

Allegheny County Council

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Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 27, 2007

5:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Executive Committee

***Charles Martoni, Chair; John DeFazio, Brenda Frazier, Vince Gastgeb,
and Jan Rea***

I. Call to Order

Summary: *The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM*

Invited Guests:

Jim Flynn, County Manager or Designee

Summary: *Invited guests in attendance: None*

II. Roll Call

Roll Call: Present: Chair Chuck Martoni, Council Member Brenda Frazier, Council Member John DeFazio, Council Member Jan Rea, Council Member Michael Finnerty, and Council Member Bob Macey
Absent: Council Member Vince Gastgeb

III. Approval of Minutes

3111-07 Motion to approve the Minutes of the June 8, 2006 Executive Committee meeting.

Action: **A motion was made by Council Member Rea, seconded by Council Member Frazier, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried unanimously.**

IV. Agenda Items**Motion**

3040-07 Motion of the Council of Allegheny County amending the Rules of Council for Allegheny County Council to provide for limitations in the confirmation process for nominees for appointment to the County's boards, authorities, commissions, agencies and nonprofit corporations and associations.

Sponsors: Jan Rea, Rich Fitzgerald, Brenda Frazier, Vince Gastgeb and Bob Macey

Summary:

Ms. Rea provided the committee with a summary of the bill. She said that the bill would amend the Rules of Council to establish term limits for appointees to various County entities.

She said that for County Authorities, Agencies and Nonprofit Corporations delineated in the Administrative Code, the rule change would prohibit reappointment of individuals who have already served on the same entity's board for a period of six or more continuous years.

For all other entities, the change would prohibit reappointments if the individual has already served on the same entity's board for four or more continuous years.

Ms. Rea said that there are many talented people that would like the opportunity to serve on some of these boards and since many of these boards use public funds, she would like to see some new members. She also reminded the committee that in the event that they did want to retain someone, since this is a Rule of Council it could be waived at any time.

Mr. Martoni suggested that the committee have a joint session with the administration to inform them of this. He stressed that they would not be asking their permission to do it, but would like some discussion with them.

Mr. Macey and Mr. Finnerty agreed that there should be some dialogue with the administration.

Ms. Rea said that she has no problem with that.

Ms. Cleary said that she was in support of the bill but would also like some dialogue with the administration.

Mr. DeFazio said that he is also in support of the bill but thinks that maybe the administration may have some creative input.

Ms. Rea said that she would like the meeting with the administration to take place prior to the next Regular Meeting or the one after that, which is scheduled for April 17, 2007.

Action: **Held in Committee**

Executive Session:

Personnel Matters

Summary: *The committee broke into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.*

V. Adjournment

Summary: *The meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM*