.

(Members-elect stood.)

JUDGE McNALLY. Please place your left hand on your Bible or other Holy Book or the Constitution and raise your right hand: Do you solemnly swear or affirm that you will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that you will discharge your duties of your office with fidelity? If so, say "I do."

(Members asserted oath.)

JUDGE McNALLY. Congratulations.

The CHIEF CLERK. Members and guests will please be seated.

RESOLUTION

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Schuylkill County, Mr. Twardzik.

Mr. TWARDZIK. Madam Chief Clerk, I have the honor of presenting a resolution for the election of the Speaker.

The CHIEF CLERK. Representative Twardzik presents a resolution, which the clerk will read.

Mr. TWARDZIK offered the following resolution, which was read, considered, and adopted:

In the House of Representatives
January 3, 2023

RESOLVED, That in accordance with the provisions of Article II, section 9 of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, the House do now proceed to the election of a Speaker.

RESOLUTION PASSED OVER TEMPORARILY

The CHIEF CLERK. The resolution of Mr. Twardzik will be over temporarily.

The House will be at ease.

The House will come to order.

ANNOUNCEMENTS BY CHIEF CLERK

The CHIEF CLERK. Guests are free to leave for lunches. We are awaiting the arrival of the Senate for the joint session.

The House will be at ease.

The House will come to order.

We have been informed by the Senate that it will be approximately 1 hour before they will be arriving in the House chamber for joint session. Guests may wish to leave the floor. Those who are seated in the well of the House will have to leave upon the arrival of the Senate.

The House will be at ease.

The House will come to order.

COMMITTEE ON PART OF SENATE ORGANIZED

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair recognizes the Sergeant at Arms of the House.

The SERGEANT AT ARMS. Madam Chief Clerk, the committee on part of the Senate, Senator Rosemary Brown, chair; Senator Tracy Pennycuik; and Senator Marty Flynn.

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair recognizes the chairwoman of the committee.

Mrs. BROWN. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

Members of the House of Representatives, we are a committee from the Senate to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate is convened and organized in regular session and ready to proceed with business. Thank you.

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair thanks the lady.

The House will be at ease.

The House will come to order.

SENATE MESSAGE

JOINT SESSION

The Clerk of the Senate, being introduced, presented the following extract from the Journal of the Senate, which was read as follows:

In the Senate
January 3, 2023

RESOLVED, (the House of Representatives concurring), That the Senate and House of Representatives meet in Joint Session on Tuesday, January 3, 2023, in the Hall of the House of Representatives for the purpose of witnessing the opening, counting and computing of the official returns of the election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, in the several counties of the Commonwealth and to elect a Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Ordered, That the clerk present the same to the House of Representatives for its concurrence.

On the question,
Will the House concur in the resolution of the Senate?
Resolution was concurred in.
Ordered, That the clerk inform the Senate accordingly.

RESOLUTION

APPOINTMENT OF TELLER

Mr. CUTLER offered the following resolution, which was read, considered, and adopted:

In the House of Representatives
January 3, 2023

RESOLVED, That the gentleman from Northampton County, Mr. Freeman, be appointed Teller on the part of the House of Representatives to open and compute the votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor in a joint session of the Senate and House.

The CHIEF CLERK. The House will be at ease awaiting the arrival of the Senate.

ARRIVAL OF SENATE

The CHIEF CLERK. The House will come to order.

The Senate is now entering the hall of the House. Members and guests will please rise.

The Chair recognizes the Sergeant at Arms of the House.

The SERGEANT AT ARMS. Madam Chief Clerk, the Senate is now present in the hall of the House.

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair requests the Lieutenant Governor, the Honorable Kim Ward, to preside over the proceedings of the joint session of the General Assembly.

The members of the House and Senate will please be seated.

JOINT SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR (KIM WARD) PRESIDING

ELECTION RETURNS PRESENTED

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The joint session of the General Assembly will please come to order.

This being the day and time agreed upon by a concurrent resolution of the Senate and House of Representatives, and in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and the laws of this Commonwealth for the opening and computing of the official returns of the election for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022, in the several counties of this Commonwealth, the returns will now be opened and read.

The teller on the part of the Senate is the Senator from Erie County, Senator Laughlin, and the teller on the part of the House of Representatives is Representative from Northampton County, Representative Freeman.

The tellers will please come to the desk assigned to them by the Chief Clerk of the House and proceed in the performance of their duties.

The following election returns were read:

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

I have the honor to present the official returns of the General Election held November 8, 2022, for the office of Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, wherein it was disclosed that:

Joshua D. Shapiro, Democratic Party, received 3,031,137 votes,
Douglas V. Mastriano, Republican Party, received 2,238,477 votes,
Jonathan Matthew Hackenburg, Libertarian Party, received 51,611 votes,
Christina PK DiGiulio, Green Party, received 24,436 votes,
Joseph P. Soloski, Keystone, received 20,518 votes,
Write-in Votes, 4,584 (scattered),

as the same have been certified to and filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by the sixty-seven County Boards of Elections.

(SEAL) Witness my hand and the seal of my
office this twenty-eighth day of
December, 2022.

Leigh M. Chapman
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

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COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE OF THE SENATE, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

I have the honor to present the official returns of the General Election held November 8, 2022, for the office of Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, wherein it was disclosed that:

Austin Davis, Democratic Party, received 3,031,137 votes,
Carrie DelRosso, Republican Party, received 2,238,477 votes,
Timothy D. McMaster, Libertarian Party, received 51,611 votes,
Michael Bagdes-Canning, Green Party, received 24,436 votes,
Nicole M. Shultz, Keystone, received 20,518 votes,
Write-in Votes, 4,584 (scattered),

as the same have been certified to and filed with the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by the sixty-seven County Boards of Elections.

