



Richland County Council
Rules and Appointment Committee
MINUTES

May 2, 2023 – 3:00 PM

Council Chambers

2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Gretchen Barron, Chair, Jason Branham, and Allison Terracio.
Councilwoman Terracio enter the meeting at approximately 3:40 pm.

OTHERS PRESENT: Kyle Holsclaw, Michelle Onley, Anette Kirylo, and Angela Weathersby.

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairwoman Gretchen Barron called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 PM.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. **April 18, 2023** – Mr. Branham moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham and Barron.

Not Present: Terracio.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA** – Ms. Anette Kirylo, Clerk to Council, noted the Midlands Workforce Development Board has seven vacancies, four of which are in the Private Sector category. The agency notified the Clerk's Office that one of the recent appointees moved out of state and could no longer serve. In addition, applicant 4(a)(10) – Ms. Destiny Douglas, withdrew her application, and applicant 4(a)(8) – Harry Plexico, will not be available to attend the interview this afternoon.

Ms. Barron stated that this body would need to decide whether it will defer appointments to the Midlands Workforce Development Board.

Mr. Branham moved to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham and Barron

Not Present: Terracio

The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. **INTERVIEWS**

Mr. Branham moved to go into Executive Session to conduct interviews for the Accommodations Tax Committee, the Building Codes Board of Appeals, and the Midlands Workforce Development Board, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham and Barron

Not Present: Terracio

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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***The Committee went into Executive Session at approximately 3:09 PM
and came out at approximately 4:55 PM***

Ms. Terracio moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Branham.

In Favor: Branham, Terracio, and Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Barron indicated no action was taken in Executive Session. The following people were interviewed:

- a. Accommodations Tax Committee – Six (6) Vacancies (ONE applicant must have a background in the lodging industry, THREE applicants must have a background in the hospitality industry, ONE applicant must have a cultural background, and ONE applicant will fill an At-Large seat) – Ms. April Shawn Morgan and Ms. Jasmine Fariior were interviewed for the Accommodations Tax Committee vacancies.
- b. Building Codes Board of Appeals – Nine (9) Vacancies (ONE applicant must be from the Architecture Industry, ONE must be from the Gas Industry, ONE from the Building Industry, ONE from the Contracting Industry, ONE applicant must be from the Plumbing Industry, ONE applicant must be from the Electrical Industry, ONE applicant must be from the Engineering Industry, and TWO from Fire Industry as alternates) – Mr. Jesse Burke was interviewed for the Building Codes Board of Appeals vacancies.
- c. Midlands Workforce Development Board – Seven (7) Vacancies (FOUR [4] applicants must be from the Private Sector; ONE [1] applicant must represent Career & Technical Education; ONE [1] applicant must represent Adult Education; and ONE [1] applicant must represent the SC Department of Employment & Workforce) – Ms. Eileen Kershaw, Ms. Stephany Reid-McKnight, Ms. Danielle Diaz, Mr. Michael Ray, and Ms. Sue Taylor interviewed for the Private Sector vacancies. Mr. Fabian Edward Zalewa interviewed for the SC Department of Employment & Workforce vacancy. Mr. Bobby Cunningham interviewed for the Adult Education vacancy. Mr. David Prigge interviewed for the Career & Technical Education vacancy.

5. APPOINTMENTS

- a. Accommodations Tax Committee – Six (6) Vacancies (ONE applicant must have a background in the lodging industry, THREE applicants must have a background in the hospitality industry, ONE applicant must have a cultural background, and ONE applicant will fill an At-Large seat) – Ms. Terracio moved to appoint Ms. Jasmine Fariior, seconded by Mr. Branham.

Ms. Barron inquired if we were voting on the appointments one by one.

Ms. Terracio responded in the affirmative.

In Favor: Branham and Terracio

Opposed: Barron

The vote was in favor.

Ms. Barron moved to appoint Ms. April Shawn Morgan, seconded by Mr. Branham.

Ms. Terracio noted she was not in attendance at Ms. Morgan's interview.

In Favor: Branham, Terracio, and Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. Building Codes Board of Appeals – Nine (9) Vacancies (ONE applicant must be from the Architecture Industry, ONE must be from the Gas Industry, ONE from the Building Industry, ONE from the Contracting Industry, ONE applicant must be from the Plumbing Industry, ONE applicant must be from the Electrical Industry, ONE applicant must be from the Engineering Industry, and TWO from Fire Industry as alternates)

Mr. Branham moved to appoint Mr. Jesse Burke, seconded by Ms. Barron.

Ms. Terracio noted she was not in attendance at Mr. Burke's interview.

In Favor: Branham, Terracio, and Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. Midlands Workforce Development Board – Seven (7) Vacancies (FOUR [4] applicants must be from the Private Sector; ONE [1] applicant must represent Career & Technical Education; ONE [1] applicant must represent Adult Education; and ONE [1] applicant must represent the SC Department of Employment & Workforce) – Ms. Barron noted we had an applicant, Harry Plexico, who is an incumbent, that could not interview this afternoon. This is the 2nd attempt to interview him, and he was offered several different modes to interview. She indicated we could move forward with the appointments and not afford Mr. Plexico an additional opportunity to interview, or we could hold the appointment for the next meeting.

For clarification, Mr. Branham stated that this applicant has had two opportunities to interview thus far.

Ms. Barron responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Branham moved to re-appoint Mr. Michael Ray – Private Sector, Mr. Bobby Cunningham – Adult Education, and Mr. David Prigge – Career & Technical Education. In addition, to appoint Mr. Fabian Edward Zalewa – SC Department of Employment & Workforce Education. Ms. Terracio seconded the motion.

Ms. Terracio inquired if all the recommended applicants were incumbents.

Ms. Barron responded Mr. Michael Ray, Mr. Bobby Cunningham, and Mr. David Prigge are incumbents.

Mr. Branham commented he was thoroughly impressed with the incumbents. This model group of citizens puts themselves forward to serve the community through this governmental board and he is very pleased to see how passionate and dedicated they are.

In Favor: Branham, Terracio, and Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

6. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

- a. Boards, Commissions, and Committee Advertisement Schedule – No action was taken.
b. Applications Currently on File – No action was taken.

6. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Branham moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Terracio.

In Favor: Branham, Terracio, and Barron

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:00 PM.