

Allegheny County Council

*County of Allegheny
436 Grant Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15219
Phone (412) 350-6490*



Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 8, 2014

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Appointment Review

Jan Rea - Chair; Committee of the Whole

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Invited Guests: William D. McKain, CPA, County Manager or designee

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

Council Staff Present: Stephanie Buka; Erin Graney

II. Roll Call

Council Members Present: 4 - Rea, Daly Danko, Finnerty and Kress

Council Members Absent: 11 - Baker, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Macey, Martoni, Means, Palmiere and Russell Robinson

III. Approval of Minutes

[8234-14](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Appointment Review Committee Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on March 27, 2014.

A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Daly Danko, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

IV. Agenda Items

Appointments

[8202-14](#)

Approving the appointment of Mark Foerster to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Housing Authority, for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Mr. Foerster provided members with a brief summary of his background, including his service as the Mayor and Council Member of the Borough of Swissvale. Mr. Foerster discussed his interest in serving on the Authority and the importance of affordable housing for everyone. In response to a question from Councilman Kress, Mr. Foerster commented that safety in public housing is a priority, and he is in favor of the "one strike and you are out" policy in public housing, which refers to the ability of the Housing Authority to evict a resident for any criminal activity.

A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Daly Danko, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[8204-14](#)

Approving the reappointment of Sylvia Wilson to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority, for a term to expire on December 31, 2016.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

In response to a question from the Chair, Ms. Wilson described the complexity of the Consent Decree and the various parties involved. Ms. Wilson indicated that she has served as the joint appointee representing both the City of Pittsburgh and Allegheny

County. Chairwoman Rea recognized Mr. Davis and he provided an explanation for Ms. Wilson's term length.

A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Daly Danko, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[8205-14](#)

Approving the reappointment of Susan Davis to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board, for a term to expire on December 31, 2015.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Held in Committee

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m.