(SEAL) Witness my hand and the seal of my
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Leigh M. Chapman
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

CERTIFICATE ON ELECTION EXPENSES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, GREETINGS:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 1632(b) of the Pennsylvania Election Code, 25 P.S. § 3252(b), I do hereby certify that Joshua D. Shapiro, Governor, and Austin Davis, Lieutenant Governor, have filed all of the reports and statements of contributions and expenditures required by the provisions of Article XVI of the Pennsylvania Election Code entitled "Primary and Election Expenses."

(SEAL) Witness my hand and the seal of my office
this thirtieth day of December, 2022.

Leigh M. Chapman
Acting Secretary of the Commonwealth

TELLERS' REPORT

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The Chair recognizes the teller on the part of the Senate, the Senator from Erie County, Senator Laughlin.

Mr. LAUGHLIN. Thank you, Madam President, and members of the General Assembly.

The tellers agree in their count and submit their report of the votes cast for the offices of Governor and Lieutenant Governor.

For Governor and Lieutenant Governor:

Joshua D. Shapiro and Austin Davis, Democrats, received 3,031,137 votes.

Douglas V. Mastriano and Carrie DelRosso, Republicans, received 2,238,477 votes.

Jonathan Matthew Hackenburg and Timothy D. McMaster, Libertarian Party, received 51,611 votes.

Christina PK DiGiulio and Michael Badges-Canning, Green Party, received 24,436 votes.

Joshua P. Soloski and Nicole M. Shultz, Keystone Party, received 20,518 votes.

And there were 4,584 scattered write-in votes.

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Joshua D. Shapiro and Austin Davis, having received the highest number of votes, are duly elected Governor and Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for the term of 4 years from the third Tuesday of January 2023.

The General Assembly will now be at ease for several moments while we sign the certificates of election.

The House will come to order.

CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION FILED

THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The certificates of election for Governor and Lieutenant Governor have been signed by the officers and tellers on the part of the Senate and House of Representatives and will be filed.

The following signed certificates of election were filed:

The General Assembly of Pennsylvania
Main Capitol Building
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17120

January 3, 2023

We, the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do certify that the President of the Senate did, on the third day of January, A.D., two thousand twenty-three, in the Hall of the House of Representatives at the State Capitol, open the returns of the election for Governor of this Commonwealth, and publish the same in the presence of both houses of the General Assembly, conforming to the provisions of the Constitution and laws of said Commonwealth, and upon counting the votes by a Teller appointed on the part of each house, it appeared that The Honorable Joshua D. Shapiro had the highest number of votes; where upon The Honorable Joshua D. Shapiro was declared to have been duly elected Governor of this Commonwealth.

In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals the day and year written above.

(SEAL) Kim Ward
President of the Senate

(SEAL) Mark Rozzi
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Dan Laughlin
Teller on the part of the Senate

Robert L. Freeman
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In testimony whereof, we have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals the day and year written above.

(SEAL) Kim Ward
President of the Senate

(SEAL) Mark Rozzi
Speaker of the House of Representatives

Dan Laughlin
Teller on the part of the Senate

Robert L. Freeman
Teller on the part of the House of Representatives

NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTOR OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The General Assembly will now proceed to the election of a Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau. Nominations are now in order.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana County, Senator Pittman.

Mr. PITTMAN. Thank you, Madam President.

It is my honor to nominate Vincent DeLiberato to serve as the General Assembly Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau. Vince's vast knowledge, exceptional work ethic, attention to detail, and dedication to the institution of the General Assembly are unparalleled. Vince is a lifelong Pennsylvanian and holds degrees from both the esteemed St. Joseph's University and the Villanova University School of Law. In addition to spending nearly four decades working as an attorney for the Commonwealth, Vince served our country as a staff sergeant in the United States Army Reserve.

While the volume of work the Legislative Reference Bureau completes is extensive, Vince's work does not stop there. His passion for sharing his knowledge of the General Assembly also extends to the classrooms of the most esteemed Widener University School of Law, where he has taught courses on legislative process and State constitutional law. In fact, there are many of his former students who are currently members of the legislature, and many who hold senior staff legal positions in the General Assembly.

The responsibilities of the Legislative Reference Bureau include working with all members of the Senate and the House of Representatives. While LRB's workload can be demanding, Vince has a remarkable talent for making impossible requests seem easy. He and his team perform their difficult jobs professionally, and we are grateful for the outstanding work they do for the legislature and the citizens of this Commonwealth.

I am pleased to nominate Vince DeLiberato to head the Legislative Reference Bureau.

Thank you, Madam President.

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Thank you.

The gentleman from Indiana County, Senator Pittman, places a nomination for the office of Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau Vincent DeLiberato, Jr., of Dauphin County.

The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Lancaster County, Representative Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Madam Chair.

I would like to second the nomination of Vincent DeLiberato. I have had the privilege of working with him through my time here. In fact, he was one of the first people that I met when I went up to the Legislative Reference Bureau to learn how to draft bills and amendments. My only regret is I have never had him as a professor in law school. So I gladly nominate and second that nomination and hope that the whole House can join me in approving him in that position.

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Are there any further nominations?

The Chair hears none. The Chair now declares the nominations closed.

The candidate for the office of Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau is Vincent DeLiberato of Dauphin County. Those in favor of Vincent DeLiberato for the office of Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau will say "aye," and those opposed, "nay." The "ayes" have it. Vincent DeLiberato is declared unanimously elected Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

COMMITTEE TO ESCORT DIRECTOR-ELECT OF LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The gentleman from Indiana County, Senator Pittman, and the gentleman from Lancaster County, Representative Cutler, will escort Vincent DeLiberato to the front of the rostrum for the purpose of taking the oath of office.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Please rise for the administration of the oath of office by the Honorable P. Kevin Brobson, Justice of the Pennsylvania Supreme Court.

