

**Captioning Transcript of Government Oversight and Audit Committee
Meeting - November 15, 2022**

"Chair Ackerson"

All right folks, this is the regularly scheduled meeting of the government oversight and audit committee. Uh. I am virtual and I am down on my group me, so I will not be able to see a queue. So the way we're going to do this, we're gonna do this good old fashioned old school. Which means if anybody wants to speak. You chime in, uh, other than that, uh, present I see. Cancel it cancel hold the Stewart canceling Winkler cancel McKinney, cancel and purpose counseling black. Well. Are there any Council people in chambers? Madam clerk vice champion chamber sir. Okay and councilman Fox has an excused absence. We've got, I think, 13 items on our agenda, but according to MS Jackson, we're going to be holding 3 of those. We're going to be holding item number 9 will be holding item number. 12 and 13, so we're going to deal with. 10 items today appointments, Madam Clark, can you read the disclaimer?

"Olivia Bennett"

This meeting is being held pursuant to Cara 686 and council rule 58, red and full.

"Chair Ackerson"

Okay, let's start off with that. I'm number 1, which is going to be. Ap, 111522, da, the appointment of David, all good to the commission for persons with disabilities a term that expires December. 12th. 2023 is our motion. 2nd, I haven't started the forest MS. Jackson, you know, the floor.

"Althea Jackson"

Althea Jackson, Mayor fisher's office we're asking for the appointment of David. All good. Mister. All good. Would be taking the place of someone that was that resigned from the board. He is filling a individual or organization representing. Persons with disabilities. Mr. all good is a long time resident of Louisville. Jefferson County. He is. He is employed by the center for accessible living. He is the director of advocacy. He is out of district 8. he is participating on the call today so I'll let him introduce himself and and answer any questions. You may have.

"Chair Ackerson"

Mr. all good. If you identify yourself with the record you had the floor, sir?

"David Allgood "

Thank you. Good. Good evening, David. All good. And, uh. Look forward to serving on the commission if you all still choose the. Point me tonight, um, been a long time advocate and legal for 20+years, working at the center for accessible living and hope to improve situations and for the disability community and Jefferson County to improve the standing and opportunities that people with disabilities and to take away. Some of the barriers and hurdles that we face every day. So I would appreciate the opportunity. the opportunity

"Chair Ackerson"

Are there any questions or concerns regarding this appointment?
Hearing none,

"Committee Member Reed"

uh, Mr. uh, Mr chair just had a quick comment. I tried to. Q and.

"Chair Ackerson"

Well, again, I don't have a cue, so you just got to speak up, but go ahead, sir.

"Committee Member Reed"

For those of you that don't know the person's for disabilities commission was formed about 4 years ago. And there are 2 Council people that serve on this commission. That'd be myself and council and George. We kind of got off to a slow start because of the pandemic. But this condition does very, very good work and I'm very proud to be part of it and I wanted to welcome. This gentleman Mr. all good to the condition. If we, if we see that.

"Chair Ackerson"

Thank you any other questions or concerns.
Now, this is an appointment that requires a voice photos in favor say, aye.
Hi, hi being opposition.
Here's your opposition is passed as unanimously. She'll be sent to the consent counter. Mr. all good. Thank you. For your services to this community.
Thank you all I appreciate it have a good evening. The next item on our number 210522mthe re appointment.
Of Matthew, Matthew record.
To the extension board a term that expires December 31st, 2025 0 motion.
Departments enforcement Jackson here the floor.

"Althea Jackson"

You're asking for the reappointment of Mr Matthew to the extension board. He was originally appointed and 2020. he is a, he could not participate. Tonight. He had a conflict.

However, he's been a long term resident. long term resident

With loyal Jefferson County he is out of district 23. he is the executive director with Jefferson County farm bureau again. He has served on this board, and we are asking for his reappointment.

"Chair Ackerson"

Any questions or concerns that requires to hold up this appointment. Hearing none to an appointment requires a voice. What else in favor say aye.

Any opposition here in opposition that passage unanimously, and they'll be sent to the consent calendar.

The next item on our agenda will be item number 3101522am the reappointment of Alexandra martindale to the human relations advocacy board a term to expire September 30th, 2025. 0 motion.

I was dropped enforcement Jackson here the floor.

"Althea Jackson"

We are asking for the re, appointment of miss Martin Dale she was originally appointed and 2021 this term would go for another 3 years. She has been enjoyable Jefferson County for 5 years. She is an H. R, and operations with the Kentucky bourbon barrel she is at a district 9. unfortunately, she was unable to participate tonight, but we are. tonight but we are
For Harvey appointment.

"Chair Ackerson"

Does anyone have any questions or concerns that requires to hold disappointing?

Haven't done this appointment requires a voice photos in favor. Say aye aye. Aye aye.

Position in opposition that passage unanimously and 5% of the consent calendar. The next item on our agenda item number 4111522 KS, the reappointment of Dr Karen shock to the human relations commission. Our human relations advocacy board a term that expires September 32,025. is there a motion.

expires september thirty two thousand and twenty five is there a motion

"Committee Member Purvis"

Some more purpose 2nd,

"Althea Jackson"

the abstract enforcement Jackson in the 4.

We're asking for the reappointment of Dr. Shaw. He was originally appointed and 2021. we're asking for another 3 year term.

He is an emergency medicine physician and hospital administrator with the Baptist health of loyal. He has at a district 22. he's he's actually on the call.

He is participating in the meeting tonight, so I'll just turn it over to him and he can introduce himself to, you. can introduce himself to you

"Chair Ackerson"

Dr. scholl's you introduce yourself with the record you had the for sir.

"Karan Shah"

Sure, thank you. Um, so thanks for having me. Um, my name is your position by training. I served as the vice president for Baptists held Google.

And also, for the system for Baptist, I do a lot of coding and billing and insurance. Um, you know, I appreciate.

I've served on this board and I'd like to continue serving, uh, because I, I do think it's important for the community as we sort of.

He'll and get through to sort of the, the next part of what it looks like. So, I mean, I'd like to continue serving on this and my background is.

I'm a 1st generation immigrant, I've sort of gone through and I've seen what life is.

And that was 1 of the reasons why I chose the R, because I get to sort of work with folks from all walks of life.

I'll take any questions that you guys have.

"Chair Ackerson"

Are there any questions or concerns for Dr Shaw?

You're none this is an appointment requires a voice vote in favor say, aye.

Hi in opposition, you're in opposition that passage unanimously. So it'd be sent to the consent counter. Dr. Shaw, thank you for your continued service to this community. The next item on our agenda item number 5.

Ap 101 522 K. M. the appointment of Katie meter to the landmarks and preservation districts commission a term that expires November 32,025 is their emotion summer purpose.

Yeah, it was probably enforcement Jackson you hear the 4?

"Althea Jackson"

We are asking for the appointment of Kate matter to the landmarks, um, commission. She is a, she has lived in Louisville, Jefferson County for 8 years. Ms.

would be taking the seat of architectural historian row. She is the executive director for Conrad Caldwell house. She is out of district 6. She is very engaged with the historical preservation.

Issues, so I am going to ask her to come and introduce herself and, um. Tell why she wants to be on the landmarks board.

"Chair Ackerson"

It's better if you identify yourself for the record, you have the format of.

"Kate Meador"

My name is Kate, and thank you for considering my appointment, I have been engaged with for the past 8 years in the preservation community and before that I have been, I've lived in Connecticut and Boston, Massachusetts and Florida. So, I'm very versed on the national level of preservation as well and I'm excited to be considered for this appointment.

"Chair Ackerson"

Are there any questions or concerns? Colleagues?

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

Yes. Mr. chair. I have a question.

"Chair Ackerson"

You had the floor, sir

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

and I'm sorry can you can you see your last name for me? 1 more time so it's saying, right?

"Kate Meador"

It's Meador

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

Meador. Thank you. Miss Meador. Um.

Could you 1 of the concerns that we've had as a council and we've sort of been back and forth with historical and marketing is.

The concept of it being done after the fact, right? Or done in reaction to other things that are happening, right? We all support.

This in a proactive manner, right? So if you see a property that's historic, right? Or that, you know, has a reason to be preserved. But classified as such. And let's identify it and do all that work. Can you talk about your philosophy on this?

Whether you agree or disagree with some positions council is taken, and some of these, and if you want to speak on specific case, that's fine.

But maybe generally your thoughts on being more proactive and not being reactive after council or the mayor's.

Office pens deals and then all of a sudden we're okay with that property is historic. Well, why didn't we identify beforehand? Right? Can you talk through that?

"Kate Meador"

Yeah, absolutely.

Your point of view I've spent a lot of time, you know, working in historic buildings and I've also done more. Personally my husband, I have a company now where we're trying to build or.

Purchase buildings to restore and, you know, so I'm very well versed in Louisville specifically, because that is where I live. Um.

And I've definitely noticed that people.

Maybe aren't educated on a lot of this, and, you know, I think making it more aware to people when they move into historic districts, you know, when they're when they are trying to start this process, you know, I'm not exactly sure how to do that but I definitely believe that education is something that is lacking and that needs to be focused on.

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

Yeah, that's a good point. I like where your head's out on that because the thing is, we don't want.

You would want to be fair to everybody, right? Or be fair to the community and preserve historic buildings and do this the right way. We also want to be fair to we want to be a pro growth city. Right?

And at least everybody, you know, is the majority of leadership has said that and that means that we have to be fair to investors and developers. Right. That, hey, this is what you're getting into and you should know what you're getting into before. Right. You've put out a whole lot of money.

Right? So, yeah, I think that's the right angle. And I really appreciate you talking about.

Education right and getting that out there and, you know, once we're on the board, and we can figure out how to do it, but yeah, but thank you for that tack. That's terrific. Thank you.

"Chair Ackerson"

Any other questions or concerns this is appointment. The requires a voice vote all in favor. Say aye.

Opposition there are no opposition that passage unanimously shall be sent to the consent calendar.

That's better, thank you for your services community. The next item on our agenda will be out of number 61015221sthe, reappointment of Lori stall grin to the landmarks and preservation districts commission a term that expires November 30th, 2025 motion motion.

a term that expires november thirty th two thousand and twenty five motion motion

Yeah, it was probably forced was Jackson near the floor.

"Althea Jackson"

We are asking for the reappointment of Laurie to the landmarks commission. She is a long time resident, 25 years of Louisville, Jefferson County.

She is a project archaeologist's with Western Kentucky University. university

I believe she is she on the call.

Okay, she must have had a conflict. So, um, we are asking for her re, appointment, uh, to the board.

"Chair Ackerson"

Does anyone have any questions or concerns that would require us to hold this morning?

Hearing none this is an appointment requires the voice. What else in favor say aye.

In opposition, no opposition that passage unanimously and so it will be sent to the consent calendar.

The next item on our number 7101052theredeploymenttofto, the landmarks and preservation districts commission a term that expires November 32,025 is their most emotionally.

2nd purpose the before Christmas Jackson and the floor.

"Althea Jackson"

Mr. Fuller had a conflict tonight so I'll go ahead and present on his behalf. Mister Fuller has been in Louisville, Jefferson County for 2009 years. He is an architect with K. Norman Barry associates.

He feels the role of architect on this board, we are asking for his reappointment. He has been a great board member.

He was originally a. was originally a

In 2019, so we are asking for another 3 year appointment for him.

"Chair Ackerson"

Does anyone have any questions or concerns that would require us to hold this appointment?

