

Bill No. 1414-04

## APPOINTMENT

Approving the appointment of Jesse W. Fife, Jr. to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Community College Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2009.

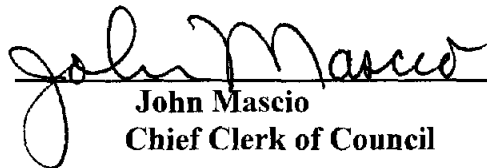
In Council March 2, 2004.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.



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Rich Fitzgerald  
President of Council

Attest:

  
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John Mascio  
Chief Clerk of Council

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County of Allegheny

DAN ONORATO  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

101 COURTHOUSE ♦ 436 GRANT STREET  
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January 20, 2004

Honorable President and Members  
Allegheny County Council  
119 Courthouse  
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Council Members:

Please find the attached resume of Jesse W. Fife, Jr., whom I am recommending for appointment to the Allegheny County Community College Board.

This Board broadens the base of educational opportunity and human resource development for the citizens of Allegheny County through continued development of campuses and centers that are committed to quality, diversity, social responsibility and career direction. Mr. Fife will fill a vacancy on the Allegheny County Community College Board. His term will expire on December 31, 2009.

Mr. Fife currently serves as the Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Manchester Bidwell Corporation, a nationally renowned vocational/technical training facility. Additionally, Mr. Fife has served as a trustee for the Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation and the Manchester Academic Charter School.

I appreciate your consideration, and ask you to act on this appointment as quickly as possible. Mr. Fife will make himself available for review before the appropriate committee if members of Council wish to speak with him.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dan Onorato', written over a white background.

Dan Onorato

CC: Jesse W. Fife, Jr.

**JESSE W. FIFE, JR.**  
1006 N. Sheridan Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206  
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### **Critical Skills and Experiences**

#### **Leadership/Strategic Planning**

- ❖ Successfully wrote grant proposals to increase funding for a vocational/technical school from an annual operating budget of \$300,000 to its current funding levels of 5.1 million dollars.
- ❖ Participated as a major team member providing overall leadership and management for successful fundraising campaigns producing over eleven (11) million dollars in capital funds from major corporate and private foundations and the state and federal government. These funds finance economic development projects for the corporation.
- ❖ A major team member in the initial design and construction management of a new 62,000 sq ft state of the art vocational and arts training facility.
- ❖ A major team member in the initial design and management of new 70,000 sq ft office complex housing some of the city's major corporations and banking institutions.
- ❖ A major team member in the initial design and management of a new 40,000 sq ft greenhouse producing over 40,000 orchids yearly.
- ❖ Directed a management team and the application process that secured national accreditation for the school from the Accrediting Commission for Career Schools and Colleges of Technology (ACCSCT) an approved accrediting body by the U.S. Department of Education.
- ❖ Built coalitions and fostered strong collaborative relationships with state government, foundations, corporations, civic, and professional organizations resulting in an upgrade in the quality of the schools curriculums and producing a strong image among its peers.
- ❖ Initiated educational partnerships with major corporations that produced customized and career oriented training programs.
- ❖ Received an appointment in 1994 by the Mayor of Pittsburgh to the Zoning Board of Adjustment. An administrative/judicial board comprised of three (3) members deciding major zoning issues for the City of Pittsburgh.

## Organizational Management

- ❖ Responsible for the direct supervision of six (6) vice presidents and seven (7) department directors. Indirect responsibility for the work activities of seventy-four (74) support personnel consisting of twenty-one (21) teaching faculty, twenty-four (24) paraprofessionals, five (5) secretaries, and seventeen (17) hourly employees.
- ❖ Responsible for wage and benefit administration, fiscal, corporate and strategic planning for the corporation and its subsidiaries.
- ❖ Negotiates and approves all major equipment purchases, consultant services and administers all federal and state contracts.

## Employment History

1999-present	<b>Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer</b>	Manchester Bidwell Corporation
1975-1999	<b>Vice President of Operations</b>	Bidwell Training Center, Inc.
1974-1975	<b>State Evaluator/Monitor</b>	Governors Council On Drug & Alcohol Abuse
1973-1974	<b>Program Counselor</b>	Bidwell Training Center, Inc.
1972-1973	<b>Account Executive</b>	Proctor & Gamble Co.

## Community and Professional Affiliations

1994-present	<b>Board Member</b>	City of Pittsburgh Zoning Board of Adjustment
1998-present	<b>Trustee</b>	Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation
2001-present	<b>Trustee</b>	Manchester Academic Charter School

## Education

Ewing Marion Kaufmann Center For Entrepreneurial Leadership,  
Leadership Development Program,.....Certificate.....1999  
University of Pittsburgh, BA History and Political Science. ....1972  
David B. Oliver High School,.....Diploma.....1968

## Computer Competencies

Microsoft Word  
Microsoft Excel

**Jesse W. Fife, Jr.**  
**Chief Operating Officer**  
**Manchester Bidwell Corporation**

Jesse W. Fife, Jr. was born in Pittsburgh in 1950 and graduated from David B. Oliver High School in 1968. He entered the University of Pittsburgh, studied History and Political Science and in 1972 graduated with a Bachelor's of Arts degree.

From 1972 through 1973, Jesse Fife has held positions with the Proctor & Gamble Company and the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Governor's Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

He was hired in 1973 by William E. Strickland, Jr., President & CEO of the Manchester Bidwell Corporation, the parent corporation for the following subsidiaries: Bidwell Training Center, Inc., an accredited vocational/technological school with a multi-culturally diverse student population of historically disenfranchised; Manchester Craftsmen's Guild, an arts education program for public school students. The Guild also is nationally renowned venue for jazz performance and recording; Harbor Gardens Park a 70,000 square foot medical technology complex

He progressed through the corporation holding difference positions from Program Officer to Vice President of Operations to his current position as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. He has directly responsibility for operating budgets totaling more than \$11.5 million annually and the management of approximately 135 employees. He has played integral role, over the previous thirty years, in encouraging participation of corporate executives in designing and implementing new technology training programs for developing our workforce. He is a key member of the CEO's team in fundraising and implementing other strategic plans such as the completion of a two building complexes totaling over 135,000 square footage and more than \$15 million in total costs.

He was appointed by the Mayor of the City of Pittsburgh in 1994 to serve as a board member for the City of Pittsburgh Zoning Board of Adjustment and is a trustee for the Pittsburgh Child Guidance Foundation.



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January 29, 2004

**RICH FITZGERALD**  
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CHIEF OF STAFF

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CHIEF CLERK

Jesse W. Fife, JR.  
1006 N. Sheridan Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Dear Mr. Fife:

This is to inform you that Council President Rich Fitzgerald, Chairperson of Council's Committee on Appointment review, has scheduled an Appointment Review Committee Meeting for 4:30 Wednesday, February 12, 2004 in Conference Room One, 119 County Courthouse.

The Councilman requested your presence at the meeting to discuss your nomination for appointment to the Allegheny County Community College Board. He indicated that those of you that were nominated for reappointment should be prepared to answer questions including how long you have served on the board, your biggest accomplishments on that board, and what you envision your future goals to be if reappointed.

Those of you that are new nominees should be prepared to answer questions relative to your background and qualifications and what you hope to accomplish if appointed.

If you have any questions regarding this please contact me at 412-350-6495.

Sincerely,

John Mascio  
Chief Clerk  
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February 18, 2004

Jesse W. Fife, Jr.  
1006 N. Sheridan Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Dear Mr. Fife:

This is to inform you that Council President Rich Fitzgerald, Chairperson of Council's Committee on Appointment review, has scheduled an Appointment Review Committee Meeting for 5:00 **Thursday, February 26, 2004** in Conference Room One, 119 County Courthouse.

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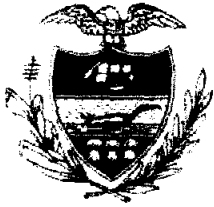
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**RICH FITZGERALD, PRESIDENT**  
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March 4, 2004

Jesse W. Fife, Jr.  
1006 N. Sheridan Avenue  
Pittsburgh, PA 15206

Dear Mr. Fife:

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Council held on March 2, 2004, Council approved your appointment to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Community College Board for a term to expire December 31, 2009.

Congratulations on your appointment.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Rich Fitzgerald".

Rich Fitzgerald, President  
District 11 Representative

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