

Allegheny County Council

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Meeting Minutes - Approved

Wednesday, June 10, 2015

4:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Budget and Finance

*Michael Finnerty, Chair;
Nick Futules,
Amanda Green Hawkins,
Heather Heidelbaugh, Terri Klein,
Bob Macey,
Sue Means,
John Palmiere and
Jan Rea
-Members*

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:01.

Invited Guests:

Dick Hadley, Executive Director - Allegheny League of Municipalities Board

William D. McKain, CPA - County Manager or Designee

Mary C. Soroka - Director, Office of Budget and Finance or Designee

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

Ms. Soroka was present from the Department of Budget and Finance.

Ms. Chirdon was present from the Office of the Controller.

Mr. Hadley and Mr. Barie were present from the Allegheny League of Municipalities (ALOM).

Mr. Barker and Mr. Szymanski were present from the Office of County Council.

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 5 - Bob Macey, Sue Means, Jan Rea, Terry Klein and Michael Finnerty

Members Absent: 4 - Amanda Green Hawkins, Heather Heidelbaugh, John Palmiere and Nick Futules

III. Approval of Minutes

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Motion to approve the minutes of the Budget and Finance Committee meeting of Allegheny County Council held on May 13, 2015
Passed

IV. Agenda Items**Discussion Topic: Allegheny League of Municipalities Board**

At the request of the Chair, Mr. Hadley described the history, role and function of ALOM, highlighting some of the League's current efforts such as pension program improvement and administration, health care cost management, and deferred compensation plan administration. Mr. Hadley also discussed board membership and staffing, the League's provision of training programs on a periodic basis, and its funding streams, noting that rising costs and stagnant revenues are becoming a challenge.

In response to a question from Mr. Macey, Mr. Hadley noted that approximately 130 municipalities are members of ALOM, but not all of those are located within Allegheny County, so the membership rate is not 100% for municipalities located within Allegheny County.

Mr. Macey and Mr. Hadley discussed cost cutting measures that the League has undertaken in recent years, as well as conference attendance and vendor participation, with Mr. Hadley noting that participation and attendance have been increasing of late. Mr. Barie discussed potential issues that may exist with regard to moving the conferences into Pittsburgh as a cost-saving measure.

In response to questions from Ms. Means, Mr. Hadley explained the current dues rates charged by the League based on municipality size, as well as the issues currently facing the League with regard to funding its pension plan.

In response to a question from Ms. Rea, Mr. Hadley provided additional detail relating to the line items depicted in his budgetary summary.

Ms. Klein and Mr. Hadley discussed the League's activities as they relate to assisting municipalities in securing health care at competitive rates, as well as navigating administration and evaluation of municipal pension plans.

In response to a question from the Chair, Mr. Hadley described the League's working relationship and interaction with the Councils of Governments.

The Chair and Mr. Hadley discussed the membership of the League's multiple boards, with Mr. Hadley noting that there are three boards that are solely comprised of representatives from specified classes of municipalities.

Ms. Means complimented Mr. Hadley and Mr. Barie on the League's management of its annual expenditures.

In response to a question from Ms. Rea, Mr. Hadley noted that fewer than 20 of the league's member municipalities are located outside Allegheny County.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:47.