

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, March 25, 2020**

**4:00 PM**

**Conference Room 1**

## **Committee on Appointment Review**

*Bethany Hallam, Chair  
Committee of the Whole*

## I. Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order at 4:05PM*

## Invited Guests:

*Jen Liptak, Chief of Staff to County Executive participated via teleconference.*

## II. Roll Call

**Members Present:** 12 - Tom Baker, Olivia Bennett, Patrick Catena, Sam DeMarco, Tom Duerr, Paul Klein, Bob Macey, Robert Palmosina, Anita Prizio, DeWitt Walton, Paul Zavarella and Bethany Hallam

**Members Absent:** 3 - Nick Futules, Cindy Kirk and John Palmiere

## III. Approval of Minutes

[11458-20](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the March 3, 2020 meeting of the Committee on Appointment Review.

## IV. Agenda Items

### Appointments

[11422-20](#)

Approving the re-appointment of Thomas W. Headley to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Chair Hallam welcomed him and thanked him for willingness to serve. How was his attendance. He is chair and made all meetings. Macey has known him and is great for board.*

*Chair Hallam asked if they have a conflict of interest and the answer was no.*

[11423-20](#)

Approving the re-appointment of Thomas W. Weaver to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Chair Hallam welcomed him and thanked him for willingness to serve. What percentage of meetings did you make, and he answered by calling or in person 80% of the time. Chair Hallam asked if they have a conflict of interest and the answer was no.*

[11424-20](#)

Approving the re-appointment of William F. Sray to the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Chair Hallam welcomed him and thanked him for willingness to serve. Attendance record is almost perfect, maybe missed one or two meetings due to illness. Chair Hallam asked if they have a conflict of interest and the answer was no.*

*Sray stated he likes what he does there and it is a good program. Very exciting to see*

*different parts of Allegheny County and has been on committee since 2007. Lives in South Fayette and now has a farm.*

**11425-20**

Approving the appointment of Council Member Anita Prizio to the Allegheny County Conservation District Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Chair Hallam welcomed her and thanked her for willingness to serve.*

*Chair Hallam asked if she has a conflict of interest and the answer was no.*

**11426-20**

Approving the re-appointment of M. Gayle Moss to the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Chair Hallam welcomed her and thanked her for willingness to serve. Chair Hallam asked if they have a conflict of interest and the answer was no. She stated that she chairs the committee and has quarterly meetings and attends them all.*

*Walton added that she has been a lead advocate for social justice and she is a great representative.*

**11427-20**

Approving the re-appointment of M. Gayle Moss to the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2021.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Chair Hallam welcomed her and thanked her for willingness to serve. Chair Hallam asked if they have a conflict of interest and the answer was no. What percentage of meetings have you attended? Not much in the last year due to a work conflict and knee surgery. 80% since she has been on. Chair stated that she did not attend any meetings in 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 according to Board minutes. Only 8% of meetings according to Chair Hallam.*

*Member Walton stated that he believes Ms. Moss has reasonably explained the missing of meetings.*

*Chair Hallam stated she is not comfortable putting her forward because of the amount of meetings missed.*

*Member Bennett agreed with Chair Hallam as she has attended meetings and the JOB needs people with ability to attend and they need to be the focused.*

**A motion was made by Bennett, seconded by Hallam, that this matter be Negatively Recommended. The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Members Yes:** 6 - Bennett, Duerr, Klein, Macey, Prizio and Hallam

**Members No:** 2 - Baker and Walton

**Members Abstain:** 1 - DeMarco

**Members Absent:** 3 - Futules, Kirk and Palmiere

**Members Not present:** 3 - Catena, Palmosina and Zavarella

[11428-20](#) Approving the appointment of Brandon Furniss to the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Chair Hallam welcomed him and thanked him for willingness to serve. Chair Hallam asked if they have a conflict of interest and the answer was no.*

*Member Macey thanked him for wanting to get involved and support this board. We need to do whatever we can do to help children. Anything you think can be done to get young people on the right track. Mr. Furniss suggests that children continue to check up on their parents during the pandemic we face.*

[11429-20](#) Approving the appointment of Mary Stoner to the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Chair Hallam welcomed her and thanked her for willingness to serve. Chair Hallam asked if they have a conflict of interest and the answer was no.*

*Member Bennett thanked her for volunteering for this role and wants to know how she would leverage that as a board member. Ms. Stoner better understands the process which may be different than what people who haven't received services may think. Her experiences adopting with an open adoption still having involvement with the family that still struggles. Bennett asked any examples of things that need to be approved. Ms. Stoner stated that follow up communication is not good. Foster parents feel they are being left out of the process. Some caseworkers have shared that when a child is doing well, communication fails due to external crises.*

[11430-20](#) Approving the appointment of Anna E. Hollis to the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Chair Hallam welcomed her and thanked her for willingness to serve. Chair Hallam asked if they have a conflict of interest and the answer was no.*

*Member Macey thanked her for wanting to be a part of an essential organization. What is most important to her regarding CYF? She answered it is important to be aware and how we leverage community resources to help young people and their families. Challenges in making sure that community partners are engaged.*

*Member Walton has known Ms. Hollis for a number of years and she is very engaged in all that she does.*

*Member Bennett echoed Member Walton's comments and got to learn about her work and the innovation she has in serving children. Appreciates her willingness to serve.*

[11431-20](#) Approving the appointment of Patrick M. McKelvey, MSCP, LPC, NCC to the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Member Klein asked what he can bring to the board. McKelvey replied that he was*

*working with kids now and is excited by the county budgets from the last couple of years regarding foster families etc.*

*Chair Hallam asked if he had any conflicts and he said no.*

[11432-20](#) Approving the appointment of Marsha C. Hughes Grayson, Esq. to the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Chair Hallam welcomed her and thanked her for willingness to serve. Chair Hallam asked if they have a conflict of interest and the answer was no.*

[11433-20](#) Approving the appointment of Dan Robinson to the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Chair Hallam welcomed him and thanked him for willingness to serve. Chair Hallam asked if they have a conflict of interest and the answer was no. He worked for DHS for Allegheny County and does some work with UPMC in mental health.*

*Member Bennett thanked him for volunteering and have been a caseworker for CYF. Anything that can be changed to help? Working with DHS and former Council staff will give him a greater perspective being from the inside. Was a part of the innovation that was brought forth by CYF during the years. He was also a foster parent in the past and had a chance to work with agencies CYF contracted. He appreciates the opportunity to serve and has supported the African American community and wants to be a voice for not only that population but the entire county.*

*Member Macey stated he appreciates his experience, understanding.*

[11434-20](#) Approving the appointment of Leslie B. Aizenman to the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Chair Hallam welcomed her and thanked her for willingness to serve.*

*Member Klein thanked her for willingness to serve and will be a great asset.*

*Chair Hallam asked if they have a conflict of interest and the answer was no.*

[11435-20](#) Approving the appointment of Jessica K. Adams, CI &CT to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Chair Hallam welcomed her and thanked her for willingness to serve.*

*Chair Hallam asked if they have a conflict of interest and the answer was no. Grant was received to help deaf and blind community. But this is not a conflict.*

[11436-20](#) Approving the appointment of Carrie L. Stott, PhD, LSW to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Chair Hallam welcomed her and thanked her for willingness to serve. Chair Hallam asked if they have a conflict of interest and the answer was no.*

*Member Macey appreciated her wanting to be a part of the Area Agency on Aging. Study was done on the Mon Valley and the health and teenage pregnancy rate was bad and wanted to know if the report was reviewed. Stott will take a look at the report.*

**V. Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 5:35PM*