

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, February 15, 2007**

**4:00 PM**

**Conference Room 1**

## **Committee on Appointment Review**

*John DeFazio - Chair; Committee of the Whole*

**I. Call To Order**

**Summary:** *The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM*

**Invited Guests:**

**Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee**

**Derek Uber, Deputy County Manager**

**Summary:** *Invited guests in attendance: Mr. Flynn and Mr. Uber*

*Council staff in attendance: John Mascio*

**II. Roll Call**

**Roll Call:** Present: Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Macey, Council Member Frazier, Council Member Rea, and Council Member Robinson  
Absent: Council Member Burn, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member Fitzgerald, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Lestitian, Council Member Gastgeb, and Council Member Martoni

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**3041-07** Motion to approve the Minutes of February 8, 2007 Appointment Review Committee Meeting.

**Action:** **A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Chair DeFazio, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

**IV. Agenda Items****Proposed Appointments**

**2994-07** Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Thomas Murrin to serve as a Member of the Allegheny County Airport Authority for a term to expire December 31, 2011.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:** *Mr. Murrin was not present at the meeting*

**Action:** **Held in Committee**

**2999-07** Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Bobbi Britton Tucker to serve as a Member of the Personnel Board for a term to expire December 31, 2009.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:** *Ms. Tucker provided the Committee with a summary of her background and qualifications and discussed some her accomplishments during her tenure on the board.*

**Action:** **A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Chair DeFazio, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**3026-07**

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Ann Ostergaard to serve as a Member of the Improvements in Municipalities for a term to expire on December 31, 2011.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:**

*Ms. Ostergaard provided the Committee with a summary of her background and qualifications and described the workings of the board and her role during her tenure.*

**Action:**

**A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Frazier, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**3027-07**

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Rev. Maurice Doss to serve as a Member of the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2009.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:**

*Mr. Doss provided the Committee with a summary of his background and qualifications and his contributions to the board during his tenure.*

*Ms. Frazier asked him what his opinion was of opening a prison in the Woods Run section of the city. Mr. Doss said that he was sorry that there was even a need for these types of places and would prefer alternative housing for the prisoners.*

**Action:**

**A motion was made by Frazier, seconded by Finnerty, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**3028-07**

Appointment - Approving the appointment of M. Gayle Moss to serve as a Member of the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2009.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:**

*Ms. Moss provided the Committee with a summary of her background and qualifications and her reasons for wanting to be appointed to the board. She said that as President of the NAACP she has a great interest in the jail system since a great percentage of inmates are African American. She said that she would like to guide them to something more positive.*

*Mr. Finnerty asked her what her opinion was of the newly proposed alternative work force bill, also known as the "Chain Gang" bill, which would have prisoners working on beautification projects for the County. Ms. Moss said she would be for it as long as the participants are not hardened criminals.*

**Action:**

**A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Frazier, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**3029-07**

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Donald F. Smith, Jr. to serve as a Member of the Redevelopment Authority of Allegheny County for a term to expire on May 23, 2011.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:**

*Mr. Smith was not present at the meeting*

**Action:** Held in Committee

**3030-07** Appointment - Approving the reappointment of David Y. Miller to serve as a Member of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for a term to expire December 31, 2009.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:** *Mr. Miller was not present at the meeting*

**Action:** Held in Committee

**3031-07** Appointment - Approving the appointment of Steven B. Silverman to serve as a Member of the Personnel Board for a term to expire December 31, 2009.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:** *Mr. Silverman provided the Committee with a summary of his background and qualifications and his reasons for wanting to be appointed to the board. He also discussed some of his plans and goals for the board should he receive approval.*

**Action:** **A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Chair DeFazio, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**3032-07** Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Deborah D. Booker to serve as a Member of the Allegheny County Housing Authority for a term to expire December 31, 2011.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:** *Ms. Booker provided the Committee with a summary of her background and qualifications and discussed some of her accomplishments during her tenure on the board.*

*Ms. Frazier asked her if there was enough space for people who wish to participate in the Housing Program. Ms. Booker said she believed there was. Ms. Frazier said that she just wanted to be sure that everyone has the same access to the program.*

**Action:** **A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Drozd, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **V. Adjournment**

**Summary:** *The meeting adjourned at 4:45 PM*