



Allentown

435 Hamilton Street
Allentown, Pa. 18101

Meeting Agenda - Final City Council

Tuesday, August 25, 2026

5:30 PM

Council Chambers

Special Meeting to interview and act on Controller candidates

Roll Call: Council President Napoli

Interview Process:

1. Candidates were chosen at random and will be interviewed as follows:

**Evette D'Amore
Jasmine Salgado
Patrick Palmer**

2. **Candidate Presentation – 10 Minutes**

Based on your professional experience and qualifications, please explain why you would be a strong City Controller and how your experience would bring value to the City.

3. **Closing Statement – 2 Minutes**

Why should City Council appoint you as City Controller?

4. **Following the interviews, each Councilperson will complete and sign a ballot indicating their choice for City Controller. The City Clerk will read the selected candidate from each ballot aloud. The voting process will continue until a candidate receives a majority of votes.**

5. **Public Comment will be taken before Council makes the choice on the first ballot.**

COUNCIL RULES - RULE XX - FILLING OF VACANCIES - COUNCIL, CONTROLLER AND MAYOR

Vacancies shall be filled according to the requirements of the charter – sections 207, 304 and 405. When a vacancy occurs in the office of Council, Controller or the Mayor, City Council shall immediately advertise the vacancy in a local newspaper, on the City's website and notify the political party of the person who left office that Council will be accepting applications to fill the vacant position. Applications shall consist of a resume and a statement stating the reasons the applicant will bring value to the City as a Councilperson, Mayor or City Controller. Applications shall be received no later than fourteen days after the effective date of the vacancy.

The applications shall be reviewed by the President or Acting President of Council to make sure the applicant is qualified pursuant to the charter and applicable state law. The replacement must be a qualified voter of the same party as the person vacating the seat at least 30 days prior to the vacancy. After review, Council shall have a public meeting to review the resumes and statements of the applicants and interview each of the candidates. The candidates shall be chosen in a random fashion for interviews.

After the interviews, Council shall vote on the candidates to fill the vacancy at a public meeting. Each councilperson will fill out and sign a ballot indicating their choice to fill the position. The ballots shall be given to the City Clerk who shall read aloud the name of the candidate selected by each councilperson. The process continues until a

candidate earns a majority of votes. (26631 10/7/92; 25142 2/2/83; 26631 10/7/92; 28809 11/2/2011; 29619 3/14/2018)

SECTION 405. Vacancy.

A. If the office of the City Controller becomes vacant for any reason, Council shall appoint an interim City Controller, of the same political party, who shall serve until the next Municipal Election.

B. A vacancy in the office of the City Controller shall be filled at the next Municipal Election, in the manner provided by law. The person elected shall hold the qualifications for the office of the City Controller and shall serve the remaining portion of the vacated term.

Controller Candidate Interviews in the Order
Evette D'Amore
Jasmine Salgado
Patrick Palmer

Attachments: [Evette D'Amore Letter](#)
 [Evette D'Amore Resume](#)
 [Jasmine Salgado's Statement](#)
 [Jasmine H. Salgado' Resume](#)
 [Patrick Palmer Statement](#)
 [Patrick Palmer Resume](#)

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