JUDGE BROBSON. Mr. DeLiberato, are you prepared to take the oath of office?

Mr. DeLIBERATO. Yes, Your Honor.

JUDGE BROBSON. Please place your left hand on your Bible, which you already have, and raise your right hand and repeat after me.

I, Vincent C. DeLiberato, Jr., do solemnly swear that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

(Mr. DeLiberato asserted oath.)

JUDGE BROBSON. Congratulations, sir.

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. Congratulations, Vince.

JOINT SESSION ADJOURNED

The LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR. The Chair now asks the members of the House and visitors to please remain seated while the members of the Senate leave the hall of the House.

The members of the Senate will please return immediately to the Senate chamber so we can conclude our Senate session upon adjournment of this meeting.

The business for which the joint session has been assembled having been transacted, the session is now adjourned.

**THE CHIEF CLERK
(BROOKE WHEELER) PRESIDING**

**MOTION TO PRINT PROCEEDINGS
OF JOINT SESSION**

The CHIEF CLERK. The House will come to order. The House will be in order.

The Chair recognizes the Democratic leader, who moves that the proceedings of the joint session of the Senate and House of Representatives held this 3d day of January 2023 be printed in full in this day's Legislative Journal.

On the question,
Will the House agree to the motion?
Motion was agreed to.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY CHIEF CLERK

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair would be remiss if she failed to note the upcoming retirement of our long-time Parliamentarian, Clancy Myer. Clancy has dedicated over four decades to this institution, and the House of Representatives is better off because of it.

On behalf of the House, thank you, Clancy, and may your retirement be everything you deserve.

ADJOURNMENT RESOLUTION

The clerk of the House, being introduced, presented the following extract from the Journal of the House, which was read as follows:

In the House,
January 3, 2023

RESOLVED, the House of Representatives, pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the Senate recesses this week, it reconvene on Monday, January 9, 2023, unless sooner recalled by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate; and be it further

RESOLVED, Pursuant to Article II, Section 14 of the Pennsylvania Constitution, that when the House of Representatives recesses this week, it reconvene on Tuesday, February 21, 2023, unless sooner recalled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Ordered, That the clerk present the same to the Senate for its concurrence.

On the question,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

The CHIEF CLERK. For what purpose does the gentleman, Leader Cutler, rise?

Mr. CUTLER. Thank you, Madam Clerk.

I would simply like to object to the resolution to adjourn. I do believe that the Constitution requires us to be here today for the purposes of organizing the House. And I appreciate the job that you have done, but I do believe that we should get to the underlying business that is before us now, that we have certified the elections and I believe that we had temporarily gone over the

election of the Speaker, which would be the next order of business, and any other business that might come before the House.

I would simply request that we stay here and finish the job that we started.

The CHIEF CLERK. Is the gentleman asking for a recorded vote?

Mr. CUTLER. Yes.

The CHIEF CLERK. The question is, will the House adopt the adjournment resolution?

The Chair recognizes Leader McClinton.

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you, Madam Chair.

I just wanted to read out that section 204 provides the right for any legislative body "to adjourn whenever they determine to do so. It is not necessary that the work of the body be completed before it can adjourn," and the presiding officer is able to adjourn this meeting. Thank you.

On the question recurring,
Will the House adopt the resolution?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—100

Abney	Evans	Kinsey	Pisciottano
Bellmon	Fiedler	Kosierowski	Probst
Benham	Fleming	Krajewski	Rabb
Bizzarro	Frankel	Krueger	Rozzi
Borowski	Freeman	Kulik	Samuelson
Boyle	Friel	Madden	Sanchez
Bradford	Gallagher	Madsen	Sappey
Brennan	Galloway	Malagari	Schlossberg
Briggs	Giral	Markosek	Schweyer
Brown, A.	Green	Matzie	Scott
Bullock	Guenst	Mayes	Shusterman
Burgos	Guzman	McClinton	Siegel
Burns	Haddock	McNeill	Smith-Wade-El
C Freytiz	Hanbidge	Mehaffie	Solomon
Cephas	Harkins	Merski	Steele
Cerrato	Harris	Miller, D.	Sturla
Ciresi	Hohenstein	Mullins	Takac
Conklin	Howard	Munroe	Venkat
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Daley	Isaacson	Nelson, N.	Warren
Davis	Kazeem	O'Mara	Waxman
Dawkins	Kenyatta	Ottens	Webster
Deasy	Khan	Parker	Williams, D.
Delloso	Kim	Pashinski	Young
Donahue	Kinthead	Pielli	Zabel

NAYS—100

Adams	Flood	Kuzma	Rapp
Armanini	Fritz	Labs	Rigby
Banta	Gaydos	Lawrence	Roae
Barton	Gillen	Leadbeter	Rossi
Benninghoff	Gleim	Mackenzie, M.	Rowe
Bernstine	Gregory	Mackenzie, R.	Ryncavage
Bonner	Greiner	Major	Schemel
Borowicz	Grove	Mako	Scheuren
Brown, M.	Hamm	Maloney	Schlegel
Cabell	Heffley	Marcell	Schmitt
Causar	Hogan	Marshall	Scialabba
Cook	Irvin	Mentzer	Smith
Cooper	James	Mercuri	Staats
Culver	Jones, M.	Metzgar	Stambaugh

Cutler	Jones, T.	Mihalek	Stehr
D'Orsio	Jozwiak	Miller, B.	Struzzi
Davanzo	Kail	Moul	Tomlinson
Delozier	Kaufer	Mustello	Topper
Diamond	Kauffman	Nelson, E.	Twardzik
Dunbar	Keefer	O'Neal	Warner
Ecker	Kephart	Oberlander	Watro
Emrick	Kerwin	Ortitay	Wentling
Fee	Klunk	Owlett	White
Fink	Krupa	Pickett	Williams, C.
Flick	Kutz	Rader	Zimmerman

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

The CHIEF CLERK. On the resolution the yeas are 100 and the nays are 100. The resolution is not adopted.

