

Allegheny County Council

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Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 15, 2016

4:30 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 4:30 p.m.

Invited Guests:

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

Council Staff Present: Stephanie Buka

II. Roll Call

Members Present: 5 - Ed Kress, Michael Finnerty, Sue Means, Bob Macey and Sam DeMarco

Members Absent: 9 - Cindy Kirk, John Palmiere, Nick Futules, Chuck Martoni, DeWitt Walton, Paul Klein, Jim Ellenbogen, Denise Ranalli-Russell and John DeFazio

Members Phone: 1 - Tom Baker

III. Approval of Minutes

[9930-16](#)

Motion to approve the minutes of the Appointment Review Committee Meeting of Allegheny County Council held on November 15, 2016.

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

IV. Agenda Items**Appointments**

[9909-16](#)

Approving the appointment of Maureen Quinn to serve as a member of the Inaugural Board of the Tri-COG Land Bank for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Ms. Quinn described her involvement with the development of the land bank. Councilman DeMarco made a remark concerning the problems that some communities have experienced with land banks, and Ms. Quinn noted that the board will keep that in mind as the intergovernmental cooperation agreement is being finalized. In response to a question from Chairman Kress, Ms. Quinn stated that the team is hoping to acquire properties, through Sheriff sales, by the second quarter of 2017. She added that the Steel Rivers COG has raised \$850,000 for land bank acquisitions and would like to reach \$1.5 million.

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

[9910-16](#) Approving the reappointment of M. Gayle Moss to serve as a member of the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Held in Committee

[9911-16](#) Approving the reappointment of James Overton to serve as a member of the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Mr. Overton provided members with an overview of his experience serving on the committee. In response to a question from Councilwoman Means, Mr. Overton described the committee's interest in seeing the implementation of some of their recommendations. Councilman Macey thanked Mr. Overton for working with minorities and small businesses in the Mon Valley. Councilman DeMarco asked Mr. Overton about the process and Mr. Overton replied that the M/W/DBE staff does an excellent job with community outreach and making sure the opportunities are communicated to minorities and women owned businesses. The Chair recognized Mr. Austin Davis, Executive Assistant with the County Executive's Office, and Mr. Davis reported that the Office of M/W/DBE has a local and national database of M/W/DBE registered contractors.

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

[9912-16](#) Approving the reappointment of Roxanne N. Sewell to serve as a member of the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2019.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Held in Committee

[9913-16](#) Approving the reappointment of Tim Stevens to serve as a member of the Minority Business Enterprise Advisory Committee for a term to expire on December 31, 2018.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

Held in Committee

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.