

**IN THE SUPREME COURT OF PENNSYLVANIA
MIDDLE DISTRICT**

THE BOROUGH OF WEST CHESTER,	:	No. 9 MAP 2023
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Appellant	:	Appeal from the Commonwealth
	:	Court decision dated January 4,
	:	2023 at No. 260 MD 2018.
v.	:	
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PENNSYLVANIA STATE SYSTEM OF	:	
HIGHER EDUCATION AND WEST	:	
CHESTER UNIVERSITY OF	:	
PENNSYLVANIA OF THE STATE SYSTEM	:	
OF HIGHER EDUCATION,	:	
	:	
Appellees	:	

CONCURRING STATEMENT

JUSTICE WECHT

FILED: October 31, 2023

Today we accept the Office of the Attorney General’s brief despite its tardiness, and despite our provision of multiple extensions with which that well-staffed Office failed to comply. I join the Court’s order, as I believe that our consideration of the instant appeal would benefit from Appellees’ advocacy. I certainly hope that the brief is worth the wait. I must, however, note my displeasure with the flouting of this Court’s briefing schedule, a trend I have noted on the rise in recent months among some of our cases. Parties and counsel granted an opportunity to appear in this Supreme Court should be aware that compliance with our Rules and Orders is not optional, and that our deadlines are not suggestions. No one should expect us to afford such grace as a matter of course.

Justice Donohue joins this concurring statement.