

Allegheny County Council

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 6, 2016

5:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Appointment Review

*Ed Kress, Chair
Committee of the Whole*

I. Call to Order

At the request of Chairman Kress, Councilman Finnerty served as Chair and called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Invited Guests:

Invited Guests Present: Jennifer Liptak, Chief of Staff, County Executive's Office

Council Staff Present: Joe Catanese; Stephanie Buka

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 9 - Cindy Kirk, Michael Finnerty, Sue Means, John Palmiere, Nick Futules, Chuck Martoni, Bob Macey, Paul Klein and Sam DeMarco

Members Absent: 6 - Tom Baker, Ed Kress, DeWitt Walton, Jim Ellenbogen, Denise Ranalli-Russell and John DeFazio

III. Approval of Minutes

[9718-16](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Appointment Review Committee Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on June 8, 2016.

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

IV. Agenda Items

Appointments

[9705-16](#)

Approving the reappointment of Sally Cimini to serve as a member of the Personnel Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Held in Committee

[9707-16](#)

Approving the reappointment of Floreda Taylor to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Juvenile Detention Board of Advisors for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Ms. Taylor expressed her desire to continue serving on this board and said she truly enjoys working with the youth at the Shuman Juvenile Detention Center. She reported that she is in the process of obtaining her three clearances. In response to a question from Councilwoman Means, Ms. Taylor said she has been serving on this board for a very long time and did not intend to let her term lapse, but she was facing health problems for a time.

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

[9706-16](#) Approving the appointment of Cara Ciminillo to serve as a member of the Children Youth and Families Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Ms. Ciminillo discussed her work with children and her service as a mentor. In response to a question from Councilman Klein, Ms. Ciminillo advocates for a holistic approach to rearing children, and recognizes the important role of parent/caregiver. Councilman Macey and Ms. Ciminillo discussed investing in children at an early age and funding sources. Councilwoman Kirk commented on a longitudinal study conducted by the Girl Scout Research Institute and the significant impact adults can make in a child's life.

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

[9704-16](#) 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

Held in Committee

[9729-16](#) Approving the reappointment of Caroline Mitchell to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Health for a term to expire on January 13, 2020.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Ms. Mitchell discussed the process for issuing air pollution control permits. Councilwoman Means asked Ms. Mitchell what she would consider the board's most pressing issue, and Ms. Mitchell stated that would be the proposal to mandate the HPV vaccine in Allegheny County. Ms. Mitchell discussed her concerns with the public hearing and comment period. The Chairman recognized Ms. Liptak and she explained that the board would first need to adopt the policy and then the legislation would be presented to County Council for a vote.

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

[9730-16](#) 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

Held in Committee

[9731-16](#) 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

[9732-16](#) Approving the reappointment of Joylette L. Portlock to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Health for a term to expire on January 13, 2020.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

In response to a question from Councilwoman Means, Ms. Portlock stated she has been a member of the board for 4 years. Ms. Portlock reported that she has seen an increase in the board's level of attention and capacity in dealing with a variety of public health issues. Councilwoman Means commented that the communication from the Executive indicated Ms. Portlock's term would be for a year, but in the same sentence stated that her term won't expire until 2020. In response to a question from Councilwoman Kirk, Ms. Portlock stated that she is working as the President of Communitopia, whose purpose is to slow climate change and create healthier communities.

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

[9733-16](#) Approving the reappointment of William Youngblood to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Health for a term to expire on January 13, 2020.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Mr. Youngblood explained to Councilwoman Means that he filled former Councilwoman Jan Rea's term on the board when she stepped down, and has served for about 8 or 9 years. In response to a question from Councilwoman Means, Mr. Youngblood reported that smoking is one of the biggest issues the board has faced with e-cigarettes and the opening of numerous Vape shops in Allegheny County. Councilwoman Kirk and Mr. Youngblood discussed the problem of lead found in homes built before 1978.

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

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:51 p.m.