

# Allegheny County Council

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## Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

## County Council

*Patrick Catena - President; Jack Betkowski, David Bonaroti, Samuel DeMarco, III, Suzanne Filiaggi, Nick Futules, Daniel Grzybek, Bethany Hallam, Paul Klein, Bob Macey, Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis, John Palmiere, Robert Palmosina, Anita Prizio, and DeWitt Walton - Members*

**I. Call To Order**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**III. Silent Prayer or Reflection**

**IV. Roll Call**

**Council Members Present:** 12 - Betkowski, Bonaroti, Catena, DeMarco , Filiaggi, Futules, Grzybek, Hallam, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmosina and Walton

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Phone:** 3 - Klein, Palmiere and Prizio

**V. Proclamations/Certificates**

[13371-25](#)

A proclamation proclaiming January 14, 2025 as "The Twenty-Five Club of UPMC Magee-Womens Hospital Day" in Allegheny County.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Macey, Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis and Council Member Palmosina

**This proclamation was presented.**

[13373-25](#)

A proclamation recognizing Erik Kust for his heroic actions and leading residents to safety after a fire in Verona.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Futules

**This proclamation was read into the record.**

[13374-25](#)

A proclamation recognizing Jim Rullo for his contributions to the Borough of Pitcairn.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis

**This proclamation was read into the record.**

**VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items**

**VII. Approval of Minutes**

*Prior to the approval of minutes, Mr. DeMarco announced that he would be resigning his seat, effective after the conclusion of the January 4, 2025 regular meeting, and he therefore wished to abstain from each of the votes taken.*

[13375-25](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2024 regular meeting of Council.

**A motion was made by Council Member Macey, seconded by Council Member**

Naccarati-Chapkis, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote, with Mr. DeMarco's abstention.

[13376-25](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2024 regular meeting of Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Macey, seconded by Council Member Hallam, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote, with Mr. DeMarco's abstention.

**VIII. Presentation of Appointments**

[13369-25](#)

Approving the appointment of Lyndsay Ritter to the Friends of the Park for Boyce Park for a term to be effective through January 14, 2028.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis

**This nomination was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.**

[13370-25](#)

Approving the appointment of Grant Gittlen to the Allegheny County Housing Authority for a term to be effective through December 31, 2029.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**This nomination was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.**

**IX. Unfinished Business**

**Committee on Appointment Review - Second Reading**

[13322-24](#)

Approving the appointment of County Councilwoman Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis to the Housing Advisory Committee for a term to be effective through January 14, 2028.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**A motion was made by Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, seconded by Council Member Grzybek, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 10 - Betkowski, Bonaroti, Catena, Filiaggi, Futules, Grzybek, Hallam, Macey, Palmosina and Walton

**Council Members Abstain:** 2 - DeMarco and Naccarati-Chapkis

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 3 - Klein, Palmiere and Prizio

[13323-24](#)

Approving the appointment of Dr. Noble Maseru, Ph.D. to the Housing Advisory Committee for a term to be effective through January 14, 2028.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**A motion was made by Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, seconded by Council Member Grzybek, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 11 - Betkowski, Bonaroti, Catena, Filiaggi, Futules, Grzybek, Hallam, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmosina and Walton

**Council Members Abstain:** 1 - DeMarco

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 3 - Klein, Palmiere and Prizio

[13324-24](#) Approving the appointment of Bob Damewood to the Housing Advisory Committee for a term to be effective through January 14, 2028.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**A motion was made by Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, seconded by Council Member Grzybek, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 11 - Betkowski, Bonaroti, Catena, Filiaggi, Futules, Grzybek, Hallam, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmosina and Walton

**Council Members Abstain:** 1 - DeMarco

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 3 - Klein, Palmiere and Prizio

[13325-24](#) Approving the appointment of Dwight Boddorf to the Housing Advisory Committee for a term to be effective through January 14, 2028.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**A motion was made by Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, seconded by Council Member Grzybek, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 11 - Betkowski, Bonaroti, Catena, Filiaggi, Futules, Grzybek, Hallam, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmosina and Walton

**Council Members Abstain:** 1 - DeMarco

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 3 - Klein, Palmiere and Prizio

[13326-24](#) Approving the appointment of Megan Hammond to the Housing Advisory Committee for a term to be effective through January 14, 2028.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**A motion was made by Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, seconded by Council Member Grzybek, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 11 - Betkowski, Bonaroti, Catena, Filiaggi, Futules, Grzybek, Hallam, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmosina and Walton

**Council Members Abstain:** 1 - DeMarco

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 3 - Klein, Palmiere and Prizio

[13327-24](#) Approving the appointment of Sofia Bermeo to the Housing Advisory Committee for a term to be effective through January 14, 2028.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**A motion was made by Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, seconded by Council Member Grzybek, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 11 - Betkowski, Bonaroti, Catena, Filiaggi, Futules, Grzybek, Hallam, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmosina and Walton

**Council Members Abstain:** 1 - DeMarco

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 3 - Klein, Palmiere and Prizio

[13328-24](#) Approving the appointment of Sonya Tilghman to the Housing Advisory Committee for a term to be effective through January 14, 2028.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**A motion was made by Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, seconded by Council Member Grzybek, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 11 - Betkowski, Bonaroti, Catena, Filiaggi, Futules, Grzybek, Hallam, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmosina and Walton

**Council Members Abstain:** 1 - DeMarco

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 3 - Klein, Palmiere and Prizio