Hearing none this appointment that requires a voice photos in favor say, aye aye aye aye any opposition.

And the opposition that passage unanimously, and she'll be sent to the consent calendar the next item on our number 8101522thereappointment of To the landmarks and preservation district commission a term that expires November November 32,025 is their motion.

Motion with purpose yeah. Disrupt enforcement Jackson near the floor.

"Althea Jackson"

We are asking for this reappointment. She has been in Louisville, Jefferson County for 52 years. She.

Is an associate director at Humana she.

Is a, she fulfills the at large member on this board. She is at a district 21. she is participating in the call tonight so I'll have her to introduce herself and tell why she wants to be reappointed.

"Stefanie Buzan"

Hi, I'm Stephanie. Are you saying? And I am.

Lifelong resident of South, and I've really enjoyed filling the at large position on landmarks commissioning over the last couple of years

representing South. I am very involved in historic preservation across the city in the spirit of.

The favor of proactive landmarks I did actually landmark my own house over the past year, as part of the landmark and process and as.

We were just saying a few minutes ago, I am a firm believer that lane marking is something that should be proactive and not something in a reactive reactive mode to try to stop the development. Definitely. Of that mindset.

"Chair Ackerson"

Are there any questions or concerns regarding this appointment hearing none? This is an appointment that requires a voice vote in favor say, aye aye.

In opposition, no opposition that passage unanimously. She'll be sent to the consent calendar miss Suzanne Thank you for continued services through this community. And I apologize that we might have revealed your age.

Sorry, we were supposed to talk about women's age.

For that way, but.

All right, we'll move on to the next item on our agenda item number 10.

110522theredeployment of David.

Committee to the landmarks and preservation district commission determine expires November 30th 2025 is their motion.

Items probably enforcement Jackson, you had the floor

"Althea Jackson"

Mr? Had is out of the country. So he was unable to participate in a call tonight, but we are asking for his reappointment. He has lived in Louisville, Jefferson County for 22 years.

He is a landscape architect, um, with Taylor's Williams design group he is fulfilling the architect's seat on this board. board

He is at a district and we are asking for his reappointment. He was originally appointed. This would be his last term. So we are asking for him to be able to fulfill his last term.

"Chair Ackerson"

Does anyone have any questions or concerns that requires to whole disappointed?

Hearing none this department, an appointment that requires a voice photos in favor say, aye aye.

Any opposition here in the opposition that passes unanimously, so we sent to the consent calendar the next and final item on the genocide of number 11 111522 M, W3 appointment of Morgan wards the landmarks and preservation district commission determine expires November 30th 2025. is there a motion

"Committee Member Winkler"

Motion Winkler.

"Chair Ackerson"

2nd seconds the items probably enforcement Jackson here the floor.

"Althea Jackson"

You're asking for the re, appointment of Morgan ward to the landmarks commission. Mr. Ward has been in loyal Jefferson County since 9,989. he is an attorney with sites in harvest. He is actually. sites in harvest he is actually

And fill in the attorney roll on this board, and he is actually the chair as well. He is here in chambers and he is here to answer any question. Introduce himself to you and answer any questions that you may have.

"Chair Ackerson"

We're going to identify yourself with the record. You have the force, sir

"Morgan Ward"

Thank you. A good evening. I'm Morgan ward.

Um, currently the chair of the commission, and I've enjoyed my 1st, 3 year term.

And I'd be happy to continue serving if the, if the council so approves.

"Chair Ackerson"

Is there any questions or concerns regarding this appointment?

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

Yes. Mr. chair.

You had sir, so Mr ward because you're here you get the benefit of getting asked the same question. I just asked the other appointment, but here's the reappointment right? So, I'm going to vote for your appointment.

But could you discuss the same thing? We just talked about right this idea of being more proactive versus reactive and I'd just like to get your opinion on that also and what we can do to do a better job of. Being more proactive and clear so that we can balance the needs of investment and development while also protecting legitimately properties that legitimately should be protected.

