

Bill No. 5004-09

## APPOINTMENT

Approving the appointment of Abass B. Kamara to serve as a member of the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2010.

In Council August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

Read and approved by Motion of Council.

Rich Fitzgerald  
Rich Fitzgerald  
President of Council

Attest:

Allegeny County Council



# COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY

504-09

## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

101 COURTHOUSE • 436 GRANT STREET

PITTSBURGH, PA 15219

PHONE (412) 350-6500 • FAX (412) 350-6512

WWW.ALLEGHENYCOUNTY.US

DAN ONORATO  
COUNTY EXECUTIVE

June 12, 2009

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

Dear Council Members:

Please find the attached resume of Abass B. Kamara, whom I am recommending for appointment to the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee.

The purpose of this Committee is to recommend specific MBE goals for various types of procurement of goods or services. The committee will also monitor the County's MBE efforts on a quarterly basis. I am recommending that Mr. Kamara serve an initial two year term, which will expire on December 31, 2010.

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

Sincerely,



Dan Onorato  
Allegheny County Executive

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

'09 JUN 12 PM 4:24

# Abass B. Kamara

321Front Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17101  
Telephone: 717-877-7031  
E-mail: abasskamara@gmail.com

## EDUCATION

Cornell University  
Ithaca, New York 14853  
Concentration: American Government

Bachelor of Arts: May 2000  
Major: Government

## HONORS AND ACTIVITIES

### The Cornell Political Forum

Involved in the production and distribution of Cornell University's nonpartisan political magazine.  
Held the positions of Researcher and Assistant Interview Editor.

### Cornell 150's Lightweight Football (Varsity) Captain 1998

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Special Assistant to the Governor, Office of Governor Edward G. Rendell (Spring 2003-Present)

Serve as a member of Governor's Senior Staff. Serve as liaison to Department of General Services and Department of State and other agencies. Assist in management of Governor's Advisory Commission on African American Affairs. Tasked to run Governor's Telecommunication Policy Working Group, and then managed the process around the passage of House Bill 30-2004. Represent the Governor as representative to the Council of Great Lakes Governors. Helped create and serve as a liaison with Governor's Advisory Committee For People With Disabilities. Tasked by Governor, Chief of Staff and Deputy Chief of Staff with additional, wide ranging administration and policy projects.

### Western PA Field /Constituency Outreach Coor. "Rendell for Governor" (Fall 2001-Winter 2002)

Developed and coordinated Rendell field plan and "Get Out the Vote" effort for Allegheny County and parts of Westmoreland, Washington, Greene and Erie Counties. Developed local campaign outreach to various constituency groups in Western PA. Aided with campaign scheduling and campaign-event management.

### Field Coordinator, "Bob O'Connor for Mayor (Pittsburgh) (Spring 2001)

Developed and coordinated the Field Program for the O'Connor mayoral campaign. Developed and coordinated the minority outreach program for the campaign. Lead the working group which created the campaign's position papers/future proposals. Co-coordinated candidate's rallies and campaign stops. Helped develop and organize the campaign's G.O.T.V effort.

### Field Staffer, Western PA Democratic Coordinated Campaign (Summer & Fall 2000)

Worked primarily on behalf of the Gore/Lieberman campaign and other candidates on the Democratic slate. Coordinated "visibility events" and literature drops in Allegheny County. Co-coordinated the Field and G.O.T.V. programs for Allegheny County. Organized the "Business Leaders for Gore/Lieberman" Endorsement Group. Assisted with the management of the Field Program for Washington County.

### City Councilman (Pittsburgh) Jim Ferlo's Office, Aide (Fall/Winter 1999 & Summer 2000)

Worked on Mr. Ferlo's campaign for city council; primarily distributing information and speaking to potential voters on behalf of the campaign. Coordinated the Carnegie Lake Project/ Park Ranger Corp Project- a comprehensive environmental program for the neighborhood lake in Highland Park. Helped with initial work on the councilman's web.

### Amnesty International (Mid Atlantic Regional Office), Death Penalty Intern (Spring of 1998)

Worked on death penalty awareness programming for the region. Served as part of the Dave Clarke Coalition, a group formed to lobby and organize against death penalty legislation for the District of Columbia. Planned, organized and participated in the John Tucker Speaker Series to publicize his book May God Have Mercy



# COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY

**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
119 COURTHOUSE • 436 GRANT STREET  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15219  
PHONE (412) 350-6490 • FAX (412) 350-6499  
COUNCIL@COUNTY.ALLEGHENY.PA.US  
WWW.COUNTY.ALLEGHENY.PA.US/COUNCIL

July 28, 2009

Mr. Abass B. Kamara  
321 Front St.  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. Kamara:

This is to inform you that two Appointment Review Committee Meetings have been scheduled for **4:00 PM, Thursday, August 6, 2009** and **4:00 PM, Thursday, August 13, 2009** in Conference Room One, 119 County Courthouse.

Your presence is requested at either of the meetings to discuss before the committee your nomination by the Chief Executive for appointment/reappointment to the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee.

Please be advised that failure to attend either meeting will result in the withdrawal of your appointment and possible resubmission by the Chief Executive at a later date.

Please contact Fomeeka Bey Darwin at 412-350-4303 to inform her of which meeting you will be able to attend.

Sincerely,

John DeFazio, Chairman, Appointment Review Committee  
Allegheny County Council

JD/sb



# COUNTY OF ALLEGHENY

**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL**  
119 COURTHOUSE · 436 GRANT STREET  
PITTSBURGH, PA 15219  
PHONE (412) 350-6490 · FAX (412) 350-6499  
COUNCIL@COUNTY.ALLEGHENY.PA.US  
WWW.COUNTY.ALLEGHENY.PA.US/COUNCIL

August 25, 2009

Mr. Abass B. Kamara  
321 Front St.  
Harrisburg, PA 17101

Dear Mr. Kamara

This is to inform you that at the Regular Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on August 18, 2009, Council approved your appointment to serve as a member of the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2010.

Congratulations on your appointment and best of luck in this undertaking. We look forward to receiving your recommendations and stand willing to assist you in any way you believe appropriate.

Sincerely,

John DeFazio, Chairman, Appointment Review Committee  
Allegheny County Council

JD/fbd