The House will come to order.

NOMINATIONS FOR SPEAKER

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair rescinds its announcement that the election of Speaker was over temporarily and now returns to the nominations of Speaker.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Blair County, Representative Gregory.

Mr. GREGORY. Thank you, Madam Chair.

I rise today to nominate Representative Mark Rozzi from Berks County for our next Speaker of the House.

At first blush, I know many might be wondering why a Republican is standing up to nominate a member of the Democratic Caucus. The answer is really very simple. We must have a Speaker that reflects the realities that we have before us. For me, Representative Rozzi has proven himself to be an independent voice. I believe that he will continue to forge that independent path and remain a fair arbiter of the business of this chamber. In choosing that person, there can be no better place to start than with someone who already has shown a record of putting the needs of Pennsylvanians before expedient political outcomes. Representative Rozzi has a record of meeting that ideal and he has done so with class, with statesmanship, and with an ability to forge friendships on both sides of the aisle.

The last few weeks – the last few years, really – have seen this chamber engage in some of the most bitter of partisan fights, but we have also risen above the occasion to successfully solve some of the most challenging problems to face us as a Commonwealth and as a legislature. As we are gathered in this chamber today, we must look at our razor-thin majorities, and the likelihood of shifting majorities throughout this session, as time to put aside the letters that come after our names; it is time to focus on the titles in front of them. We are Representatives. We are Representatives of the people that send us here. Those people have put this House at the most slimmest of majorities, and while we cannot or should not lose our identities or the identities of our districts, it is time to put aside the primacy of our parties and find common ground for the people of this Commonwealth.

To do this, we need a Speaker like Representative Rozzi who has a proven history of making tough decisions for people over politics. No doubt the coming 2 years, the coming 2 years will

have their share of fights and disagreements about how we can and should make the lives of Pennsylvanians better. With an independent-minded leader, like Representative Rozzi, we can be assured that those policy disagreements will be handled with an open mind, a fair hand, and a statesmanlike attitude.

Again, it is my pleasure to nominate for Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives Mark Rozzi.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

The CHIEF CLERK. The gentleman from Blair County, Representative Gregory, places a nomination for office of Speaker the gentleman from Berks County, the Honorable Mark Rozzi.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Washington County, Representative O'Neal.

Mr. O'NEAL. Thank you, Madam Chair.

I rise to second the nomination for the good gentleman from Berks County, Representative Mark Rozzi, for Pennsylvania Speaker of the House.

We need an independent voice and an independent mind, and that is what we are going to get with Representative Mark Rozzi. I think that is what the people ask for, I think that is what the people want, and that is why I am seconding the nomination for Mark Rozzi. Thank you.

The CHIEF CLERK. The gentleman from Washington County, Representative O'Neal, seconds the nomination of the Honorable Mark Rozzi for the office of Speaker.

Are there any other nominations?

The Chair recognizes Leader McClinton.

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you, Madam Chair.

I rise at this time to also agree that the gentleman from the 126th Legislative District out of Berks County, from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is a true leader among us, and my caucus supports the nomination for Speaker of Representative Mark Rozzi.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

The CHIEF CLERK. Are there any other nominations?

The Chair recognizes the gentlelady from Berks County, Representative Cepeda-Freytiz.

Representative Cepeda-Freytiz moves that the nominations be closed.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

The CHIEF CLERK. Those in favor say "aye"; opposed, "no"—

For what purpose does the gentleman, Mr. Dunbar, rise.

Mr. DUNBAR. To make a nomination.

The CHIEF CLERK. The House will be at ease.

Will the leaders please approach the rostrum.

(Conference held at Speaker's podium.)

The CHIEF CLERK. The House returns to order.

Unfortunately, the motion to close the nominations was made and instructions given to those in favor will say "aye"; opposed, "no."

Because the vote had already started, it was too late for Representative Dunbar to be recognized.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. CUTLER. Point of order, Madam Chair. Point of order.

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair recognizes the Republican leader.

Mr. CUTLER. The Chair thanks the good lady.

Madam Chair, I believe that section 549, on the "Motion to Close Nominations," in Mason's Manual, says, "A motion to close nominations is not in order as long as a member entitled to make a further nomination desires to do so." The desire was clear. And then it does say, "except that a member must be reasonably prompt in claiming that right." The gentleman was coming to the microphone to make that.

Additionally, we have precedent from 2007 when the nominations were still open at that time.

RULING OF CHAIR APPEALED

Mr. CUTLER. I would like to appeal the ruling of the Chair that the nominations were closed.

On the question,

Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

The CHIEF CLERK. For what purpose does Leader McClinton rise?

Ms. McCLINTON. Thank you, Madam Chair.

Just to state for the record that the precedent set by the prior Speaker is clear: once the vote begins there is no interruption.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair recognizes Representative Cutler.

Mr. CUTLER. The Chair thanks the good lady.

Respectfully, and I think this is an important piece, the good leader is referring to precedent that I set regarding the following phrase: "members will proceed to vote." The good gentleman was seeking recognition prior to that phrase being uttered, and I believe if we are going to err on the side of one way or the other, it should always be on the side of allowing members to have an opportunity to nominate whomever they would like prior to the closing of nominations.

I would respectfully appeal the ruling of the Chair because we had not in fact proceeded to voting.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. CUTLER. Parliamentary inquiry, if I may, Madam Clerk.

The CHIEF CLERK. The gentleman will state his inquiry.

Mr. CUTLER. Just a clarification for the members regarding the "yeas" and the "nays" and what they each mean would be appropriate.

The CHIEF CLERK. The question is, shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

Those in favor of sustaining the Chair's decision will vote "aye"; those opposed, "no."

On the question recurring,

Shall the decision of the Chair stand as the judgment of the House?

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—99

Abney	Evans	Kinsey	Probst
Bellmon	Fiedler	Kosierowski	Rabb
Benham	Fleming	Krajewski	Rozzi
Bizzarro	Frankel	Krueger	Samuelson
Borowski	Freeman	Kulik	Sanchez
Boyle	Friel	Madden	Sappey
Bradford	Gallagher	Madsen	Schlossberg
Brennan	Galloway	Malagari	Schweyer
Briggs	Giral	Markosek	Scott
Brown, A.	Green	Matzie	Shusterman
Bullock	Guenst	Mayes	Siegel
Burgos	Guzman	McClinton	Smith-Wade-El
Burns	Haddock	McNeill	Solomon
C Freytiz	Hanbidge	Merski	Steele
Cephas	Harkins	Miller, D.	Sturla
Cerrato	Harris	Mullins	Takac
Ciresi	Hohenstein	Munroe	Venkat
Conklin	Howard	Neilson	Vitali
Curry	Innamorato	Nelson, N.	Warren
Daley	Isaacson	O'Mara	Waxman
Davis	Kazeem	Otten	Webster
Dawkins	Kenyatta	Parker	Williams, D.
Deasy	Khan	Pashinski	Young
Delloso	Kim	Pielli	Zabel
Donahue	Kinhead	Pisciottano	

NAYS—101

Adams	Fritz	Labs	Rapp
Armanini	Gaydos	Lawrence	Rigby
Banta	Gillen	Leadbeter	Roae
Barton	Gleim	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Benninghoff	Gregory	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe
Bernstine	Greiner	Major	Ryncavage
Bonner	Grove	Mako	Schemel
Borowicz	Hamm	Maloney	Scheuren
Brown, M.	Heffley	Marcell	Schlegel
Cabell	Hogan	Marshall	Schmitt
Causer	Irvin	Mehaffie	Scialabba
Cook	James	Mentzer	Smith
Cooper	Jones, M.	Mercuri	Staats
Culver	Jones, T.	Metzgar	Stambaugh
Cutler	Jozwiak	Mihalek	Stehr
D'Orsie	Kail	Miller, B.	Struzzi
Davanzo	Kaufer	Moul	Tomlinson
Delozier	Kauffman	Mustello	Topper
Diamond	Keefer	Nelson, E.	Twardzik
Dunbar	Kephart	O'Neal	Warner
Ecker	Kerwin	Oberlander	Watro
Emrick	Klunk	Ortitay	Wentling
Fee	Krupa	Owlett	White
Fink	Kutz	Pickett	Williams, C.
Flick	Kuzma	Rader	Zimmerman
Flood			

NOT VOTING—0**EXCUSED—0**

A majority of the members elected to the House having voted in the negative, the decision of the Chair did not stand as the judgment of the House.

NOMINATIONS FOR SPEAKER CONTINUED

The CHIEF CLERK. The gentleman, Mr. Dunbar, is recognized for a nomination.

Mr. DUNBAR. I will yield to Representative Delozier. She was seeking recognition.

It is quite all right, Madam Chair. I will do this.

I rise to place in the nomination the name of the gentleman from Somerset County, Carl Walker Metzgar, as Speaker of the House. Carl will work towards public policy wins for Pennsylvania thoughtfully, and he has been thoughtful even heard— I am sorry, I cannot read your writing. I will just do it on my own.

Carl is a true leader. He has been a member of this House for 14 years, a chairman, a leader. He is ready to lead, and I would appreciate your support. Thank you.

The CHIEF CLERK. The gentleman from Westmoreland County, Representative Dunbar, places a nomination for office of Speaker the gentleman from Somerset County, the Honorable Carl Walker Metzgar.

Are there any other nominations?

The Chair recognizes Representative Pickett.

Ms. PICKETT. Thank you, Madam Chair.

I rise to second the nomination for Representative Metzger to be Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.

While we face many unknowns, we do know that we will need a leader of this chamber with a record of working across the aisle, finding common ground among contentious parties, and finding a path forward for our Pennsylvania. We need to take the time today and over the next 2 years to not just put aside our differences, but to start today with the election of a chamber leader that can help us navigate the complex and unique issues that we have before us.

As we look to put the people of Pennsylvania above our politics, we need to have that kind of leader in the Speaker's Office, and that is why I am here to second the nomination of Representative Metzgar today.

Thank you, Madam Chair.

The CHIEF CLERK. The gentlelady from Bradford and Wyoming Counties, Representative Pickett, seconds the nomination of the Honorable Carl Walker Metzgar for the office of Speaker.

Are there any other nominations?

The Chair sees no further nominations.

Recognizing the gentlelady from Berks County, Representative Cepeda-Freytiz.

Representative Cepeda-Freytiz moves that the nominations be closed.

On the question,

Will the House agree to the motion?

Motion was agreed to.

