

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, February 15, 2017**

**5:00 PM**

**Conference Room 1**

## **Committee on Appointment Review**

*Ed Kress, Chair  
Committee of the Whole*

**I. Call to Order**

*The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.*

**Invited Guests:**

*Invited Guests Present: Austin Davis, Executive Assistant, County Executive's Office*

*Council Staff Present: Stephanie Buka*

**II. Roll Call**

**Members Present:** 2 - Ed Kress and Paul Klein

**Members Absent:** 11 - Tom Baker, Cindy Kirk, John Palmiere, Nick Futules, Chuck Martoni, Bob Macey, DeWitt Walton, Jim Ellenbogen, Denise Ranalli-Russell, John DeFazio and Sam DeMarco

**Members Phone:** 1 - Sue Means

**III. Approval of Minutes**

[10020-17](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Appointment Review Committee Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on February 1, 2017.

**A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Kress, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

**IV. Agenda Items**

**Appointments**

[9955-17](#)

Approving the reappointment of M. Gayle Moss to the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Ms. Moss described her background, experience and interest in continuing to serve on this committee.*

**A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Kress, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

[9965-17](#) Approving the reappointment of Ashley Henry Shook to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Airport Authority for a term to expire on December 31, 2021.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Ms. Shook commented that Pittsburgh International Airport was named the Airport of the Year and encouraged members to attend the State of the Airport event on February 22, 2017 at the Fairmont Pittsburgh. She added that under Ms. Cassotis' leadership, air traffic has increased. Ms. Shook noted that the spring and holiday open houses at Pittsburgh International Airport allows the general public to visit Airside Terminal stores and restaurants at certain times, greatly increasing foot traffic and dollars spent. Ms. Shook responded to a question from Councilwoman Means, stating that the Authority has a devoted board and staff, and they appreciate County Council's support. Chairman Kress and Ms. Shook discussed the economic development in the airport area.*

**A motion was made by Kress, seconded by Klein, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

[9966-17](#) Approving the reappointment of Mary E. Gibson, Esq. to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Human Relations Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2020.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Withdrawn**

[9970-17](#) Approving the appointment of Ethel Cobb to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Ms. Cobb reported that she would like to make sure senior citizens are getting the services they need, in particular, access to transportation and quality programs. Chairman Kress noted that he would like to see more seniors have the ability to age in place. In response to a question from Councilman Klein, Ms. Cobb stated that the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) does a good job of providing activities at the senior centers.*

**A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Means, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

[9972-17](#) Approving the appointment of Dr. Emma Lucas-Darby to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2020.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Dr. Lucas-Darby described her background and experience working with seniors. In response to a question from Chairman Kress, Dr. Lucas-Darby stated that the Area Agency on Aging (AAA) has increased the benchmarks providers must meet in order to serve seniors. Chairman Kress discussed the difficulty of finding a quality provider outside of the AAA, the issue of low wages and high turnover amongst caregivers, and the importance of preventive care. In response to a question from Councilwoman Means, Dr. Lucas-Darby reported that her dissertation topic was the recognition of elder abuse among health service professionals, and she discussed adult protective services and the actions that can be taken to address the mistreatment of seniors.*

**A motion was made by Means, seconded by Klein, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

[9973-17](#) Approving the appointment of Debra Smith to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2020.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Held in Committee**

## V. Adjournment

*The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.*