

Borough of Carlisle Vacancy Board
Special Meeting Minutes
October 22, 2024
7:00 p.m.

I. Call to Order

The Vacancy Board Chair, Sonya Browne called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present at the meeting: Vacancy Board Chair Sonya Browne, Mayor Shultz, Deputy Mayor Landis, Councilors Mellen, Perry, Roos, and Stuby. Also present were Borough Manager Armstrong, Solicitor Brenneman, Public Information Coordinator Taylor, and Borough Secretary Blair.

Mayor Shultz opened the meeting by outlining the process and what the candidates should expect before voting takes place.

II. Carlisle Vacancy Board

The panel continued by interviewing the two candidates for the vacant Council position by each member asking additional questions, not included in the first round of questioning during the Council meeting on October 10, 2024.

After all questions were posed, both Deputy Mayor Landis and Mayor Shultz wished to provide their rationale for their upcoming vote of Robert Mitchell Shiles Jr. Of note was Mr. Shiles contributions to the development of the Borough's current strategy, "Vision Zero", the Borough's Climate Action Plan, and his continuous participation in matters that are important to the Borough.

Mayor Shultz thanked Sonya Browne, Vacancy Board Chair, for her time and recognized her contributions to the community.

Sonya Browne thanked the candidates for wanting to be part of the solution, wanting to make the community and Borough better, and being willing to do the work that is required to do it.

The vote was then held appointing Robert Mitchell Shiles Jr., the candidate with the majority vote, to serve on the Borough Council through January 5, 2026. (4-Robert Mitchell Shiles Jr., 3-Rachel James)

The panel voted as follows:

Sonya Browne voted for Robert Mitchell Shiles, Jr.

Mayor Shultz voted for Robert Mitchell Shiles, Jr.

Deputy Mayor Landis voted for Robert Mitchell Shiles, Jr.

Councilor Mellen voted for Rachel James

Councilor Perry voted for Rachel James

Councilor Roos voted for Rachel James

Councilor Stuby voted for Robert Mitchell Shiles, Jr.

Mayor Shultz made a motion to approve a Resolution appointing Robert Mitchell Shiles, Jr. to serve as a Carlisle Borough Councilmember through January 5, 2026. The motion passed 6-0. (Shultz/Perry)

III. Public Comment

None.

The panel thanked all the candidates for stepping forward and running for the vacant council seat and made a note that not only will there be another seat up for a vote next year, but there were also several Boards & Commissions seats available should they choose to serve the community in a different capacity.

IV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Council Vacancy Board Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Patricia Blair, Borough Secretary