



Richland County
Rules and Appointments Committee
May 18, 2021 – 3:00 PM
Zoom Meeting
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29201

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Bill Malinowski, Chair, Gretchen Barron, and Jessica Mackey

OTHERS PRESENT: Allison Terracio, Cheryl English, Andrea Mathis, Angela Weathersby, Kyle Holsclaw, Tamar Black, Elizabeth McLean, Leonardo Brown, Lori Thomas, Randy Pruitt, Brittney Hoyle-Terry, Dale Welch, Dwight Hanna and Dante Roberts

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mr. Malinowski called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 PM.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. May 4, 2021– Ms. Barron moved, seconded by Ms. Mackey, to approve the minutes as distributed.

Mr. Malinowski noted the date on the minutes were incorrect. The date should be May 4th, not April 20th. He also noted under “Interviews” it should be noted that Ms. Yvonne Murray-Boyles was unable to be interviewed due to an emergency, and the committee extended her the opportunity to be interviewed at today’s meeting.

Ms. Barron moved, seconded by Ms. Mackey, to approve the minutes as corrected.

In favor: Malinowski, Barron and Mackey

The motion in favor was unanimous.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Malinowski noted, on the current agenda, under Community Relations Council it list (9) vacancies, but on the previous agendas it has been (8) vacancies. In addition, the committee stated they wished to handle interviews to address vacancies on boards, committees and commissions that need to be filled most expeditiously. He noted the Hospitality Tax Committee meets a couple times a year, usually just prior to budget, but the committee is conducting interviews for their vacancies. He requested, in the future, to conduct interviews in the order of the most immediate needs. Also, in previous agendas, there was a number of vacancies, as well as page numbers, so the applicant’s information can be readily found. Lastly, he realizes the committee requested the meeting to primarily focus on interviews, but that does not mean the “Other Items” should not have been listed in the agenda.

Ms. Barron inquired if the scheduled interviews were the only candidates we have for each agency listed.

Ms. Mathis responded the vacancies listed were correct, and appointments could be made for the vacancies

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listed under "Appointments" in the agenda packet.

Ms. Barron noted she was concerned that there is an additional vacancy for the Community Relations Council. She inquired why for the past 3 months we have advertised for 8 vacancies, and now we have 9 vacancies. She inquired if there was an error and it was recently caught.

Ms. Mathis responded her records show there are 9 vacancies.

Mr. Malinowski stated, for clarification, the agenda indicates there are 5 vacancies, but there are only 5 people on the committee. Does this mean there is no one on the committee?

Ms. Mathis responded all of the members' terms have expired.

Ms. Mackey noted, previously there were 5 applicants for the Transportation Penny Advisory Committee, but today we have 2 applicants. Three of the 5 applicants reside in incorporated Richland County. She inquired, if anyone checked to ensure we cannot appoint the incorporated applicants to the committee.

Mr. Malinowski responded since other municipalities appoint to the committee the applicants from incorporated Richland County would not be eligible to be appointed to the TPAC Committee.

Ms. Mathis noted there will be 7 vacancies to the Transportation Penny Advisory Committee.

Mr. Malinowski inquired why the agenda only lists 6.

Ms. Mathis responded she is working to get the number of vacancies updated.

Ms. Barron moved, seconded by Ms. Mackey, to approve the agenda as published.

In Favor: Mackey

Opposed: Malinowski and Barron

The motion to adopt the agenda failed.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Barron, to conduct the interviews and withhold appointments until there is clarification on the number of appointments.

Ms. Mackey offered a friendly amendment to make appointments to the Community Relations Council, but to only appoint for the 8 positions that were previously advertised. In the event there is an additional vacancy, we can appoint for that vacancy at a future meeting.

Mr. Malinowski accepted the friendly amendment.

In Favor: Malinowski, Barron, and Mackey.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. INTERVIEWS

- a. Community Relations Council – 8 – Ms. Yvonne Murray-Boyles was interviewed for the Community Relations Council.
- b. Transportation Penny Advisory Committee – Mr. Don Polite and Ms. Brenda Branich were interviewed for the Transportation Advisory Committee.
- c. Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee – Ms. Terry Davis was interviewed for the Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee.
- d. Central Midland Council of Governments – Mr. Jeffrey Hunter, Ms. Stephanie O’Cain, Mr. Wayne Gilbert and Mr. William Simon interviewed for the Central Midlands Council of Governments
- e. East Richland Public Service Commission – Mr. Bobby Freeman and Mr. John Kososki were interviewed for the East Richland Public Service Commission.

5. APPOINTMENTS

- a. Community Relations Council – 8

Ms. Mathis noted the 9th vacancy occurred because Ms. Wilkie resigned from the committee.

Mr. Malinowski inquired when the resignation took place.

Ms. Mathis responded she is unsure of the date Ms. Wilkie resigned.

Ms. Mackey noted the committee should remain with the 8 vacancies that were advertised. She understands someone resigned, but that position should be included in the next round of advertisements.

Ms. Barron moved, seconded by Ms. Mackey, to appoint Mr. William Zachery Riley, Mr. Derrick Fickling, Ms. Maranda J. Williams, Ms. Kira Person, Ms. Heather Singleton, Ms. Yvonne Murray-Boyles, Ms. Demestress “Dee” Bell-Williams and Ms. Jonnieka Farr.

In Favor: Malinowski, Barron, and Mackey.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. Transpiration Penny Advisory Committee – This item was held in committee.
- c. Hospitality Tax Advisory Committee - This item was held in committee.
- d. Central Midland Council of Governments– This item was held in committee.
- e. Board of Assment Appeals – This item was held in committee.
- f. East Richland Public Service Commission – This item was held in committee.

6. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:12PM.