

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, September 7, 2016**

**5:00 PM**

**Conference Room 1**

## **Committee on Appointment Review**

*Ed Kress, Chair  
Committee of the Whole*

## I. Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.*

## Invited Guests:

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

*Council Staff Present: Stephanie Buka*

## II. Roll Call

**Members Present:** 1 - Ed Kress

**Members Absent:** 14 - Tom Baker, Cindy Kirk, Michael Finnerty, Sue Means, John Palmiere, Nick Futules, Chuck Martoni, Bob Macey, DeWitt Walton, Paul Klein, Jim Ellenbogen, Denise Ranalli-Russell, John DeFazio and Sam DeMarco

## III. Approval of Minutes

[9809-16](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Appointment Review Committee Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on July 6, 2016.

**Held in Committee**

## IV. Agenda Items

### Appointments

[9777-16](#)

Approving the reappointment of Dr. Donald Burke to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Health for a term to expire on January 13, 2020.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Dr. Burke provided a summary of his background in public health at the University of Pittsburgh. Dr. Burke and Chairman Kress discussed the opioid epidemic in Western Pennsylvania. Dr. Burke identified the problem as a public health and public safety issue. Dr. Burke stated that he supports medically assisted treatment (MAT) combined with therapy and social support for individuals struggling with the disease of addiction.*

**A motion was made by Kress that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

[9778-16](#)

Approving the reappointment of Dr. Kotayya Kondaveeti to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Health for a term to expire on January 13, 2020.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Held in Committee**

[9779-16](#) Approving the appointment of Sara Baldi to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Ms. Baldi described her previous position with Duquesne Light and her current job as a caseworker for the Salvation Army. Ms. Baldi and Chairman Kress discussed air quality in Allegheny County and the importance of striking a balance between industry/jobs with protecting natural resources.*

**A motion was made by Kress that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

[9780-16](#) Approving the appointment of Jane Clougherty to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Dr. Clougherty described how the Allegheny County Health Department has been successful with bringing good science and research to bear on the problem of air pollution. Dr. Clougherty and Chairman Kress discussed Allegheny County's topography, asthma and the variety of air pollutants that come from wood burning, buses and trucks and Marcellus Shale drilling. She described the concept of "source apportionment of particulate matter" and new technologies that permit industry to operate in a cleaner and more efficient manner.*

**A motion was made by Kress that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

## V. Adjournment

*The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.*