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Nominating 25 individuals for consideration by the Mayor as appointees to the Commission on Parks and Recreation.

WHEREAS, On November 4, 2008, the City of Philadelphia voters approved a Charter amendment to create a unified Department of Parks and Recreation, and a Commission on Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, The Commission is composed of 15 members: nine appointed by the Mayor from a list of nominations submitted by Philadelphia City Council; and six ex officio members (the Commissioners of the Departments of Parks and Recreation, Water, Streets, and Public Property; the Council President; and the Executive Director of the City Planning Commission); and

WHEREAS, The Mayor's nine appointees serve for a term of four years, but the COVID-19 pandemic interfered with constituting the Commission on Parks and Recreation for many years; and

WHEREAS, In January 2026, Mayor Cherelle Parker requested that Council President Kenyatta Johnson initiate the process to solicit applicants to serve on the Commission on Parks and Recreation, and Council President honored that request; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-905 of the Charter requires that, after an application period of no less than 30 days, "the Council shall hold a public hearing on the proposed nominations"; and that "[n]o later than ninety days after the close of applications, the Council, by resolution, shall forward to the Mayor no fewer than 18 and no more than 25 nominations"; and

WHEREAS, On April 6, 2026, Council President Kenyatta Johnson publicly announced that the application period was open, and City Council publicized the application over the next 30 days; and

WHEREAS, In response to these announcements, more than 50 individuals submitted detailed applications; and

WHEREAS, On April 16, 2026, Council adopted Resolution No. 260346 authorizing Council's standing Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs ("the Committee") to hold the public hearing required by the Charter Amendment and to submit a report to Council setting forth the Committee's recommended list of nominations for submission to the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, On May 11, 2026, the Committee held a public hearing at which applicants presented their credentials; and

WHEREAS, On May 26, 2026, the Committee held a public meeting and voted to approve a recommended list of 25 nominees for consideration by the Council (Attachment "A" hereto); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA, That Pursuant to Section 3-905 of the

Philadelphia Home Rule Charter, and upon recommendation of the Committee on Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs pursuant to Resolution No. 260346, the 25 individuals whose names are listed in Attachment "A" hereto are hereby nominated for consideration by the Mayor as potential appointees to the Commission on Parks and Recreation.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chief Clerk of City Council is hereby directed to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Mayor.

ATTACHMENT A

1. Anthony Meadows

2. Dustin Dove

3. Elaine Smith Holton

4. Elizabeth Class-Maldonado

5. Gregory Allen

6. James Williams

7. Jim Marino

8. Joseph Meiman

9. Josephys Dafils

10. Kadafi El-Kardah

11. Khalil Salaam

12. Kiasha Huling

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13. Krystal Dillard

14. Leroy Fisher

15. Melissa Young

16. Michael Shipp

17. Nadiyya McGill

18. Nafissa Bizo

19. Olivia Scanlon

20. Pamia Coleman

21. Quentin Ellison

22. Rebecca Cordes Chan

23. Saphangela Hill

24. Sara Stevenson

25. Shannon Wink