ELECTION OF SPEAKER

The CHIEF CLERK. The House will now proceed to elect the Speaker. Those voting for the Honorable Mark Rozzi will vote using the green button; those voting for the Honorable Carl Metzgar will vote using the red button. The votes will be tallied as follows: Every green vote will be tallied as a vote for Mark Rozzi; every red vote will be tallied as a vote for Carl Metzgar.

Only those members in their seats will be permitted to vote.

(Members proceeded to vote.)

The following roll call was recorded:

YEAS—115

Abney	Fiedler	Kinsey	Pisciottano
Bellmon	Fleming	Kosierowski	Probst
Benham	Frankel	Krajewski	Rabb
Bizzarro	Freeman	Krueger	Rozzi
Borowski	Friel	Kulik	Samuelson
Boyle	Gallagher	Kuzma	Sanchez
Bradford	Galloway	Madden	Sappey
Brennan	Giral	Madsen	Schlossberg
Briggs	Green	Malagari	Schweyer
Brown, A.	Gregory	Marcell	Scialabba
Bullock	Grove	Markosek	Scott
Burgos	Guenst	Matzie	Shusterman
Burns	Guzman	Mayes	Siegel
C Freytiz	Haddock	McClinton	Smith-Wade-El
Cephas	Hanbidge	McNeill	Solomon
Cerrato	Harkins	Mehaffie	Steele
Ciresi	Harris	Merski	Sturla
Conklin	Heffley	Miller, D.	Takac
Curry	Hogan	Mullins	Tomlinson
Cutler	Hohenstein	Munroe	Venkat
Daley	Howard	Neilson	Vitali
Davis	Innamorato	Nelson, N.	Warren
Dawkins	Isaacson	O'Mara	Waxman
Deasy	Kail	O'Neal	Webster
Delloso	Kazeem	Oberlander	White
Delozier	Kenyatta	Otten	Williams, D.
Donahue	Khan	Parker	Young
Dunbar	Kim	Pashinski	Zabel
Evans	Kinthead	Pielli	

NAYS—85

Adams	Flood	Lawrence	Rigby
Armanini	Fritz	Leadbeter	Roae
Banta	Gaydos	Mackenzie, M.	Rossi
Barton	Gillen	Mackenzie, R.	Rowe
Benninghoff	Gleim	Major	Ryncavage
Bernstine	Greiner	Mako	Schemel
Bonner	Hamm	Maloney	Scheuren
Borowicz	Irvin	Marshall	Schlegel
Brown, M.	James	Mentzer	Schmitt
Cabell	Jones, M.	Mercuri	Smith
Causer	Jones, T.	Metzgar	Staats
Cook	Jozwiak	Mihalek	Stambaugh
Cooper	Kaufer	Miller, B.	Stehr
Culver	Kauffman	Moul	Struzzi
D'Orsie	Keefer	Mustello	Topper
Davanzo	Kephart	Nelson, E.	Twardzik
Diamond	Kerwin	Ortitay	Warner
Ecker	Klunk	Owlett	Watro
Emrick	Krupa	Pickett	Wentling
Fee	Kutz	Rader	Williams, C.
Fink	Labs	Rapp	Zimmerman
Flick			

NOT VOTING—0

EXCUSED—0

The CHIEF CLERK. The Honorable Mark Rozzi received 115 votes; the Honorable Carl Walker Metzgar received 85 votes.

The Honorable Mark Rozzi, having received the majority of the votes cast, is elected Speaker.

Congratulations, Speaker-elect Rozzi.

COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO ESCORT SPEAKER-ELECT TO ROSTRUM

The CHIEF CLERK. The Chair appoints the gentlelady from Philadelphia County, Representative McClinton, and the gentleman from Lancaster County, Representative Cutler, to escort Speaker-elect Rozzi to the rostrum.

The committee to escort the Speaker-elect will proceed with the performance of its duties.

The Chair recognizes the chairs of the committee, Representative McClinton and Representative Cutler.

Ms. McCLINTON. We are presenting the Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives from Berks County, from the Democratic Caucus, Representative Mark Rozzi from the 126th Legislative District.

OATH OF OFFICE ADMINISTERED TO SPEAKER-ELECT ROZZI

The CHIEF CLERK. The oath of office to the Speaker-elect will now be administered by the Honorable Kevin Brobson, Justice of the Supreme Court.

Members and guests, please rise as able for the oath of office.

JUDGE BROBSON. Representative Rozzi, are you prepared to take the oath of office for Speaker? Please place your left hand and raise your right hand and repeat after me: I, Mark Rozzi, do solemnly swear that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of this Commonwealth, and that I will discharge the duties of my office with fidelity.

(Speaker-elect Rozzi asserted oath.)

JUDGE BROBSON. Congratulations, Mr. Speaker.

THE SPEAKER (MARK ROZZI) PRESIDING

ADDRESS BY SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. I am sure a lot of you did not expect or see this coming today.

I have a few remarks down here, but before I do get into my written remarks, the last Speaker of the House from Berks County, his name was Wilson G. Sarig, and I grew up about a block away from a school that they named after him. And he was the 117th Speaker of the House, and it was back in 1935, and today I am going to be bringing the Speaker back to Berks County where it belongs right now.

I want to thank you, Madam Chief Clerk, and I also want to thank the members for your support today. We have heard from the people of Pennsylvania, the press, and even members in this own building about how we need to find a new path forward. My entire career I believe I have worked to find that path, and I am honored to have your trust today to serve as Speaker.

Pennsylvania is the birthplace of independence. We have Independence Hall in Philadelphia, where the Declaration of Independence was signed. The heart of the American Revolution

beat right here in this Commonwealth. That independence continually renewed here at Valley Forge, at Gettysburg, and the subsequent address by Abraham Lincoln, which charged "...to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us..." and ensuring that a "...government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

As many of you know, I have never been an idealogue. Like many of you, I continue to run to serve in this chamber, to help the people in the 126th District. I have always sought, and I believe my record reflects, the virtue that uniquely defines Pennsylvania's independence, that puts the good of the people above party or above self-interest. I find it less than ironic that as we enter 2023, the fastest growing voting coalition is Independents, and we continue to be the deciders in our closely divided Commonwealth. I believe those voters – and those that hold true to the principle that doing right by their fellow man starts with putting their fellow man first – deserve a true voice in this Commonwealth, and while there have been a lot of discussions about making history with today's vote, I do not want to disappoint. The Commonwealth that is home to Independence Hall will now be home to this Commonwealth's first independent Speaker of the House.

I pledge to caucus with neither the Republicans nor the Democrats. My staff will be made up of people from both parties. I pledge my allegiance and my loyalty to no interest in this building, to no interest in our politics. I pledge my loyalty to the people of the Commonwealth – the people who are tired of the hyperpartisanship from both parties, the people who are tired of middle-of-the-right legislating, the people who are tired of backroom dealmaking, the people who are tired of dysfunction and obstruction, the people who feel as though their voice is not heard, and if they want to be heard, they must choose a side. Those folks deserve a seat at the table, and that seat is now the Speaker's chair.

We have a unique situation before us. Never has this House been so divided, not just by numbers, but by beliefs. In carrying out the functions of this office, I pledge to put people above politics and the institution before ideology. I will tolerate no caucus and no member trying to outmaneuver the other. I will not tolerate incivility or a lack of decorum. Sometimes Republicans will win; sometimes Democrats will win. And that is fine so long as the beneficiaries are the people of this Commonwealth.

Today, together, we have taken a step in removing such negativity from this chamber. We have taken the first step on the path towards restoring trust in the people's House. But we cannot stop here today. To again harken back to the Gettysburg Address, we must "be dedicated...to the unfinished work" others started.

I trust and I pray that God will continue to guide us and grant us the wisdom and strength to work together for the Commonwealth we all love so dear. Thank you.

PRESENTATION OF GAVEL

Mr. GREGORY. I present the gavel to the next Speaker of the Pennsylvania State House of Representatives, my good friend and my partner, Mark Rozzi. Congratulations.

PLACING OF MACE

The SPEAKER. The oath of office having been taken by the members of the House and the Speaker elected, the Chair instructs the chief Sergeant at Arms to now place the mace on the rostrum. The mace is the symbol of authority of the House. When the mace is at the Speaker's right, the House is in session.

(Mace was placed on rostrum.)

PARLIAMENTARIAN APPOINTED

The SPEAKER. In compliance with the laws of the Commonwealth authorizing the Speaker to appoint a Parliamentarian, the Speaker now appoints David Brogan as Parliamentarian of the House.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF REPUBLICAN LEADERSHIP

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Westmoreland County, Representative Dunbar, for the purpose of announcing the leadership of the Republican Caucus.

Mr. DUNBAR. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and congratulations.

As chair of the Republican Caucus, I have been instructed to announce, for the information of the members of the House and for the record, that the gentleman from Lancaster County, Mr. Cutler, has been elected the majority leader by the Republican Caucus, and that the gentleman from Washington County, Mr. O'Neal, has been elected majority whip. Furthermore, the gentelady from Philadelphia County, Ms. White, has been elected caucus secretary; the gentleman from Beaver County, Mr. Kail, has been elected Policy chairman; the gentelady from Cumberland County, Ms. Delozier, has been elected caucus administrator; and the gentleman from York County, Mr. Grove, has been elected chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEMOCRATIC LEADERSHIP

The SPEAKER. The Chair now recognizes the gentleman from Allegheny County, Representative Dan Miller, for the purpose of announcing the leadership of the Democratic Caucus.

Mr. D. MILLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and congratulations.

As chairman of the Democratic Caucus, I have been instructed to announce, for the information of the members of the House and for the record, that the lady from Philadelphia County, Ms. McClinton, has been elected Democratic leader by the Democratic Caucus, and that the gentleman from Philadelphia County, Mr. Harris, has been elected Democratic whip. Furthermore, the lady from Bucks County, Mrs. Davis, has been elected caucus secretary; the gentleman from Erie County, Mr. Bizzarro, has been elected Policy chairman; the gentleman from Lehigh County, Mr. Schlossberg, has been elected caucus administrator; and the gentleman from Montgomery County, Mr. Bradford, has been elected Democratic chairman of the Appropriations Committee.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman and offers his congratulations to the leadership teams of both caucuses.

NEW MEMBERS INTRODUCED

The SPEAKER. The Chair recognizes the Republican Caucus secretary, Representative White, for the purpose of introducing the new members of the Republican Caucus. The Chair requests that new members stand as they are named, but that applause be held until all new Republican members are introduced.

Ms. WHITE. As I call the names of the new members of the Republican Caucus, will they please stand. Please hold any applause until I have completed the introduction of all the members.

Representative Jacob Banta, 4th District; Representative Marla Brown, 9th District; Representative Stephenie Scialabba, 12th District; Representative Andrew Kuzma, 39th District; Representative Joseph D'Orsie, 47th District; Representative Charity Krupa, 51st District; Representative Jill Cooper, 55th District; Representative Dallas Kephart, 73d District; Representative Jamie Flick, 83d District; Representative Thomas Kutz, 87th District; Representative Wendy Fink, 94th District; Representative Thomas Jones, 98th District; Representative John Schlegel, 101st District; Representative Joanne Stehr, 107th District; Representative Robert Leadbeter, 109th District; Representative Dane Watro, Jr., 116th District; Representative Michael Cabell, 117th District; Representative Alec Ryncavage, 119th District; Representative James Barton, 124th District; Representative Joseph Adams, 139th District; Representative Joseph Hogan, 142d District; Representative Donna Marie Scheuren, 147th District; and Representative Kristin Marcell, 178th District.

Thank you.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentelady and recognizes the Democratic Caucus secretary, Representative Davis, for the purpose of introducing the new members of the Democratic Caucus.

Mrs. DAVIS. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, and congratulations.

Please remain standing when I call your name so everybody can see you. I could not see everybody. And I forgot my glasses: Joshua Siegel, District 22; La'Tasha Mayes, District 24; Paul Friel, District 26; Timothy Brennan, District 29; Arvind Venkat, District 30; Mandy Steele, District 33; Ismail Smith-Wade-El, District 49; Gregory Scott, District 54; Paul Takac, Jr., District 82; David Madsen, District 104; Justin Fleming, District 105; Kyle Donahue, District 113; Jim Haddock, District 118; Johanny Cepeda-Freytiz, District 129; Brian Munroe, District 144; Melissa Cerrato, District 151; Christopher Pielli, District 156; Carol Kazeem, District 159; Lisa Borowski, District 168; Pat Gallagher, District 173; Jose Giral, District 180; Benjamin Waxman, District 182; Tarah Probst, District 189; Roni Green, District 190; Tarik Khan, District 194; and Anthony Bellmon, District 203.

Congratulations.

The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentelady, and congratulations to our members.

The House will be at ease.

The House will come to order.

DEMOCRATIC CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?
 Mr. D. MILLER. A caucus announcement.
 The SPEAKER. The gentleman is in order and may proceed.
 Mr. D. MILLER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
 Democrats will caucus in room G-50 at 5:10.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

The SPEAKER. For what purpose does the gentleman rise?
 Mr. DUNBAR. A caucus announcement.
 Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
 Republicans will caucus immediately in the majority caucus room. Republicans will caucus immediately in the majority caucus room.
 Thank you, Mr. Speaker.
 The SPEAKER. The Chair thanks the gentleman.

RECESS

The SPEAKER. The House is in recess until 6:30 p.m., unless otherwise recalled by the Speaker.

RECESS EXTENDED

The time of recess was extended until 6:45 p.m.

AFTER RECESS

The time of recess having expired, the House was called to order.

WRITS OF SPECIAL ELECTION

The SPEAKER. The Speaker submits for the record a copy of the writ for the special election to be held for the 34th Legislative District on the day established in the writ issued on December 7, 2022, by Leader Joanna McClinton.

The Speaker submits for the record a copy of the writ for the special election to be held for the 35th Legislative District on the day established in the writ issued on December 7, 2022, by Leader Joanna McClinton.

The following writs of special election were submitted:

TO LEIGH M. CHAPMAN, ACTING SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, AND TO RICH FITZGERALD, BETHANY HALLAM, AND SAM DEMARCO, III, CONSTITUTING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

GREETINGS: WHEREAS, A VACANCY EXISTS IN THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, CAUSED BY THE RESIGNATION OF AUSTIN DAVIS, THE REPRESENTATIVE-ELECT FROM SAID DISTRICT ON THE 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK ROZZI, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA AND BY THE ACTS OF ASSEMBLY IN SUCH CASE MADE AND PROVIDED, DO HEREBY COMMAND:

THAT YOU CAUSE AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE THIRTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY ON THE DAY ESTABLISHED IN THE WRIT ISSUED ON DECEMBER 7, 2022, BY LEADER JOANNA E. MCCLINTON TO CHOOSE A PERSON TO REPRESENT THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING ON THE 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FOUR, AND THAT YOU GIVE DUE AND PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE ELECTION THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT IN THE FORM AND MANNER DIRECTED BY LAW.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, THIS 3RD DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE.

MARK ROZZI
 SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
 (SEAL)
 ATTEST:
 BROOKE WHEELER
 CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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TO LEIGH M. CHAPMAN, ACTING SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, AND TO RICH FITZGERALD, BETHANY HALLAM, AND SAM DEMARCO, III, CONSTITUTING THE BOARD OF ELECTIONS OF ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

GREETINGS: WHEREAS, A VACANCY EXISTS IN THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY, CAUSED BY THE RESIGNATION OF SUMMER LYNN LEE, THE REPRESENTATIVE-ELECT FROM SAID DISTRICT ON THE 7TH DAY OF DECEMBER, TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-TWO.

NOW THEREFORE, I, MARK ROZZI, SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION OF PENNSYLVANIA AND BY THE ACTS OF ASSEMBLY IN SUCH CASE MADE AND PROVIDED, DO HEREBY COMMAND:

THAT YOU CAUSE AN ELECTION TO BE HELD IN THE THIRTY-FOURTH LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT OF THE COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY ON THE DAY ESTABLISHED IN THE WRIT ISSUED ON DECEMBER 7, 2022, BY LEADER JOANNA E. MCCLINTON TO CHOOSE A PERSON TO REPRESENT THE LEGISLATIVE DISTRICT IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF PENNSYLVANIA FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE TERM EXPIRING ON THE 1ST DAY OF DECEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-FOUR, AND THAT YOU GIVE DUE AND PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE ELECTION THROUGHOUT THE DISTRICT IN THE FORM AND MANNER DIRECTED BY LAW.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AT HARRISBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, THIS 3RD DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-THREE.

MARK ROZZI
SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
(SEAL)
ATTEST:
BROOKE WHEELER
CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

RECESS

The SPEAKER. The House is in recess.