



Richland County Council  
RULES AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE  
**MINUTES**  
June 21, 2022 – 3:00 PM  
Council Chambers  
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29204

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Gretchen Barron, Chair, Bill Malinowski, Jesica Mackey

OTHERS PRESENT: Anette Kirylo, Kyle Holsclaw, Justin Landy, Patrick Wright, Angela Weathersby, Michelle Onley, Sandra Haynes and Leonardo Brown

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chairwoman Gretchen Barron called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 PM.
  
2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
  - a. June 7 2022 – Mr. Malinowski moved to approve the minutes as distributed, seconded by Ms. Barron.  
  
In Favor: Malinowski and Barron  
  
The vote in favor was unanimous.
  
3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Ms. Barron noted the committee will not be interviewing for the Internal Audit Committee today. We are going to wait until the Internal Auditor has been hired.  
  
Mr. Malinowski moved to adopt the agenda as amended, seconded by Ms. Barron.  
  
In Favor: Malinowski and Barron  
  
The vote in favor was unanimous.
  
4. **INTERVIEWS** – Mr. Malinowski moved to go into Executive Session to conduct interviews, seconded by Ms. Barron.  
  
In Favor: Malinowski and Barron  
  
The vote in favor was unanimous.

*The committee went into Executive Session at approximately 3:03 pm  
and came out at approximately 4:30 pm.*

- a. Lexington Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council - Two (2) Vacancies – Ms. Kimberly Kennedy-Gooden, Ms. Joann Madden and Ms. Lucia Jacobs were interviewed for the Lexington Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council vacancies.

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Ms. Mackey moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Malinowski. No action was taken during executive session.

In Favor: Malinowski, Barron and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Mackey noted for the record she was not present at the beginning of the meeting; therefore, she missed the first interview conducted.

Mr. Malinowski moved to go into Executive Session to continue with interviews, seconded by Ms. Mackey.

In Favor: Malinowski, Barron and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

***The committee went into Executive Session at approximately 4:50 pm  
and came out at approximately 5:00 pm.***

Ms. Mackey moved to come out of Executive Session, seconded by Mr. Malinowski. No action was taken during executive session.

In Favor: Malinowski, Barron and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. Township Auditorium – Two (2) Vacancies – Ms. M. Evelyn Fields, Mr. Larry Smith, Ms. Ella Shiver and Ms. Franette Boyd were interviewed for the Township Auditorium Board.

## 5. **APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Lexington Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council – Two (2) Vacancies – No Action was taken

## 6. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

- a. Existing Richland County Council Ad Hoc Committee List – Mr. Patrick Wright, County Attorney, noted the Disabilities and Special Needs Board, the Local Emergency Preparedness Committee and the Bond Review Committee need to remain in the County's Boards, Commissions and Committees ordinance.

Ms. Barron inquired how the committee needs to proceed since these committees and board were presented to Council, and voted on, at the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Mr. Wright responded a Council member will have to request to amend the motion for the committees and board to remaining in the ordinance.

- b. Animal Care Advisory Committee – Ms. Haynes stated this committee has not met since 2017, and she is not sure if the current members are still interested in serving. She noted she could reach out to them and schedule a meeting to discuss the future direction of the committee.

Ms. Barron inquired if there is a need for this particular committee to remain active.

Ms. Haynes responded there may not be a need for the committee; however, this committee was appointed by City Council and County Council. In order for it to be disbanded, we need to also speak with the City of Columbia.

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Ms. Mackey inquired if City Council has been appointing to the committee.

Ms. Haynes responded the City also has 2 members, but the committee as a whole has not met since 2017.

Mr. Malinowski inquired when the committee was established and the purpose for its creation.

Ms. Haynes was formed at the time the County paid \$1.2M to annex the shelter. The committee was established to act as an oversight committee to make recommendations regarding improving animal care services provided to the citizens.

Mr. Malinowski stated it appears the committee is to address what citizens may perceive as shortcomings or improvements to the rules/regulations. By not meeting, we are eliminating that oversight.

Ms. Haynes noted, when we had issues (i.e. community cat ordinance), we met quarterly.

Ms. Barron inquired, at this point, who is providing oversight.

Ms. Haynes responded we have not had any issues; therefore, we have not had a reason to meet.

Ms. Barron noted, based on the overview provided, it does not sound like this committee does not meet as needed. It is a committee that would meet regularly.

Ms. Haynes responded the committee did meet regularly prior to 2017.

Ms. Barron inquired if this committee is included in the County's boards, commissions and committees ordinance.

Mr. Malinowski inquired about what matters the committee took up during their meetings.

Ms. Haynes responded changes to the ordinance and made recommendations to Council.

Mr. Malinowski inquired as to why the committee discontinued meeting.

Ms. Haynes responded there has not been a reason to meet. There have been no ordinance changes or disputes with the City shelter.

Ms. Barron noted this matter is hindering the committee moving forward with a recommendation to Council.

Mr. Leonardo Brown, County Administrator, stated the advisory committee was established in July 2007, as a part of a contractual agreement between the City and County. He noted we could re-establish its importance with the City and add personnel from the County, and bring back a recommendation at a later date if the committee is not viable. He noted, it is his understanding, the City is meeting.

Mr. Malinowski moved to forward to Council a recommendation to approve the existing Richland County Council Ad Hoc Committee list, with the exception of the Animal Care Advisory Committee, seconded by Ms. Mackey.

Ms. Haynes indicated the City is not meeting to talk about issues. The meetings are in reference to the renewal of the agreement.

Mr. Wright responded it is not included in the ordinance.

In Favor: Malinowski, Barron and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

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7. **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

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

8. **ADJOURNMENT** – Mr. Malinowski moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Mackey.

In Favor: Malinowski, Barron and Mackey

The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:02 PM.