

Allegheny County Council

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

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 5:10 p.m.

Invited Guests:

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

Council Staff Present: Stephanie Buka

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 6 - Ed Kress, Sue Means, John Palmiere, Paul Klein, Sam DeMarco and Patrick Catena

Members Absent: 8 - Cindy Kirk, Nick Futules, Chuck Martoni, Bob Macey, DeWitt Walton, Jim Ellenbogen, Denise Ranalli-Russell and John DeFazio

Members Phone: 1 - Tom Baker

III. Approval of Minutes

[10081-17](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Appointment Review Committee Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on March 22, 2017.

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

IV. Agenda Items

Appointments

[10025-17](#)

Approving the reappointment of Abass Kamara to serve as a member of the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Held in Committee

[10028-17](#) Approving the appointment of GERALYN A. DUGAN to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Intellectual Disability Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Ms. Dugan described her work and volunteer experience. Council Member Catena thanked Ms. Dugan for her service with the Family Promise program in Carnegie, through her parish, St. Anne Roman Catholic Church of Castle Shannon. In response to a question from Council Member Means, Ms. Dugan affirmed her attendance at state Representative Dan Miller's fourth annual Children and Youth Disability and Mental Health Summit. Council Member Means asked Ms. Dugan for her thoughts on Rep. Miller's proposed legislation that would require a mental health checkup, that would at minimum include a depression screening for each student in Pennsylvania by age 14. Ms. Dugan replied that she would like to know which screening tool would be used. In response to a question from Council Member Baker, Ms. Dugan explained how she was able to successfully engage new facilitators.

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

[10052-17](#) Approving the appointment of Robert Hurley to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Airport Authority for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Chairman Kress asked Mr. Hurley if the proposed ethane cracker plant in Beaver County could help the Airport Authority in its efforts to market land surrounding Pittsburgh International Airport for development. Mr. Hurley acknowledged that the Authority is considering the entire airport complex for areas of development. Mr. Hurley noted that during the past two years, since the arrival of CEO Christina Cassotis, the airport has increased its nonstop destinations more than 80 percent to include 68 airports. Mr. Hurley explained to members that on March 1, 2017, he resigned from his position as Chairman of the Port Authority of Allegheny County Board of Directors and Ms. Liptak will be joining the Port Authority Board of Directors.

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

[10053-17](#) Approving the appointment of Kathi R. Boyle 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. Boyle described her work with the PERSAD Center, which is affiliated with SAGE (Services and Advocacy for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and/or Transgender Elders), and explained the need for training and outreach in Allegheny County. In response to a question from Council Member Catena, Ms. Boyle stated that she was pleased with Pennsylvania's legal recognition of same-sex marriage since 2014, but concerned about the removal of the gender identity and sexual orientation categories from the proposed 2020 U.S. Census. Council Member DeMarco and Ms. Boyle held a brief discussion pertaining to President Trump and his Cabinet and the vulnerable members of the community. At the request of Council Member Means, Ms. Boyle described the purpose of Lydia's Place and Sister's Place.

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

[10054-17](#) 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

Held in Committee

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 p.m.