

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 8, 2007

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Appointment Review

John DeFazio - Chair; Committee of the Whole

Invited Guests:**Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee****Derek Uber, Deputy County Manager****Summary:** *Invited guests in attendance: Mr. Uber**Council Staff in attendance: John Mascio, Jennifer Liptak, and Jared Barker***I. Call To Order****Summary:** *The meeting was called to order at 4:05 PM***II. Roll Call**

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

III. Approval of Minutes

3038-07 Motion to approve the Minutes of January 4, and January 10, 2007 Appointment Review Committee Meetings.

Action: **A motion was made by Frazier, seconded by Martoni, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Agenda Items**Proposed Appointments**

2997-07 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Joan Ellenbogen to serve as a Member of the Allegheny County Port Authority for a term to expire December 31, 2011.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *Ms. Ellenbogen provided the committee with a summary of her background and qualifications. She also discussed some of the accomplishments that took place during her tenure on the Board. She said that she is not sure that Port Authority can be saved. She said they are reviewing services issues resulting from funding cuts. She said that at some point they are going to run out of money, and at that time they will need to meet with the appropriate officials to discuss how they plan to proceed.*

The Chair reminded her that Council Special Committee on Transportation is having a Public Hearing on February 13, 2006 to discuss these issues.

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

2996-07

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Richard Taylor to serve as a Member of the Allegheny County Port Authority for a term to expire December 31, 2011.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary:

Mr. Taylor provided the committee with a summary of his background and qualifications. He also discussed some of the accomplishments that took place during his tenure on the Board. He talked about the structure of the Board and as they move forward there will be a need for soul searching as to how they are going to proceed without the proper funding. He said that if drastic changes are not made they may not even have a transit system by the end of next year. He said that maybe they can structure the Board so that they could file for bankruptcy.

The Chair said that he thought that was a little drastic and didn't think it would solve the problem. He said that would be a disaster. He said that the people who work there would be angry and the people that need the service would also be angry. He told him that if he wants to talk about bankruptcy he should talk to the unions in private.

Mr. Martoni said that Mr. Taylor was just trying to show how severe the problem really is.

Mr. Drozd said that he would support him tonight but may vote against him at the Regular Meeting because he voted yes on the North Shore Connector project. Mr. Taylor said that he stands by his vote because it would provide the region with new infrastructure.

General discussion took place relative to the North Shore Connector and the general operations of the Board and the direction it is going.

Action:

A motion was made by Martoni, seconded by Caldwell, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

2993-07

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Mary Pat Soltis to serve as a Member of the Allegheny County Airport Authority for a term to expire December 31, 2011.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary:

Ms. Soltis provided the committee with a summary of her background and qualifications and discussed some of the accomplishments that took place during her tenure on the Board. She described her history on the board and the workings of the Board.

Ms. Rea said that she believed it is critical that Allegheny County provide international flights and asked her if there was any progress on this.

Ms. Soltis said that Kent George, the Executive Director of the Board, is working very hard on this and that they all agree that they should provide some international flights.

Action:

A motion was made by Martoni, seconded by Burn, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

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**

2998-07

Appointment - Approving the appointment of Judith S. Black, M.D., to serve as a Member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire December 31, 2009.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *Ms. Black provided the committee with a summary of her background and qualifications and described her interest in serving on the Board and what her goals would be if she were approved.*

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

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 was not present at the meeting*

Action: **Held in Committee**

3000-07

Appointment - Approving the appointment of Scott Malley to serve as a Member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Directors for a term to expire December 3, 2011.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *Mr. Malley provided the committee with a summary of his background and qualifications and described his desire to be appointed to the board and what his goals and plans would be should he be appointed.*

Ms. Frazier asked him what he thought about CCAC taking on some of the services that used to be provided by Conley Trade School.

Mr. Malley said that it would be a first step avenue but they would need to enhance these programs and mold them as they went along. He said they would need to develop and market this. He said this would be something that he thinks the Board could explore.

Ms. Rea said that she felt that CCAC needed better Public Relations to let the public know what they have to offer.

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

V. Adjournment

Summary: *The meeting adjourned at 5:20 PM*