

Haverford Township - Board of Commissioners

Meeting: Monday, January 06, 2025

Time: **7:30 p.m.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room -1014 Darby Rd., Havertown PA, 19083

Reorganization Meeting Agenda

1. Opening of Meeting

- Roll Call
- Pledge of Allegiance

2. Nomination – President of the Board of Commissioners

3. Nomination – Vice President of the Board of Commissioners

4. Appointments – Administrative

- Township Solicitor - 1 year term - 12/31/25
- Township Engineer - 1 year term - 12/31/25

5. Resolution No. 2433-2025 – Appointments – Boards and Commissions

Motion to adopt Resolution No. 2433-2025 appointing the following Boards and Commissions.

- Environmental Advisory Council – 2 Year Term (By Ward Commissioner - 9 Positions Available - expires 12/31/26)
- Friends of the Grange – 2 Year Term (3 Positions Available - expires on 12/31/26)
- Health Advisory Board – 5 Year Term (4 Positions Available - expires on 12/31/29)
- Historical Commission – 5 Year Term (2 Positions Available - expires 12/31/29)
- Human Relations Commission – 3 Year Term (3 Positions Available for a Full Term - expires 12/31/27 and 1 Position Available for an Unexpired Term - expires 12/31/26)
- Ice Rink Advisory Board – 3 Year Term (3 Positions Available - expires 12/31/27)
- Library Board of Trustees – 3 Year Term (3 Positions Available - expires 12/31/27)
- Parks & Recreation Board – 5 Year Term (1 Position Available - expires 12/31/29)
- Planning Commission – 4 Year Term (2 Positions Available - expires 12/31/28)
- Senior Citizen Advisory Board – 2 Year Term (By Ward Commissioner 9 Positions Available - expires 12/31/26)
- Shade Tree Commission – 3 Year Term (Two Positions Available - expires 12/31/27)
- Vacancy Committee – 1 Year Term (1 Position Available - expires 12/31/25)
- Zoning Hearing Board – 5 Year Term (1 Position Available - expires 12/31/29)

6. Adjourn.

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Reorganization Meeting Minutes

Township Manager and Secretary David R. Burman opened the meeting and explained its purpose.

Roll Call – All Commissioners were present at roll call: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, McCloskey, Trombetta, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, and McCollum.

Also present were Township Manager David R. Burman, Township Solicitor John Walko, Esq., Assistant Township Manager Aimee M. Cuthbertson, CPA, Chief of Police John Viola, Director of Community Development Jaime Jilozian, and Parks and Recreation Director Brian Barrett.

Chief Viola led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Viola led a moment of silence to remember Lieutenant Charles Moore, who passed away on December 24, 2024.

Township Manager Burman gave his thanks to the public works department, police department, firefighters, EMS providers, sanitation and sewer teams, tree crew, parks maintenance staff, and other Township staff for their hard work. He also thanked the Board of Commissioners for their support.

Nomination – President of the Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Holmes moved to nominate Commissioner Judy Trombetta to serve as President of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. There were no other nominations. All 9 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, McCloskey, Trombetta, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, and McCollum.

Nomination – Vice President of the Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Cavender moved to nominate Commissioner Kevin McCloskey to serve as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. Commissioner McCollum moved to nominate Commissioner Conor Quinn to serve as Vice President of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Gondek seconded the motion. Three Commissioners voted for Commissioner Quinn: Commissioners Quinn, Gondek, and McCollum. Six Commissioners voted for Commissioner McCloskey: Commissioners Forste-Grupp, McCloskey, Cavender, Holmes, Hart, and Trombetta. Commissioner McCloskey won the vote 6-3.

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Appointments – Administrative

Township Solicitor

Commissioner Holmes moved to reappoint John F. Walko as Township Solicitor for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2025. Commissioner McCollum seconded the motion. All 9 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Township Engineer

Commissioner McCollum moved to confirm the Township Manager's appointment of David Pennoni as Township Engineer for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2025. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All 9 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Resolution No. 2433-2025 – Appointments – Boards and Commissions

Commissioner Holmes moved to adopt Resolution No. 2433-2025 appointing the following Boards and Commissions. Commissioner McCollum seconded the motion. All 9 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Environmental Committee (aka - Environmental Advisory Council) – 2 Year Term (By Ward Commissioner)

