

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 4, 2007

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Appointment Review

John DeFazio - Chair; Committee of the Whole

I. Call To Order

Summary: *The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM*

Invited Guests:

Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee

Shawn Fox, Deputy Chief of Staff

Summary: *Invited Guests in attendance: Mr. Flynn*

Council Staff in attendance: John Mascio

II. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Council Member Drozd, Council Member Finnerty, Council Member Macey, Council Member Frazier, and Council Member Robinson
Absent: Council Member Burn, Council Member DeFazio, Council Member Caldwell, Council Member Cleary, Council Member Fitzgerald, Council Member Fawcett, Council Member Gastgeb, Council Member Martoni, Council Member Rea, and Council Member Lestitian

III. Approval of Minutes

2975-06 Motion to approve the Minutes of September 14, 2006 Appointment Review Committee Meeting.

Summary: *Mr. Finnerty announced that in accordance with Council's Rules, the Chair of this Committee, Council Member DeFazio, has designated him to Chair this meeting.*

Action: **A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by Frazier, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Votes: Yes: 4 - Finnerty, Macey, Frazier and Robinson
Abstain: 1 - Drozd
Absent: 9 - Burn, Chair DeFazio, Caldwell, Cleary, Fitzgerald, Fawcett, Gastgeb, Martoni and Rea

IV. Agenda Items**Proposed Appointments**

2888-06 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Kathleen Musante DeWalt, Ph.D. for reappointment to the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2008.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *Ms. DeWalt provided the committee with a summary of her background and qualifications and explained her role on the Committee. She explained the workings of the Committee and discussed her accomplishments during her tenure on the Committee.*

Action: **A motion was made by Frazier, seconded by Drozd, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

2889-06

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Dr. Edward M. Barksdale, Jr. for reappointment to the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2007.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary:

Dr. Barksdale provided the committee with a summary of his background and qualifications and explained his role on the Committee and his efforts to improve the lives of children in Western Pennsylvania. He also discussed some of his accomplishments during his tenure as a member of the Committee.

Action:

A motion was made by Drozd, seconded by Robinson, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

2890-06

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Ward Garner to serve as a Member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee for a term to expire on July 1, 2008.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary:

Ms. Garner provided the committee with a summary of her background and qualifications and explained her role on the Committee. She also discussed some of her accomplishments during her tenure as a member of the Committee, and future goals and plans for the Committee.

Action:

A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

2891-06

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Georgia C. Hernandez to serve as a Member of the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2007.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary:

Ms. Hernandez provided the committee with a summary of her background and qualifications and explained her role on the Committee. She explained the workings of the Committee and her efforts to continue to improve the Committee. She also discussed some of his accomplishments during her tenure as a member of the Committee.

Action:

A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Robinson, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

2892-06

Communication from Chief Executive Dan Onorato submitting his recommendation of Judith Thomas Horgan for reappointment to the Children, Youth and Families Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2008.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary:

Ms. Horgan was not present at the meeting.

Action:

A motion was made that this matter be Held in Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

2893-06

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Laurie Aronoff Mulvey to serve as a Member of the Community Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2007.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary:

Ms. Mulvey provided the committee with a summary of her background and qualifications and her role on the Council. She discussed some of her accomplishments during tenure on the Council and her future plans and goals for the Council.

Action:

A motion was made by Drozd, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

2894-06

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Tamara Dudukovich to serve as a Member of the Community Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2007.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary:

Ms. Dudukovich was not present at the meeting.

Action:

A motion was made that this matter be Held in Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

2895-06

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Cynthia Moore to serve as a Member of the Community Services Advisory Council for a term to expire on December 31, 2007.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary:

Ms. Moore was not present at the meeting.

Action:

A motion was made that this matter be Held in Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

2896-06

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Representative Harry Readshaw to serve as a Member of the Allegheny County Sanitary Authority for a term to expire on December 31, 2011.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary:

Mr. Readshaw provided a summary of his background and qualifications and his role on the Board and what he has established as Chair of the Board. He said that one of his goals was to instill an understanding of the Authority is and the importance of the Authority as an environmental agency. He explained the workings of the Authority and his accomplishments and future goals.

Mr. Drozd said that his caucus has taken a position that they would not support anyone for appointment who has accepted a pay raise as a State Representative. He said that this had nothing to do with Mr. Readshaw's abilities or accomplishments on the Authority or as a State Representative. He said that he would have to withhold support for his reappointment.

Mr. Reedshaw indicated that for the record, he voted no on the pay raise and did not accept it.

Mr. Drozd said that based on that, he would support his reappointment.

Action: **A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Frazier, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

2897-06 Appointment - Approving the appointment of Deborah Beatty to serve as a Member of the Drug and Alcohol Planning Council of Allegheny County for a term to expire on December 31, 2009.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *Ms. Beatty provided the committee with a summary of her background and qualifications and what she could contribute to the Council. She said that she has a desire to represent families that are struggling within the system and felt that she would be an asset to the Council*

Action: **A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Frazier, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

2898-06 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Dara Ware Allen to serve as a Member of the Allegheny County Jail Oversight Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2009.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *Ms. Ware provided the committee with a summary of her background and qualifications and what she has contributed to the Board during her tenure. She also discussed her future goals for the Board.*

Action: **A motion was made by Robinson, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

2899-06 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Scott Federbusch to serve as a Member of the Allegheny County Mental Health/Mental Retardation Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2008.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *Mr. Federbusch provided the committee with a summary of his background and qualifications and some of the important things he has accomplished during his tenure on the Board. He described the workings of the Board and how it is very beneficial to the community.*

Action: **A motion was made by Frazier, seconded by Robinson, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

2900-06 Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Jim M. Flynn to serve as a Member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board of Directors for a term to expire on December 31, 2012.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Summary: *Mr. Flynn provided the committee with a summary of his background and qualifications. He said that there have been a lot of changes that have taken place at the college during his tenure. He said he believes that his biggest asset would be to increase the County's involvement with the college, something he said has been missing for many years. He*

said one of his biggest contributions has been to open lines of communication between the County and the college. He also discussed the future of the college.

Action: **A motion was made by Drozd, seconded by Macey, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

Resolution

2431-06

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, directing a working group to create a draft appointment term tracking policy for Allegheny County to be presented for review to Council and the Chief Executive within forty-five (45) days of passage of this resolution; with the expectation that the Council and the Chief Executive will review the policy and act upon its recommendations within thirty (30) days of their receipt of the policy.

Sponsors: William Russell Robinson

Summary: *Mr. Robinson said that Mr. Flynn has requested that they hold the bill, and that he will comply with that request. He said that he and Mr. Mascio have reviewed the progress and that they are around 99 percent complete. He said that Mr. Flynn assured him that they would be 100 percent within the very near future. Mr. Robinson said that he would like to evaluate Mr. Mascio's access to this program in relation to Council. He said that the intent of the bill is not to infringe upon the Chief Executive's appointment role, but that it is to design a system to provide information regarding members.*

Action: **A motion was made that this matter be Held in Committee. The motion carried unanimously.**

V. Adjournment

Summary: *The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM*