



Richland County Council
Rules and Appointments Committee
March 19, 2019 – 4:00 PM
4th Floor Conference Room
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia 29204

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chakisse Newton, Chair, Gwen Kennedy and Bill Malinowski

OTHERS PRESENT: Allison Terracio, Michelle Onley and Kimberly Williams-Roberts

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Ms. Newton called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. March 5, 2019 – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. **INTERVIEWS**

- a. Richland Memorial Hospital Board – Three (3) Vacancies – Dr. Richard J. Wasserman, Ms. Mary P. Mazzola Spivey, Mr. Raymond Buxton, II and Ms. Bethany Ann Bell were interviewed.

Mr. Malinowski moved to forward to Council with a recommendation to appoint Ms. Spivey and Ms. Bell and re-advertise for the remaining vacancy. The motion died for lack of a second.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to forward to Council with a recommendation to appoint Ms. Spivey. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to forward to Council with a recommendation to appoint Ms. Bell. The vote was in favor.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to forward to Council with a recommendation to re-advertising for the remaining vacancy. The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

- a. I move that we establish rules for electing persons to serve on Boards/Commissions rather than going by the Parliamentarian's recollections of how it was done in the past with serious consideration to include appointments require a majority of Council members' vote [MANNING] –

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Ms. Kennedy moved, seconded by Mr. Malinowski, to direct Legal staff to come back with recommendations. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. All Boards and Commissions staffed with volunteer citizens have various opportunities for multiple terms. It has become the practice of the Rules and Appointments Committee to treat incumbents seeking additional terms exactly the same as new applicants. No “extra credit” is given for an incumbent whose service may have been exemplary. I believe this practice is unfair and potentially detrimental to the welfare of the Boards and Commissions, as valuable, experienced individuals are being lost simply because new candidates may have performed better in their 5 – 10 minute interviews. I move that the Rules and Appointments Committee review this situation and begin to provide some type of consideration for candidates seeking additional terms [PEARCE] – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Kennedy, to table this item. The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. **ITEMS PENDING ANALYSIS**

- a. Review of Council Rules – Mr. Farrar suggested:

- Council Rules be re-adopted at the beginning of each year
- Look at the SCAC Model Rules of Parliamentary Procedure

Council members are requested to review the Council Rules and provide any feedback to the Clerk’s Office by April 15th and bring the item back at the May 7th Rules meeting.

7. **ADJOURN** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:57 PM.