

Allegheny County Council

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 28, 2017

4:30 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 4:32 p.m.

Invited Guests:

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Council Staff Present: Stephanie Buka

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 11 - Tom Baker, Cindy Kirk, Ed Kress, Sue Means, John Palmiere, Nick Futules, Chuck Martoni, DeWitt Walton, Paul Klein, Sam DeMarco and Patrick Catena

Members Absent: 4 - Bob Macey, Jim Ellenbogen, Denise Ranalli-Russell and John DeFazio

III. Approval of Minutes

[10221-17](#)

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

IV. Agenda Items

[10198-17](#)

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Mr. Kamara told members he has worked with the nonprofit community and has a background in government. Chairman Kress asked Mr. Kamara to share his thoughts on improvements that could be made at the jail. Mr. Kamara replied that he is a new appointment and would need time before making recommendations. Mr. Kamara agreed with Council Member Kirk that education is a key component, and he discussed the possibility of bringing innovative practices currently in use by the Pennsylvania Department of Corrections.

A motion was made by Klein, seconded by Palmiere, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[10199-17](#)

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Ms. Cummings expressed her interest in continuing to serve on the Commission. She also provided members with a brief summary of her background and qualifications.

A motion was made by Palmiere, seconded by Catena, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[10210-17](#)

Approving the appointment of Jean Holland V. Dick to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2020.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Ms. Dick described her work experience with ACCESS paratransit service for the Port Authority of Allegheny County. She noted that she is an advocate for seniors aging in place, and Chairman Kress concurred.

A motion was made by Palmiere, seconded by Baker, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[10211-17](#)

Approving the appointment of Oliver Byrd to serve as a member of the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2020.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Mr. Byrd explained that he has served more than 20 years as a volunteer for the United Way of Allegheny County. Mr. Byrd stated that he gained knowledge of the issues facing seniors and the various social service agencies while volunteering. He noted the importance of helping seniors connect with services and suggested that a marketing plan may be useful. Mr. Byrd and Council Member Kirk discussed the Allegheny County Senior Resource Guide.

A motion was made by Palmiere, seconded by Baker, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.