

Council Reorganization Meeting Minutes
Upper Darby Township
100 Garrett Road
Upper Darby, PA 19082
January 5, 2026 7:30 pm

****The video of this meeting can be viewed in its entirety on youtube.com/upperdarby.org****

Municipal Clerk Catherine Doggett opened the meeting and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call:

Present: Michelle Billups (MB), Marion Minick (MM), Jonathan McMahon (JM), Danyelle Blackwell (Dblackwell), and David Bantoe (DB).

Also present: Honorable Mayor Ed Brown, Chief Administrative Officer Crandall O. Jones, Solicitors Michael Clarke and Sydney Youngblood, and Upper Darby Township Police Officers.

Election of Temporary Secretary & President

Nomination for temporary President of Council opened by Catherine Doggett.

Councilor Michelle Billups nominates Councilor Marion Minick

No other nominations

Nominations are closed

All in favor

Marion Minick is elected as the temporary President of the Council

Nomination for temporary Secretary of Council opened by temporary President Minick.

Councilor David Bantoe nominates Councilor Michelle Billups

No other nominations

Nominations are closed

All in favor

Michelle Billups is elected as the temporary Secretary of the Council

Administration of the Oath of Office for Council

Noah Fields, Council at Large, Oath administered by the Honorable Benjamin Johns

Kyle McIntyre, Council At Large, Oath administered by the Honorable Benjamin Johns

Brian O'Neill, 1st District, Oath administered by the Honorable Benjamin Johns

Myron McNeely, 5th District, Oath administered by the Honorable Christopher Mattox

Syama Disa, 7th District, Oath administered by the Honorable Christopher Mattox

Melissa DiNofia-Bozzone, 3rd District, Oath administered by the Honorable Benjamin Johns

Administration of the Oath of Office of Treasurer

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Rules for Meeting Decorum

“Upper Darby residents have the opportunity to speak for three (3) minutes. Residents are prohibited from making threats, using profanity, or acting in a manner that would impede or prevent the conduct of the business of the meeting. Any person who attends the meeting and makes remarks, disrupts, or otherwise impedes the orderly conduct of the meeting after receiving a verbal warning may be required to leave the meeting at the discretion of the Council President.”

Public Forum should not exceed thirty (30) minutes. If a resident chooses to ask questions, they are voluntarily giving up their time for a response. This means that the 3-minute timer will continue to run no matter who is speaking. The timer will be clearly displayed on the screen.

Mayor Ed Brown congratulated the newly sworn-in Council members, expressed his appreciation for their willingness to serve, and stated that he looks forward to working with them as part of the Upper Darby Township government.

Public Forum

Stephanie Nottingham congratulated the newly elected Council members, urged them to “do the right thing,” and encouraged the Council to elect Councilor Blackwell as President or Vice President.

Imani Hall thanked the community for its support for his work and expressed concerns about ICE activity and increased police staffing, suggesting that funds be redirected to economic development.

Mohammad Rachman discussed his opposition to the increased ICE activity in the township.

Kayla congratulated the new council members and spoke about illegal landlords in the township.

June Baker congratulated the new Council members, expressed her love for the community, and raised concerns about vacant businesses and buildings in the Township.

Connie Komm discussed a political party and its policies and practices.

Don Fields spoke about future possibilities for Upper Darby Township and credited the new Council with the ability to achieve them. He spoke to Council, saying “get things done” and “learn.”

Maria Stutz spoke about positive interactions between Councilor Blackwell, herself, and members of the community.

Danyelle Blackwell welcomed the newly elected officials, spoke about the work ahead, and urged Council members to exercise care in performing their duties.

Steve Komm discussed a political party and its policies and practices.

Cintia Isles thanked the Council members for their willingness and courage to serve and offered encouragement for their service.

Election of Council Officers

Nomination for President of Council opened by Marion Minick

Councilor Myron McNeely nominates Marion Minick

No other nominations

Nominations are closed

Councilor Danyelle Blackwell commented on ethical and parliamentary concerns she has.

10 in favor, 1 opposed (Danyelle Blackwell)

Marion Minick is elected as President of the Council

Nomination for Vice-President of Council opened by Marion Minick

Councilor Myron McNeely nominates Noah Fields

No other nominations

Nominations are closed

Councilor Danyelle Blackwell commented on ethical and parliamentary concerns she has.

10 in favor, 1 opposed (Danyelle Blackwell)

Noah Fields is elected as Vice-President of Council

Nomination for Secretary of Council opened by Marion Minick

Councilor Kyle McIntyre nominates Michelle Billups

No other nominations

Nominations are closed

All in favor

Michelle Billups is elected as Secretary of the Council

Administration of the Oath of Newly Elected Council Officers by the Honorable Christopher Mattox

Marion Minick, President of Council, Oath administered by the Honorable Christopher Mattox

Noah Fields, Vice-President of Council, Oath administered by the Honorable Christopher Mattox

Michelle Billups, Secretary of Council, Oath administered by the Honorable Christopher Mattox

President of Council, Marion Minick

President Minick stated that it was an honor to serve as President of Council for Upper Darby Township and that he was humbled by the trust placed in him by his colleagues. He described the Township as a diverse and vibrant community with tremendous opportunities and reaffirmed his commitment to the community. President Minick also expressed his intention to collaborate with

all Council members, Mayor Brown, and the administration on various initiatives. He concluded by expressing gratitude to God, his late parents, his wife and daughter, and the residents of Upper Darby Township.

Motion by MB, seconded by Dblackwell

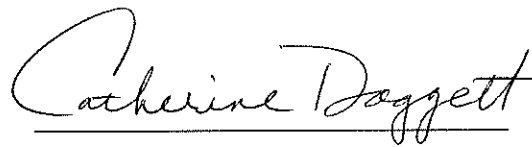
Motion to Adjourn

All in favor

Motion passes

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Catherine Doggett". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Catherine Doggett

Chief Municipal Clerk