[13329-24](#) Approving the appointment of John Katz to the Housing Advisory Committee for

a term to be effective through January 14, 2028.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**A motion was made by Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, seconded by Council Member Grzybek, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 11 - Betkowski, Bonaroti, Catena, Filiaggi, Futules, Grzybek, Hallam, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmosina and Walton

**Council Members Abstain:** 1 - DeMarco

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 3 - Klein, Palmiere and Prizio

[13330-24](#)

Approving the appointment of David F. Onufer to the Housing Advisory Committee for a term to be effective through January 14, 2028.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**A motion was made by Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, seconded by Council Member Grzybek, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 11 - Betkowski, Bonaroti, Catena, Filiaggi, Futules, Grzybek, Hallam, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmosina and Walton

**Council Members Abstain:** 1 - DeMarco

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 3 - Klein, Palmiere and Prizio

[13331-24](#)

Approving the appointment of Charlise Smith to the Housing Advisory Committee for a term to be effective through January 14, 2028.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**A motion was made by Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, seconded by Council Member Grzybek, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 11 - Betkowski, Bonaroti, Catena, Filiaggi, Futules, Grzybek, Hallam, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmosina and Walton

**Council Members Abstain:** 1 - DeMarco

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 3 - Klein, Palmiere and Prizio

[13332-24](#)

Approving the appointment of Jala Rucker to the Housing Advisory Committee for a term to be effective through January 14, 2028.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**A motion was made by Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, seconded by Council Member Grzybek, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 11 - Betkowski, Bonaroti, Catena, Filiaggi, Futules, Grzybek, Hallam, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmosina and Walton

**Council Members Abstain:** 1 - DeMarco

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 3 - Klein, Palmiere and Prizio

[13333-24](#)

Approving the appointment of Devon Goetze to the Housing Advisory Committee for a term to be effective through January 14, 2028.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**A motion was made by Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, seconded by Council Member Grzybek, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 11 - Betkowski, Bonaroti, Catena, Filiaggi, Futules, Grzybek, Hallam, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmosina and Walton

**Council Members Abstain:** 1 - DeMarco

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 3 - Klein, Palmiere and Prizio

[13334-24](#)

Approving the appointment of Gale Schwartz to the Housing Advisory Committee for a term to be effective through January 14, 2028.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**A motion was made by Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, seconded by Council Member Grzybek, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 11 - Betkowski, Bonaroti, Catena, Filiaggi, Futules, Grzybek, Hallam, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmosina and Walton

**Council Members Abstain:** 1 - DeMarco

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 3 - Klein, Palmiere and Prizio

[13341-24](#) Approving the appointment of Emilie Rzotkiewicz as a Public Director to the Allegheny County Conservation District for a term effective through December 31, 2027.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**A motion was made by Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, seconded by Council Member Grzybek, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 11 - Betkowski, Bonaroti, Catena, Filiaggi, Futules, Grzybek, Hallam, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmosina and Walton

**Council Members Abstain:** 1 - DeMarco

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 3 - Klein, Palmiere and Prizio

**Committee on Assessment Practices - Second Reading**

[13276-24](#) An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 207, entitled “New Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review,” §5-207.04, entitled “Compliance with County procedures”, §5-207.06, entitled “Rules and regulations for appeals” and §5-207.07, entitled “Powers and duties,” in order to establish uniform lines of communications and chain of command, and to streamline the appeals process under the same umbrella of responsibility.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Macey and Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis

**This bill was referred to the Committee on Assessment Practices.**

[13277-24](#) An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, Article 209, entitled “Office of Property Assessments,” §5-209.04, entitled “Responsibilities of the Office of Property Assessment” in order to establish uniform lines of communications and chain of command, and to streamline the appeals process under the same umbrella of responsibility.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Macey and Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis

**This bill was referred to the Committee on Assessment Practices.**

**X. Liaison Reports**

**XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions**

**XII. New Business - Motions**



[13377-25](#)

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County re-establishing the Budget Transfer Committee in accordance with Section 805.03 of the Administrative Code.

**Sponsors:** Council Member Palmosina, Council Member Hallam and Council Member Macey

**A motion was made by Council Member Palmosina, seconded by Council Member Hallam, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 11 - Betkowski, Bonaroti, Catena, Filiaggi, Futules, Grzybek, Hallam, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmosina and Walton

**Council Members Abstain:** 1 - DeMarco

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 3 - Klein, Palmiere and Prizio

**XIII. Notification of Contracts**

[13378-25](#)

Communication summarizing approved Executive actions for the month of December, 2024.

**A motion was made by Council Member Macey, seconded by Council Member Palmiere, that this matter be Received and Filed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 11 - Betkowski, Bonaroti, Catena, Filiaggi, Futules, Grzybek, Hallam, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmosina and Walton

**Council Members Abstain:** 1 - DeMarco

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes Phone:** 3 - Klein, Palmiere and Prizio

**XIV. Public Comment on General Items**

**XV. Adjournment**

**A motion was made by Council Member Hallam, seconded by Council Member Macey, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Council Members Yes:** 11 - Betkowski, Bonaroti, Catena, Filiaggi, Futules, Grzybek, Hallam, Macey, Naccarati-Chapkis, Palmosina and Walton

**Council Members Abstain:** 1 - DeMarco

**Council Members Absent:** 0

**Council Members Yes** 3 - Klein, Palmiere and Prizio  
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