

Allegheny County Council

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Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, June 8, 2016

5:00 PM

Conference Room 1

Committee on Appointment Review

*Ed Kress, Chair
Committee of the Whole*

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Invited Guests:

Invited Guests Present: Austin Davis, Executive Assistant, County Executive's Office

Council Staff Present: Joe Catanese; Stephanie Buka

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 4 - Ed Kress, Michael Finnerty, Sue Means and Sam DeMarco

Members Absent: 11 - Tom Baker, Cindy Kirk, John Palmiere, Nick Futules, Chuck Martoni, Bob Macey, DeWitt Walton, Paul Klein, Jim Ellenbogen, Denise Ranalli-Russell and John DeFazio

III. Approval of Minutes

[9685-16](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Appointment Review Committee Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on May 25, 2016.

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

[9686-16](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Appointment Review Committee Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on May 26, 2016.

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

IV. Agenda Items**Appointments**

[9616-16](#)

Approving the reappointment of Daniel K. Bricmont, Esq. to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Mr. Bricmont told Councilwoman Means that he began serving in 1996 when the Commissioner form of government was in place, and he currently serves as the chairman of the committee. In response to a question from Councilwoman Means, Mr. Bricmont described the committee as a balanced one. Chairman Kress made an inquiry concerning labor representation on the committee. After being recognized by the chair, Mr. Austin Davis reported that the committee does not have a person from labor serving on the committee. Mr. Bricmont explained that he was not singled out by the group named Three Rivers Rising Tide.

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

[9618-16](#)

Approving the reappointment of Steve Hvozdoch to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Mr. Hvozdoch described his work experience with Clean Water Action. In response to a question from Councilman DeMarco, he described Clean Water Action's expansion of work related to the improvement of air quality. Mr. Hvozdoch worked to advocate for the citizens during the Shenango Coke plant discussions. Councilwoman Means asked how long Mr. Hvozdoch has served and he replied 5 years. Councilwoman Means made an inquiry regarding a air sampling device that Carnegie Mellon University has developed, and Mr. Hvozdoch stated that he is aware of the product. Councilman Kress asked about Three Rivers Rising Tide, and Mr. Hvozdoch stated that he was not familiar with this group. In response to a question from Councilman Kress, Mr. Hvozdoch noted that it's important for our region to grow as long as it's done in a responsible manner.

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

[9619-16](#)

Approving the reappointment of Mark Jeffrey to serve as a member of the Air Pollution Control Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Mr. Jeffrey described his experience working at US Steel. In response to a question from Councilman DeMarco regarding US Steel modernizing its operations, Mr. Jeffrey described the importance of staying up to date with the latest technology. In response to a question from Chairman Kress, Mr. Jeffrey reported that he was identified on literature that the environmental group, Three Rivers Rising Tide, had published. Chairman Kress and Mr. Jeffrey discussed the new Shell cracker plant in Beaver County.

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

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.