

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Committee Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday, May 21, 2008**

**4:00 PM**

**Conference Room 1**

## **Committee on Appointment Review**

*John DeFazio - Chair; Committee of the Whole*

**I. Call to Order**

**Summary:** *Meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.*

**Invited Guests:**

**Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee**

**Derek Uber, Deputy County Manager**

**Summary:** *Invited Guests Present: Derek Uber, Deputy County Manager*

*Council Staff Present: Stephanie Buka*

**II. Roll Call**

**Roll Call:** Present: Joan Cleary, Matt Drozd, Michael Finnerty, Nick Futules, and Chair John DeFazio  
Absent: Jim Burn, Bob Macey, Jim Ellenbogen, Rich Fitzgerald, Vince Gastgeb, Chuck Martoni,  
Chuck McCullough, Jan Rea, William Robinson, Amanda Green, and Committee Member  
Amanda Green

**III. Approval of Minutes**

**4064-08** Motion to approve the Minutes of March 12, 2008 Appointment Review Committee Meeting.

**Action:** **A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Futules, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

**IV. Agenda Items**

**3980-08** Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Mark C. Schneider to serve as a member of the Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission for a term to expire on December 31, 2011.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:** *Mr. Schneider provided the committee with a summary of his background and qualifications and described some of the activities and accomplishments of the board during his tenure.*

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

**3951-08** Appointment - Approving the appointment of Robert J. Wilson to serve as a member of the Authority for the Improvements in Municipalities for a term to expire on December 31, 2010.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:** *Mr. Wilson said he completed his graduate work at CMU and has been involved in various development initiatives in Pittsburgh. He mentioned that he worked with the Hill House in trying to establish a grocery store in the Hill District.*

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

**3953-08**

Appointment - Approving the appointment of Sally Griffith Cimini to serve as a member of the Personnel Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2010.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:**

*Ms. Cimini said she is a practicing employment lawyer and prior to her position with Babst, Calland, Clements and Zomnir, PC, she was a Union Switch and Signal personnel professional.*

**Action:**

**A motion was made by Cleary, seconded by Finnerty, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**3955-08**

Appointment - Approving the appointment of Janine Palmer to serve as a member of the Agricultural Land Preservation Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2010.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:**

*Ms. Palmer said she is a Green Tree Borough Council Member and would serve on the Agricultural Land Preservation Board as the municipal elected official representative.*

**Action:**

**A motion was made by Finnerty, seconded by Futules, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**3957-08**

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Jerome W. Valenti to serve as a member of the Plumbing Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2010.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:**

*Mr. Valenti said he has served on this board for some 20 years and he is interested in continuing to serve. He is a Professional Engineer and serves on the Board of the Pittsburgh Chapter of the American Society of Plumbing Engineers. He said he is self-employed and has the time to commit.*

**Action:**

**A motion was made by Futules, seconded by Cleary, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**3959-08**

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Anthony H. Costa to serve as a member of the Plumbing Advisory Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2010.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:**

*Mr. Costa provided the committee with a summary of his background and qualifications and described some of the activities and accomplishments of the board during his tenure.*

**Action:**

**A motion was made by Cleary, seconded by Finnerty, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried unanimously.**

**3968-08**

Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Chester R. Babst, III to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2008.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:** *Mr. "Chip" Babst said he has 35 years of experience in environmental law and handling issues under the Clean Air Act.*

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

**3969-08** Appointment - Approving the reappointment of James E. Barrick to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2008.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:** *Mr. Barrick said he is the Engineer for Neville Township and there are many environmental issues in that area. Councilman Finnerty asked Mr. Barrick about his opinion concerning state vs. local regulations. Mr. Barrick said he would prefer to work under local regulations dealing with Coke plants.*

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

**3973-08** Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Louis A. Naugle to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2008.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:** *Mr. Naugle is an elected official for the Borough of Osborne and he is an attorney with Reed Smith. He practices environmental law and is involved with Clean Air Act issues. He is concerned about the Shenango Coke Works Plant and prefers local regulations for Coke plants. However, Mr. Naugle said as far as other industries are concerned, the same regulations at the state and local levels of government would be acceptable.*

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

**3974-08** Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Dr. Walter Goldberg to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2008.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:** *Dr. Goldberg said he has been involved with air pollution issues for quite some time. He said there is a high level of expertise on air quality in local government. The cooperation between environmentalists, businesses and the public is greater at the local level. He stated that Rachel Filippini, Executive Director of GASP, may be a better choice, but he's happy to continue serving on this board.*

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

**3978-08** Appointment - Approving the reappointment of Erin Dalton to serve as a member of the Juvenile Detention Board of Advisors for a term to expire on December 31, 2010.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

**Summary:** *Ms. Dalton said she has been involved with criminal and juvenile justice policy for the*

*majority of her career. She is currently the Deputy Director for the Allegheny County Department of Human Services.*

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

**V.      Adjournment**

**Summary:**      *Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.*