

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

County Council

Patrick Catena - President; Aaron Adams, Jordan Botta, Suzanne Filiaggi, Nick Futules, Dan Grzybek, Bethany Hallam, Paul Klein, Kathleen Madonna-Emmerling, Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis, John Palmiere, Robert Palmosina, Alex Rose, Lissa Geiger Shulman, and DeWitt Walton - Members

I. Call To Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance

III. Silent Prayer or Reflection

IV. Roll Call

Council Members Present: 13 - Council Member Adams, Council Member Botta, Council Member Filiaggi, Council Member Futules, Council Member Hallam, Council Member Klein, Council Member Madonna-Emmerling, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Palmosina, Council Member Rose, Council Member Geiger Shulman, Council Member Walton and Council Member Catena

Council Members Absent: 1 - Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis

Council Members Phone: 1 - Council Member Grzybek

V. Proclamations/Certificates

[13899-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing Allegheny County Conservation District's 80th Anniversary.

Sponsors: Council Member Rose, Council Member Geiger Shulman and Chief Executive

This proclamation was presented.

[13900-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing and celebrating the 80th Anniversary of the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority (ALCOSAN).

Sponsors: Council Member Catena and Chief Executive

This proclamation was presented.

[13901-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing April 2026 as "Fair Housing Month" in Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Hallam, Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis and Chief Executive

This proclamation was presented.

[13902-26](#)

A proclamation proclaiming April 19-26, 2026 as "National Library Week" in Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Filiaggi and Council Member Palmiere

This proclamation was presented.

[13903-26](#)

A proclamation declaring April 12-18, 2026 to be "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week" in Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Hallam, Council Member Rose, Council Member Madonna-Emmerling, Council Member Catena, Council Member Grzybek, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, Council Member Adams and Council Member Palmosina

This proclamation was presented.

[13904-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing the volunteers of Community Care for their commitment to serving unhoused individuals and those reentering the community after incarceration.

Sponsors: Council Member Hallam

This proclamation was presented.

[13905-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing April 11-17, 2026 as "Black Maternal Health Week" in Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Geiger Shulman, Council Member Rose and Council Member Grzybek

This proclamation was presented.

[13916-26](#)

A proclamation congratulating Bridget Fogle and Sophia Muoio on the OLSH Forensics Team winning the school's first-ever Speech and Debate State Championship.

Sponsors: Council Member Madonna-Emmerling and Council Member Palmosina

This proclamation was presented.

[13906-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing Gavin Michael Mitchell on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena

This proclamation was read into the record.

[13907-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing Jasmin Munhir Khilji on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena

This proclamation was read into the record.

[13908-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing Michael Koman on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sponsors: Council Member Filiaggi

This proclamation was read into the record.

[13909-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing Shawn A. Catlin on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena

This proclamation was read into the record.

[13910-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing David A. Blaner on being named the recipient of the 2026 Judge James R. McGregor Award from Amen Corner.

Sponsors: Council Member Madonna-Emmerling, Council Member Filiaggi and Council Member Hallam

This proclamation was read into the record.

[13911-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing The Honorable Michael E. McCarthy on being the recipient of the 2026 Judge Robert E. Dauer Award from Amen Corner.

Sponsors: Council Member Madonna-Emmerling, Council Member Filiaggi, Council Member Hallam, Council Member Palmosina and Council Member Catena

This proclamation was read into the record.

[13912-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing Julie Lewis on being named the 2026 Fretwell Outstanding Educator Award Recipient by Scouting America, Laurel Highlands Council.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena

This proclamation was read into the record.

[13913-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing and commending Patyn McCune and Lelulo's Pizzeria for receiving the EmpowerHER Grant.

Sponsors: Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis

This proclamation was read into the record.

[13914-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing Officers Joe Burick and Dan Garfold in saving the life of a fellow community member.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena

This proclamation was read into the record.

[13915-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing the Lord's Church of Monroeville on the occasion of their 40th Anniversary.

Sponsors: Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis

This proclamation was read into the record.

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items

VII. Approval of Minutes

[13917-26](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2026 regular meeting of Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Catena, seconded by Council Member Palmiere, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VIII. Presentation of Appointments

IX. Unfinished Business

Committee on Government Reform - Second Reading

[13808-26](#) An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, directing that a referendum question regarding the amendment of Article III, §5(b) of the Home Rule Charter of Allegheny County, which establishes term limits for a single elected County official, be placed on the November 3, 2026 General Election ballot; and further amending Article III, §5(b) and Articles 201, 301, and 401 of the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, contingent upon the passage of the referendum question.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena, Council Member Hallam, Council Member Grzybek, Council Member Rose, Council Member Madonna-Emmerling and Council Member Filiaggi

Ms. Hallam moved to adopt Amendment Catena 1, Mr. Rose seconded, and the motion passed with Mr. Botta, Ms. Filiaggi, Mr. Grzybek, Ms. Hallam, Mr. Klein, Ms. Madonna-Emmerling, Mr. Rose, Ms. Shulman, and Mr. Catena voting in favor, and with Mr. Adams, Mr. Futules, Mr. Palmiere, Mr. Palmosina, and Mr. Walton voting against.

A motion was made by Council Member Hallam, seconded by Council Member Palmiere, that this matter be Passed for Chief Executive Signature. The motion carried by the following vote:

Council Members Yes: 9 - Council Member Botta, Council Member Filiaggi, Council Member Hallam, Council Member Klein, Council Member Madonna-Emmerling, Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Rose, Council Member Geiger Shulman and Council Member Catena

Council Members No: 4 - Council Member Adams, Council Member Futules, Council Member Palmosina and Council Member Walton

Council Members Absent: 1 - Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis

Council Members Yes Phone: 1 - Council Member Grzybek

X. Liaison Reports

XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

Mr. Botta moved to amend the agenda to include an additional resolution, Mr. Rose seconded, and the motion passed with Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis absent, Mr. Grzybek voting in favor via telephone, and all other members present and voting in favor.

This resolution was assigned Bill No. 13925-26, and appears below.

[13893-26](#)

An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, directing that a referendum question regarding the amendment of Article III, §5(b) of the Home Rule Charter of Allegheny County, which establishes term limits for a single elected County official, be placed on the November 3, 2026 General Election ballot; and further amending Article III, §5(b) and Articles 201, 301, and 401 of the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, contingent upon the passage of the referendum question.

Sponsors: Council Member Grzybek, Council Member Filiaggi and Council Member Hallam

Both primary sponsors opted to withdraw this bill.

[13919-26](#)

An ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Division 9, entitled "Conduct," through the creation of a new Chapter 910, entitled "Law Enforcement Personnel," in order to establish standards for individuals undertaking enforcement actions within Allegheny County.

Sponsors: Council Member Walton

This bill was referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

[13920-26](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urging the Pennsylvania Senate to enact and Governor Shapiro to sign HB200, the Family Care Act, with all deliberate speed.

Sponsors: Council Member Geiger Shulman and Council Member Grzybek

This bill was referred to the Committee on Health.

[13921-26](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2026 (Submission #03-26).

Sponsors: Chief Executive

This bill was referred to the Committee on Budget and Finance.

[13925-26](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania urging Allegheny County and Pittsburgh Regional Transit to study and advance the feasibility of a new eastern light rail corridor connecting downtown Pittsburgh to eastern

neighborhoods.

Sponsors: Council Member Botta

This bill was referred to the Committee on Economic Development and Job Creation.

XII. New Business - Motions

[13922-26](#)

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County authorizing the President of Council to provide for the conduct of four public hearings, pursuant to Article 3.C. of the Rules of Council.

Sponsors: Council Member Filiaggi and Council Member Grzybek

A motion was made by Council Member Filiaggi, seconded by Council Member Hallam, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[13923-26](#)

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County urging the Pennsylvania Senate to pass House Bill 453, recognizing the importance of emergency call takers, dispatchers, and supervisors by adding these individuals to the definition of “emergency responders,” with all deliberate speed.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena and Council Member Grzybek

A motion was made by Council Member Catena, seconded by Council Member Botta, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

XIII. Notification of Contracts

[13918-26](#)

Communication summarizing approved Executive actions for the month of March, 2026.

A motion was made by Council Member Palmiere, seconded by Council Member Hallam, that this matter be Received and Filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

XIV. Public Comment on General Items

XV. Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Palmiere, seconded by Council Member Adams, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.