

# Allegheny County Council

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## Meeting Minutes

**Wednesday, March 14, 2018**

**4:00 PM**

**Conference Room 1**

## **Committee on Budget and Finance**

*Paul Klein, Chair; Sam DeMarco, Nick Futules, Bob Macey, Chuck Martoni, Sue Means  
and John Palmiere, Members.*

## I. Call to Order

*The meeting was called to order at 4:02.*

### Invited Guests:

**William D. McKain, CPA, County Manager or Designee**

**Mary C. Soroka, Director, Budget and Finance or Designee**

*Mr. McKain was present from the Office of the County Manager.*

*Ms. Soroka, Ms. Berbekec and Ms. Perez were present from the Department of Budget & Finance.*

*Mr. Barker and Ms. Roka were present from the Office of County Council.*

## II. Roll Call

**Members Present:** 1 - Paul Klein

**Members Absent:** 5 - Sam DeMarco ,Nick Futules,Bob Macey,Chuck Martoni andJohn Palmiere

**Members Phone:** 1 - Sue Means

**Members** 2 - Anita Prizio andPatrick Catena

**Non-Members:**

## III. Approval of Minutes

[10552-18](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Committee on Budget and Finance meeting held on February 28, 2018.

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

## IV. Agenda Items

### Resolutions

[10538-18](#)

A Resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the Grants and Special Accounts Budget for 2018 (Submission #01-18).

**Sponsors:** Chief Executive

*At the request of the Chair, Ms. Roka read the title of the bill and Mr. McKain provided a brief overview, noting that the first grant is newly awarded by PCCD to the Medical Examiner's office for the purpose of covering expenses relating to staff training and travel necessary for re-accreditation, as well as supplies to be used for training purposes. Ms. Soroka noted that some of the funding will also be used to keep some staff certifications current. Mr. McKain indicated that 53 staff members would receive training in one fashion or another.*

*In response to questions from the Chair, Mr. McKain indicated that re-accreditation is on a four year timeframe, and discussed the process by which the grant application was derived and filed. Mr. McKain and Ms. Soroka noted that there is no match requirement*

*for this or any other of the grants covered by the resolution.*

*Mr. McKain noted that the second grant is from NACCHO to the Health Department for the purpose of strengthening the capabilities of local medical reserve corps opioid response capabilities, primarily within the City of Pittsburgh.*

*Ms. Means noted that any assistance in fighting the opioid epidemic is appreciated, and Mr. McKain agreed.*

*Mr. McKain noted that the third grant is a \$10,000 increase to an already budgeted \$200,000 grant from DEP to reduce the threat of mosquito-borne illness in the County.*

*In response to questions from Ms. Means, Mr. McKain noted that there are ample opportunities to use funds for the delineated purpose, and offered to provide data regarding success criteria.*

*Mr. McKain noted that the third grant is a \$25,054 increase in a previously budgeted grant from PCCD to the Court of Common Pleas to provide improved opioid training to court personnel, enhance supervision tools available to probation officers who are responsible for individuals with opioid addictions, and to improve equipment and materials.*

*Ms. Means repeated her thoughts on the desirability of obtaining additional tools for fighting the opioid epidemic.*

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

## **V. Adjournment**

*The meeting was adjourned at 4:14.*