Ward 1: Noel Smyth

Ward 2: William Hitchcock

Ward 3: Joy Baxter

Ward 4: Melisa Romano

Ward 5: Victor Barsky

Ward 6: Robert Graff

Ward 7: Colette Bannan

Ward 8: Peter Puglionesi

Ward 9: Hank Schwab

Friends of the Grange – 2 Year Term (3 Positions Available)

Commissioner Quinn moved to reappoint Joe Rastatter to serve on the Friends of the Grange for

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a two-year term to expire on December 31, 2026. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. All 9 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Commissioner McCollum moved to reappoint Andrea Daniels to serve on the Friends of the Grange for a two-year term to expire on December 31, 2026. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All 9 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Commissioner Gondek moved to table the third appointment to serve on the Friends of the Grange for a two-year term to expire on December 31, 2026. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All 9 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Health Advisory Board – 5 Year Term (4 Positions Available)

Commissioner Gondek moved to appoint Susan Rubenstein to serve on the Health Advisory Board for a five-year term to expire on December 31, 2029. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion. All 9 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Commissioner Hart moved to appoint Linda Mitchell to serve on the Health Advisory Board for a five-year term to expire on December 31, 2029. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion. All 9 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Commissioner Hart moved to appoint Joseph Pansera to serve on the Health Advisory Board for a five-year term to expire on December 31, 2029. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion. All 9 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

A two minute recess was called.

Commissioner Hart moved to table the fourth appointment to serve on the Health Advisory Board for a five-year term to expire on December 31, 2029. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion. All 9 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Historical Commission – 5 Year Term (2 Positions Available)

Commissioner Holmes moved to reappoint Suzanna Barucco to serve on the Historical Commission for a four-year term to expire on December 31, 2029. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion. Commissioner Gondek moved to appoint Paul Kahan to serve on the Historical Commission for a four-year term to expire on December 31, 2029. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Two Commissioners voted for Paul Kahan: Commissioners Gondek and Quinn. Seven Commissioners voted for Suzanna Barucco: Commissioners Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, Trombetta. Suzanna Barucco won the vote 7-2.

Commissioner McCloskey moved to reappoint Tim Lucci to serve on the Historical Commission for a four-year term to expire on December 31, 2029. Commissioner Forste-Grupp seconded the motion. Commissioner Gondek moved to appoint Steven Lawrey to serve on the Historical Commission for a four-year term to expire on December 31, 2029. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Commissioner Holmes moved to appoint Paul Kahan to serve on the Historical Commission for a four-year term to expire on December 31, 2029. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion.

Four Commissioners voted for Tim Lucci: Commissioners Gondek, Hart, McCloskey, and Trombetta. Two Commissioners voted for Steven Lawrey: Commissioners Forste-Grupp and Cavender. Three Commissioners voted for Paul Kahan: Commissioners Holmes, Quinn, and McCollum. Tim Lucci won the vote 4-2-3.

Human Relations Commission – 3 Year Term (3 Positions Available for a Full Term and 1 Position Available for an Unexpired Term)

Commissioner Cavender moved to reappoint Rosalind Spiegel to serve on the Human Relations Commission for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2027. Commissioner McCloskey seconded the motion. All 9 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Commissioner Cavender moved to reappoint Marie Occhiogrosso to serve on the Human Relations Commission for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2027. Commissioner Forste-Grupp seconded the motion. All 9 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Commissioner Forste-Grupp moved to appoint/reappoint Alex Brophy to serve on the Human Relations Commission for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2027. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion. Commissioner Quinn moved to nominate Jim Blumenstock to serve on the Human Relations Commission for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2027. Commissioner McCollum seconded the motion. Three Commissioners voted for Jim Blumenstock: Commissioners Gondek, Quinn, and McCollum. Six Commissioners voted for Alex Brophy: Commissioners Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Hart, McCloskey, and Trombetta. Alex Brophy won the vote 6-3.

Commissioner Quinn moved to appoint Jim Blumenstock to serve on the Human Relations Commission, filling an unexpired term to expire on December 31, 2026. Commissioner McCollum seconded the motion. All 9 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Ice Rink Advisory Board – 3 Year Term (3 Positions Available)

Commissioner Forste-Grupp moved to appoint Christine Seewagen to serve on the Ice Rink Advisory Board for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2027. Commissioner Gondek seconded the motion. All 9 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Commissioner Gondek moved to appoint Chris Viola to serve on the Ice Rink Advisory Board for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2027. Commissioner McCollum seconded the motion. All 9 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Commissioner Gondek moved to appoint Andrea Isaacson to serve on the Ice Rink Advisory Board for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2027. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All 9 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Library Board of Trustees – 3 Year Term (3 Positions Available)

Commissioner Forste-Grupp moved to reappoint Phil Goldsmith to serve on the Library Board of Trustees for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2027. Commissioner Gondek seconded the motion. All 9 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Commissioner Forste-Grupp moved to reappoint Deb Morely to serve on the Library Board of Trustees for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2027. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion. Commissioner McCollum moved to appoint Carolyn Corr to serve on the Library Board of Trustees for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2027. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Seven Commissioners voted for Deb Morely: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Hart, McCloskey, and Trombetta. Two Commissioners voted for Carolyn Corr: Commissioners Quinn and McCollum. Deb Morely won the vote 7-2.

Commissioner Forste-Grupp to reappoint Deb Cella to serve on the Library Board of Trustees for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2027. Commissioner McCloskey seconded the motion. All 9 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Parks & Recreation Board – 5 Year Term (1 Position Available)

Commissioner Hart moved to appoint Paul Davit to serve on the Parks and Recreation Board for a five-year term to expire on December 31, 2029. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All 9 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Planning Commission – 4 Year Term (2 Positions Available)

Commissioner Forste-Grupp moved to appoint Victor Cortese to serve on the Planning Commission for a four-year term to expire on December 31, 2028. Commissioner Gondek seconded the motion. Commissioner Cavender moved to reappoint Julia Philips to serve on the Parks and Recreation Board for a five-year term to expire on December 31, 2029. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. Seven Commissioners voted for Victor Cortese: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Holmes, Quinn, McCollum, McCloskey, Trombetta. Two Commissioners voted for Julia Philips: Commissioners Cavender and Hart. Victor Cortese won the vote 7-2.

Commissioner Forste-Grupp moved to appoint Kimberly Juszczak to serve on the Planning Commission for a four-year term to expire on December 31, 2028. Commissioner McCloskey seconded the motion. Commissioner Cavender moved to reappoint Julia Philips to serve on the Planning Commission for a four-year term to expire on December 31, 2028. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. Five Commissioners Voted for Kimberly Juszczak: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Hart, McCloskey, and Trombetta. Four Commissioners voted for Julia Philips: Commissioners Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, and McCollum. Kimberly Juszczak won the vote 5-4.

Senior Citizen Advisory Board – 1 Year Term (By Ward Commissioner)

Ward 1: Carla Rodgers, MD.

Ward 2: Christine McLaughlin

Ward 3: Margaret Lang

Ward 4: Peggy Murr

Ward 5: Alan Letofsky
Ward 6: Bruce Yagsur
Ward 7: Diane Amadio
Ward 8: Rita Waters
Ward 9: Victor Barsky

Shade Tree Commission – 3 Year Term (Two Positions Available)

Commissioner Cavender moved to appoint Lindsey McMonagle to serve on the Shade Tree Commission for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2027. Commissioner Forste-Grupp seconded the motion. All 9 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Commissioner Hart moved to reappoint Andrew Mink to serve on the Shade Tree Commission for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2027. Commissioner McCollum seconded the motion. All 9 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Vacancy Committee – 1 Year Term (1 Position Available)

Commissioner McCollum moved to reappoint Kevin McNicholas to serve on the Vacancy Committee for a one-year term to expire on December 31, 2025. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All 9 Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Zoning Hearing Board – 5 Year Term (1 Position Available)

Commissioner Quinn moved to reappoint Robert Kane to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board for a five-year term to expire on December 31, 2029. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. Commissioner Cavender moved to appoint Julia Philips to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board for a five-year term to expire on December 31, 2029. Commissioner Forste-Grupp seconded the motion. Seven Commissioners voted for Robert Kane: Commissioners Gondek, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta. Two Commissioners voted for Julia Philips: Commissioners Forste-Grupp and Cavender. Robert Kane won the vote 7-2.

With no other business, the meeting adjourned.