

Senate of Pennsylvania

Session of Tuesday, January 3, 2023

(Prepared in the Office of the Secretary of the Senate)

THE 207th REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONVENED AT 12:00 O’CLOCK NOON

CHAPLAIN

Prayer was offered by the Very Reverend Joshua R. Brommer, Cathedral Parish of Saint Patrick, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

PRESENTATION OF ELECTION RETURNS

K. Kalonji Johnson, Deputy Secretary for Regulatory Programs, Department of State

OATH OF OFFICE

The Oath of Office was administered to the newly elected and re-elected Republican Senators by The Honorable Sallie Updyke Mundy, Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

The Oath of Office was administered to the newly elected and re-elected Democratic Senators by The Honorable Michele A. Varricchio, Judge of Lehigh County Court of Common Pleas

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Senator Kim Ward was unanimously elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate of Pennsylvania. The Oath of Office was administered by The Honorable Harry F. Smail, Jr., Judge of Westmoreland County Court of Common Pleas

ELECTION OF THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

The Honorable Michael Gerdes was unanimously elected Secretary of the Senate. The Oath of Office was administered by The Honorable Sallie Updyke Mundy, Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

ELECTION OF THE CHIEF CLERK OF THE SENATE

The Honorable Donetta M. D’Innocenzo was unanimously re-elected Chief Clerk of the Senate. The Oath of Office was administered by The Honorable Sallie Updyke Mundy, Justice of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania

SWEARING-IN OF INTERIM LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Senator Kim Ward was administered the Oath of Office by The Honorable Harry F. Smail, Jr., Judge of Westmoreland County Court of Common Pleas

JOINT SESSION

The Senate and House of Representatives met in Joint Session 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; and for selecting the Legislative Reference Bureau Director

COMMUNICATIONS RECEIVED

From Governor Wolf – Gubernatorial Appointments presented – referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations
Executive Nomination – Correction – referred to the Committee on Rules and Executive Nominations

GENERAL –

The following Reports presented were noted in the Journal and filed in the Library:

PA Department of Insurance 2022 Annual Financial Audit Report
PA Rural Health Redesign Authority Auditor's Report and Financial Statements dated June 30, 2022
PA Department of General Services Procurement Deputate Quarterly Legislative Report for Q1 of 2022
PA Public Utility Commission 2021/2022 Annual Report
PA Department of General Services Small Business Opportunities Program Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2021-2022
PA Public Utility Commission TDD Program and PMAS Program Annual Report for 2022

APPOINTMENT BY THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

Mrs. Michelle A. Brown – Majority Staff Administrator

APPOINTMENTS BY THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER

Ms. Colleen DeFrank – Staff Administrator to the Senate Democratic Caucus
Alan C. Kessler, Esq. – Democratic Appointee on the PA Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority

RESIGNATION

Lieutenant Governor Fetterman – resigned effective 11:59 a.m. on January 3, 2023

LEADERSHIP FOR THE SESSION OF 2023-2024

Democratic Caucus

Sen. Costa – Minority Leader
Sen. Tartaglione – Whip
Sen. Fontana – Caucus Chairman
Sen. Hughes – Chair, Appropriations
Sen. Collett – Caucus Secretary
Sen. Muth – Policy Chairman
Sen. Schwank – Caucus Administrator
Sen. Kearney – Vice Chair, Approps.

Republican Caucus

Sen. K. Ward – President Pro Tempore
Sen. Pittman – Majority Leader
Sen. Aument - Whip
Sen. Phillips-Hill – Caucus Chairman
Sen. Martin – Chair, Appropriations
Sen. Bartolotta – Caucus Secretary
Sen. Laughlin – Policy Chairman
Sen. Baker – Caucus Administrator

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THE SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA RECESSED AT 3:31 P.M.

TO THE CALL OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE