



Richland County Council
Rules and Appointment Committee
MINUTES
May 16, 2023 – 3:00 PM
Council Chambers
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT: Gretchen Barron, Chair, and Jason Branham.

NOT PRESENT: Allison Terracio.

OTHERS PRESENT: Chakisse Newton, 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.
Ms. Barron noted that Ms. Terracio had been delayed due to a work obligation.
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. May 2, 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** – Mr. Branham moved to adopt the agenda as published, 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 Board of Zoning Appeals, Community Relations Council, and Midlands Workforce Development Board, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham and Barron.

Not Present: Terracio.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

***The Committee went into Executive Session at approximately 3:05 PM
and came out at approximately 4:43 PM***

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

In Favor: Branham and Barron.

Not Present: Terracio.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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

- a. Board of Zoning Appeals – Four (4) Vacancies – Ms. Annette Nelson, Ms. S. Blakely Copeland Cahoon, and Ms. Mandy Lautzenheiser interviewed for the Board of Zoning Appeals.
- b. Community Relations Council – One (1) Vacancy – Ms. Sheila Harris, Mr. T. Todd Simon, Ms. Chequita Jones, Ms. S. Blakely Copeland Cahoon, Ms. Carlotta Stackhouse, Mr. Christopher Clay, Mr. Mark Talbert, and Ms. Donna Mack interviewed for the Community Relations Council.
- c. Midlands Workforce Development Board – Three (3) Vacancies (Applicants must be from the Private Sector) – Mr. Harry Plexico interviewed for the Midlands Workforce Development Board.

Mr. Branham moved to reconsider the agenda, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham and Barron.

Not Present: Terracio.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Mr. Branham noted that there was a missed print on the agenda and moved to add Ms. Mandy Lautzenheiser under Item 5(a) Appointments: the Board of Zoning Appeals, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham and Barron.

Not Present: Terracio.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

5. APPOINTMENTS

- a. Board of Zoning Appeals – Four (4) Vacancies – Ms. Barron noted that one individual has not been interviewed for the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Branham moved to appoint Ms. Blakely Copeland Cahoon and Ms. Mandy Lautzenheiser to the Board of Zoning Appeals, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham and Barron.

Not Present: Terracio.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. Community Relations Council – One (1) Vacancy – Ms. Barron noted the interviews for the Community Relations Council had not been completed.

Mr. Branham moved to defer this item until the May 16th committee meeting, seconded by Ms. Barron.

In Favor: Branham and Barron.

Not Present: Terracio.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- c. Midlands Workforce Development Board – Three (3) Vacancies (Applicants must be from the Private Sector) – Mr. Branham moved to appoint Mr. Harry Plexico, Ms. Eileen Kershaw, and Ms. Danielle Diaz, seconded by Ms. Barron.

POINT OF CLARIFICATION – Ms. Barron noted that when serving on a board, you can serve two consecutive terms, and then you must sit off for a year. She inquired if this would be Mr. Plexico's 1st or 2nd term.

Ms. Kirylo responded the committee recently set the Midlands Workforce Development Board terms; therefore, this would be considered Mr. Plexico's 1st term.

Ms. Barron stated we appreciate Mr. Plexico's 25 years of service to Richland County, but we also do not want him to be surprised should he re-apply.

In Favor: Branham and Barron.

Not Present: Terracio.

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. Barron.

In Favor: Branham and Barron.

Not Present: Terracio.

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:51 PM.