APPOINTMENT

Approving the appointment of Martha Isler to serve as a member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board for a term to expire on April 23, 2009.

In Council September 21, 2004.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.

Rich Fitzgerald

President of Council

Attest.

John Mascio

Chief Clerk of Council

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE



County of Allegheny

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August 11, 2004

Honorable Council President and Council Members Allegheny County Council 119 County Courthouse Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Dear Council Members:

Please find the attached resume of Martha Isler, whom I am recommending for appointment to the Community College of Allegheny County Board.

The Community College Board broadens the base of educational opportunity and human resource development for the citizens of Allegheny County through a commitment to quality, diversity and career direction. Ms. Isler will fill a vacancy on the Board which was left through a board member's resignation. Ms. Isler's term will expire on April 23, 2009.

Ms. Isler will bring a wealth of experience in multiple levels of education at the state and local level. Her knowledge of early childhood education will provide a unique perspective for the Community College.

I appreciate your consideration and ask you to act on this appointment as quickly as possible. Ms. Isler will make himself available for review before the full Council or the appropriate committee if members of Council wish to speak with him.

Sincerely,

Dan Onorato

cc: Martha Isler

RESUME

MARTHA WOODWARD ISLER

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EDUCATION

Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA

Bachelor of Science: Elementary Education, Special Education K-12

Post Graduate/Professional Development

Permanent PA Teacher Certification Requirement Met (24 credits)

EXPERIENCE

Director, School Readiness Initiative (SRI) Public Policy

2001toPresent

United Way of Westmoreland County, Greensburg, PA

- Communicate state legislation and policy initiatives to 10 county southwestern PA Early Care and Education professionals
- Assist with Implementation of Westmoreland County Early Care and Education Plan
- Represent School Readiness Initiatives to elected/appointed state and local officials and the Allegheny Conference on Community Development

Independent Consultant, Early Childhood Education Public Policy

2001 to 2003

Allegheny Conference on Community Development, Pittsburgh, PA

- Support county and regional quality early education program efforts, including Keystone Stars and Accreditation
- Plan and implement Annual Legislative Breakfast
 Represent the Interests of the Conference on statewide early education committees
- Prepare Early Care and Education training and policy information as requested

Director, The Early Childhood Initiative

1996 to 2001

United Way of Allegheny County, Pittsburgh, PA

- Developed and implemented the Business Plan under the direction of the Business Plan Committee
- Solicited and reported progress to major donors, corporations and foundations
- Established policies for and managed quality program implementation
- Coordinated with state licensing agency on quality improvement efforts
- Promoted systems reform agenda

Associate Executive Director, Child Care Partnerships

1992 - 96

YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

- Managed state block grant funds for subsidized child care, Allegheny County
- Managed "Resource and Referral" services for parents and providers
- Developed training for Family Child Care providers
- Offered technical assistance on "Family Friendly" policies to employers

• Responsible for direct child care center operations in four locations

Project Manager, "Employers & Child Care"

1987 - 92

Greater Pittsburgh Chamber of Commerce, Pittsburgh, PA

- Promoted Family Friendly" policies within Allegheny County companies
- Offered forums on workplace flexibility and other dependent care support

Independent Child Care Consultant

1984 - 87

Allegheny County and Southwestern PA, Pittsburgh, PA

- Conducted provider evaluations and surveys
- Provided written reports to government and foundations
- Conducted surveys in the child care and child development field

Director, Bureau of Child Development Programs

1976 - 84

Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, Harrisburg, PA

- Administered the regulatory system for child care and child development programs
- Coordinated development and adoption of child day care program regulations published in 1978 and 1981 (currently in effect)
- Responsible for statewide contracting with Title IV-A and Block Grant funds
- Developed Unit Cost reimbursement system
- Reported to Legislative Committees as requested
- (March 1979 to August 1979: "Acting" Commissioner of Children and Youth, Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare. Responsible to Secretary of Public Welfare for all Children and Youth Services while search for Commissioner was completed)

Executive Director, PA Commonwealth Child Development Committee

1974 - 76

Governor's Office for Human Resources, Harrisburg, PA

- Staffed the Governor's Office early education initiatives
- Coordinated all PA Department policies related to young children
- Worked with legislators to draft and pass legislation benefiting young children

Administrator Berks County Preschool Education and Child Care Programs

1972 - 74

Berks County Intermediate Unit #14, Berks County, PA

- Directed all early education programs funded through the Berks County Commissioners
- Programs Included Head Start, Title IV-A Child Care, Early Intervention, MH/MR and Model Cities
- Coordinated private contributions to child development programs

Supervisor, Secondary Special Education, Occupational Education

1970 - 72

Reading School District, Reading, PA

- Supervised curriculum in 4 Junior Highs, the High School and the Juvenile Facility
- Recruited employers to provide job training experiences
- Matched students to jobs.

Special Education Teacher

1968 - 70

Reading School District, Southern Junior High School, Reading, PA

- 8th grade
- Self-contained class of educable mentally retarded students

Education Director 1966 - 68

Southwest Citizens Organization for Poverty Elimination (S.C.O.P.E.), Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem Counties, New Jersey

- Main responsibility Head Start, 57 agencies and school districts
- Directed all programs concerned with education and/or child development
- Prepared all S.C.O.P.E. applications for Federal funding

Special Education Teacher

1964 - 66

Monongahela Junior High School, Deptford, New Jersey

• All subjects, self-contained class, educable mentally retarded students, ages 11-18

HONORS

Pennsylvania Association of Child Care Agencies (PACCA)	1984
"For Dedication and Efforts on Behalf of Children"	
Center for Creative Play, "Parents of the Year," William and Martha	1996

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIIONS, LEADERSHIP

Chair, Public Policy Committee, United for Children, Allegheny County	1998 to Present
PA Partnerships for Children, Board of Directors	1991 to Present
ECELS State Advisory Board	1989 to Present
National Association for Regulatory Administrators (NARA) Board of Directors	1991-96
Research Institute on Preschool Mainstreaming, Advisory Board	1989-96
Pennsylvania Association of Child Care Administrators (PACCA), Board of Directors	
(Co-founder and first President 1973-1974)	1984–87

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, MEMBERSHIP

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
Pittsburgh Association for the Education of Young Children (PAEYC)
National Association for Regulatory Administration (NARA)
PA Department of Education, BUILD, Early Childhood Education Standards Committee

VOLUNTARY ORGANIZATIONS, LEADERSHIP

Central Squirrel Hill Neighbors Association Corresponding Secretary,	1985 to Present
The Carnegie, "Carnegie Family Fling" Originator and Director	1985
Neighbors Against Gnats, "N.A.G.", Harrisburg, Co-Founder,	1983-85



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JOHN MASCIO CHIEF CLERK Martha W. Isler

5655 Darlington Road Pittsburgh, PA 15217

Dear Ms. Isler:

This is to inform you that Council President Rich Fitzgerald, Chairperson of Council's Committee on Appointment Review, has scheduled an Appointment Review Committee Meeting for 4:00 PM, <u>Thursday</u>, <u>September 16</u>, <u>2004</u> in Conference Room One, 119 County Courthouse.

The Councilman requests your presence at the meeting to discuss your nomination for appointment to the Community College of Allegheny County Board. He indicated that those of you that were nominated for reappointment should be prepared to answer questions including how long you have served on the board, your biggest accomplishments on that board, and what you envision your future goals to be if reappointed.

Those of you that are new nominees should be prepared to answer questions relative to your background and qualifications and what you hope to accomplish if appointed.

If you have any questions regarding this please contact me at 412-350-6495.

Sincerely,

John Mascio Chief Clerk

Allegheny County Council

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RICH FITZGERALD, PRESIDENT County of Allegheny

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September 24, 2004

Martha W. Isler 5655 Darlington Road Pittsburgh, PA 15217

Dear Ms. Isler:

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Council held on September 21, 2004, Council approved your appointment to serve as a member of the Community College of Allegheny County Board for a term to expire on April 23, 2009.

Congratulations on your appointment.

Sincerely,

Rich Fitzgerald, President District 11 Representative

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