

# **Allegheny County Council**

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## **Meeting Minutes**

**Thursday, February 6, 2014**

**4:00 PM**

**Conference Room 2**

## **Committee on Appointment Review**

*Jan Rea - Chair; Committee of the Whole*

## I. Call to Order

**Invited Guests: William D. McKain, CPA, County Manager or Designee**

## II. Roll Call

**Council Members Present:** 5 - Rea, Baker, Finnerty, Macey and Means

**Council Members Absent:** 10 - Daly Danko, DeFazio, Ellenbogen, Futules, Green Hawkins, Heidelbaugh, Kress, Martoni, Palmiere and Russell Robinson

## III. Approval of Minutes

[7988-14](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Appointment Review Committee Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on January 21, 2014.

*The minutes were amended and passed as amended.*

**A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Baker, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

## IV. Agenda Items

### Appointments

[7953-14](#)

Approving the reappointment of Dr. Edith Shapira to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Health, for a term to expire on January 12, 2017.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Dr. Shapira provided members with a summary of her experience serving on the board. In response to a question from Council Member Means, Dr. Shapira explained that they are involved in a strategic planning process and Dr. Hacker will set the priorities. Dr. Shapira noted that there are many areas of concern including environmental health, human health, in particular the infant mortality rate, access issues, and economic disparities. Council Member Macey added that behavioral health is another area of concern and Dr. Shapira concurred.*

**A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Finnerty, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

[7954-14](#) Approving the reappointment of Dr. Lee Harrison to serve as a member of the Allegheny County Board of Health, for a term to expire on January 12, 2017.

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*Dr. Harrison reported that he is currently serving as chairman of the board. In response to a question from Council Member Means, Dr. Harrison noted several important health issues including obesity, the infant mortality rate, and more recently, the heroin/fentanyl cases. Council Member Means and Dr. Harrison discussed term limits. In response to a question from Council Member Baker, Dr. Harrison described the process involved with employing Dr. Hacker. In response to a question from Council Member Finnerty, Dr. Harrison reported that the new restaurant grading system is making progress; a board vote is expected next month and implementation is expected by September. He added that the program will promote food safety and at the same time, be fair to industry. Chairwoman Rea inquired about healthcare at the Allegheny County Jail, and Dr. Harrison described the role of the Health Department, prior to Dr. Dixon's departure.*

**A motion was made by Macey, seconded by Finnerty, that this matter be Affirmatively Recommended. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.**

## V. Adjournment