

Haverford Township - Board of Commissioners

Meeting: Monday, January 05, 2026

Time: 7:30 p.m.

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

Regular Meeting Minutes

Opening of Meeting

Township Manager David Burman opened the meeting.

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 Cuthbertson, CPA, and Chief of Police John Viola.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chief Viola led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Oaths of Office

Township Manager Burman invited the Honorable Elysia Mancini Duerr, Esq. to administer the oaths of office for Commissioners Elect Forste-Grupp, Trombetta, Holmes, and Hart. Judge Duerr also administered the oath of office to Township Auditor Elect Ross Anderson.

Township Manager Burman gave a few remarks.

Nominations

Nomination – President of the Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Holmes moved to nominate Commissioner Trombetta to serve as President of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion.

All Commissioners voted for Commissioner Trombetta: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, McCloskey, Trombetta, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, and McCollum.

President Trombetta thanked her colleagues.

Nomination – Vice President of the Board of Commissioners

Commissioner Cavender moved to nominate Commissioner McCloskey to serve as Vice-President of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion.

Commissioner McCollum moved to nominate Commissioner Quinn to serve as Vice-President of the Board of Commissioners. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion.

6 Commissioners voted for Commissioner Quinn: Commissioners Gondek, McCloskey, Cavender, Holmes, Hart, and Trombetta. 3 Commissioners voted for Commissioner McCloskey: Commissioners Forste-Grupp, Quinn, and McCollum. Commissioner McCloskey won the vote 6-3.

Appointments – Administrative

Township Solicitor

Commissioner Holmes moved to reappoint John F. Walko, Esq. as Township Solicitor for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2026. Commissioner Forste-Grupp seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted for John F. Walko, Esq.: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender,

Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Township Engineer

Commissioner Quinn moved to confirm the Township Manager's appointment of Pennoni & Associates as Township Engineer for a one-year term to expire December 31, 2026. Commissioner McCollum seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Resolution No. 2473-2026 – Appointments – Boards and Commissions

Commissioner X moved to adopt Resolution No. 2473-2026, appointing individuals to serve on the specified Volunteer Boards & Commissions.

Civil Service Commission – 6-Year Term (1 Position Available for a Full Term and 1 Alternate Position Available for an Unexpired Term)

Commissioner Quinn moved to reappoint Bernard McCabe to serve on the Civil Service Commission for a six-year term to expire on December 31, 2031. Commissioner Hart seconded the motion. Commissioner Forste-Grupp moved to appoint Carolyn Hatcher to serve on the Civil Service Commission for a six-year term to expire on December 31, 2031. Commissioner McCollum seconded the motion. 8 Commissioners voted for Bernard McCabe: Commissioners Gondek, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta. Commissioner Forste-Grupp voted for Carolyn Hatcher. Bernard McCabe won the vote 8-1.

Commissioner McCollum moved to appoint Charles Stevenson to serve as an alternate member of the Civil Service Commission, filling an unexpired term to expire on December 31, 2030. Commissioner Gondek seconded the motion. Commissioner Forste-Grupp moved to appoint Carolyn Hatcher to serve as an alternate member of the Civil Service Commission, filling an unexpired term to expire on December 31, 2030. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion. 3 Commissioners voted for Charles Stevenson: Commissioners Gondek, Quinn, and McCollum. 6 Commissioners voted for Carolyn Hatcher: Commissioners Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Hart, McCloskey, and Trombetta. Carolyn Hatcher won the vote 6-3.

Health Advisory Board – 5-Year Term (1 Position Available)

Commissioner Hart moved to appoint Alan Adler to serve on the Health Advisory Board for a five-year term to expire on December 31, 2030. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Historical Commission – 4-Year Term (2 Positions Available)

Commissioner Forste-Grupp moved to reappoint Anthony Assetto to serve on the Historical Commission for a four-year term to expire on December 31, 2029. Commissioner Holmes seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Commissioner Forste-Grupp moved to reappoint Stacey Mattox to serve on the Historical Commission for a four-year term to expire on December 31, 2029. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Human Relations Commission – 3-Year Term (2 Positions Available)

Commissioner Cavender moved to reappoint Terri Lawrence to serve on the Human Relations Commission for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2028. Commissioner Gondek seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Commissioner Cavender moved to reappoint Natalie Pedersen to serve on the Human Relations Commission for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2028. Commissioner McCloskey seconded the motion. All 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 Gondek moved to reappoint Scot Lindelow to serve on the Ice Rink Advisory Board for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2028. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Commissioner Gondek moved to reappoint Robert Cohen to serve on the Ice Rink Advisory Board for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2028. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Commissioner Gondek moved to appoint Sarah Fulton to serve on the Ice Rink Advisory Board for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2028. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Parks & Recreation Board – 5-Year Term (3 Positions Available)

Commissioner Hart moved to reappoint Melissa Raffel to serve on the Parks & Recreation Board for a five-year term to expire on December 31, 2030. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Commissioner Hart moved to reappoint Marc Merdinger to serve on the Parks & Recreation Board for a five-year term to expire on December 31, 2030. Commissioner McCollum seconded the motion. Commissioner Cavender moved to appoint Gail Farally-Semerad to serve on the Parks & Recreation Board for a five-year term to expire on December 31, 2030. Commissioner Forste-Grupp seconded the motion. 6 Commissioners voted for Marc Merdinger: Commissioners Gondek, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta. 3 Commissioners voted for Gail Farally-Semerad: Commissioners Forste-Grupp, Cavender, and Holmes. Marc Merdinger won the vote 6-3.

Commissioner Cavender moved to appoint Gail Farally-Semerad to serve on the Parks & Recreation Board for a five-year term to expire on December 31, 2030. Commissioner McCloskey seconded the motion. Commissioner Quinn moved to appoint Mike Kleinz to serve on the Parks & Recreation Board for a five-year term to expire on December 31, 2030. Commissioner McCollum seconded the motion. 7 Commissioners voted for Gail Farally-Semerad: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Hart, McCloskey, and Trombetta. 2 Commissioners voted for Mike Kleinz: Commissioners Quinn and McCollum. Gail Farally-Semerad won the vote 7-2.

Planning Commission – 4-Year Term (2 Positions Available)

Commissioner Hart moved to appoint Adam Terranova to serve on the Planning Commission for a four-year term to expire on December 31, 2029. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Commissioner Cavender moved to appoint David Chanin to serve on the Planning Commission for a four-year term to expire on December 31, 2029. Commissioner McCloskey seconded the motion. Commissioner Holmes moved to appoint Jennifer Onopa to serve on the Planning Commission for a four-year term to expire on December 31, 2029. Commissioner Gondek seconded the motion. 7 Commissioners voted for Jennifer Onopa: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, and Trombetta. 2 Commissioners voted for David Chanin: Commissioners Cavender and McCloskey. Jennifer Onopa won the vote 7-2.

Shade Tree Commission – 3-Year Term (2 Positions Available for a Full Term and 2 Positions Available for Unexpired Terms)

Commissioner Hart moved to reappoint Doreen Saar to serve on the Shade Tree Commission for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2028. Commissioner Cavender seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Commissioner Hart moved to reappoint David Schneck to serve on the Shade Tree Commission for a three-year term to expire on December 31, 2028. Commissioner McCloskey seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Commissioner Hart moved to appoint Dan Martin to serve on the Shade Tree Commission, filling an unexpired term to expire on December 31, 2027. Commissioner Quinn seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Commissioner Hart moved to appoint Chris Mejia-Smith to serve on the Shade Tree Commission, filling an unexpired term to expire on December 31, 2026. Commissioner McCloskey seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Vacancy Committee – 1-Year Term (1 Position Available)

Commissioner Gondek moved to reappoint Kevin McNicholas to serve on the Vacancy Committee for a one-year term to expire on December 31, 2026. Commissioner McCollum seconded the motion. All 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 Holmes moved to reappoint Jesse Pointon to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board for a five-year term to expire on December 31, 2030. Commissioner McCloskey seconded the motion. All Commissioners voted YES: Commissioners Gondek, Forste-Grupp, Cavender, Holmes, Quinn, Hart, McCollum, McCloskey, and Trombetta.

Adjourn.