"Morgan Ward"

Well, I think that's an important question and.

I would love to learn more about your perspective on that. I think.

I think really, since I've been on the commission, it might appear that we are being reactive.

Rather than proactive, in the sense that what we actually here are.

We hear appeals of decisions, of course, but I think what you're probably talking about.

Is when a landmark designation comes before the commission, and it often comes before the commission.

When they're, for example, has been, um, a demolition permit applied for and then there's maybe a group of people that don't want to see something a demolished.

And they come to the commission and seek a landmarks designation.

Now, the ordinance allows them to do that, and we have to hear it when they do that.

And so I think it's important for us to make the right call. I will tell you that I probably approach.

Every matter at the beginning as, uh.

From the standpoint of, you know, there ought to be a good reason.

Not to preserve something, um, if we, if, you know, that's going to be the outcome. Um, but I don't approach it with a sentimental attachment of okay. It's old.

We can't find a new use for this.

Space an old building that no longer has.

Uh, if there's not a function, if if there's not a purpose that.

Is worthy of continuing on if it can't continue on such as the old distillery building that was landmarked.

But the roof was caving in, and it did not make sense on.

In my humble opinion on that property on pain street.

Uh, that was 1 where the commission did landmark it and then it.

And then it fell in, um, I didn't think we made the right call in that case.

There are harder decisions like the odd fellows building.

I won't go into that, but I don't know if that answers your question, but I think it's important that we come in with.

An unbiased approach.

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

Yeah, no, you're answering my question. I mean, you know, again, it's tough because we don't want to talk about specific cases, particularly ones that, you know, might be pending litigation and such. Right.

So, but what I'd say is.

I think the response from miss.

Better and I'm saying, right, she talked about education, I think being trying to be more proactive and educate is a good idea to your point there's due process people are allowed to appeal right? Once the demolition thing comes in. Okay.

But I think you said something that's very important age does not mean historic right? Age just means it's old, right? Historic has a bunch of other definitions behind it. Right? Architectural or other historic things, which are.

Sort of loosely defined in the code it's up to interpretation by the board exists, but I would say the more.

We can attempt in some way through education or some other process.

To go to the public and say, look.

Proactively come to us with properties that you think need to be landmarked and we will go through that process as opposed to always being reactive. Right? So, again, I'm not talking about taking due process away, but rather.

Can we do a few tactical things to get in front of the game a little bit right? And I think that would help us all out right?

I think that would be fair to developers and now, they know look if I want to apply for this historic building, I know what I'm getting into and simultaneously the community gets, you know, a fair hearing and frankly you all have maybe a slightly less stressful decision. Because you're not balancing these 2 things, right? You're just looking at it in an unbiased way in a proactive manner. So, again. As the prior, uh, nominee said, I don't know, I don't have the answer either, but but if we can brainstorm a way to do that, or think about it as a commission, I think that would help. The community is very well.

"Chair Ackerson"

Thank you, thank you. Anyone else have any questions or concerns. Morgan, I'm going to speak to that and you tell me if I'm wrong. Okay. Sure, but, I mean. Colleagues, my understanding of this situation is it's more likely than not always going to be reactionary. Because it's not the commissions job to go out and find properties to landmark. They serve, like, judges. It takes a lawyer to file the lawsuit. Someone to find a lawyer to fire all the answer and then the judge rules on the case, based upon the evidence. The landmarks, the preservation commission here is ruling on the case based upon the evidence it takes someone to file that. So, a lot of times, you know, how people are, they don't do anything until. You know, the fires at the door and so that's when they run to the landmarks commission and try to have it preserved. The tough thing is Morgan's pointed out is trying to balance out. Is something worth preserving and if so then establish that burden upon the folks that want to take control of that property. And what they want to do with it, or if it's not worth preserving, because it has no more function or costs way too much money to preserve investor becomes nothing more than a blind. But to request this commission to go out and try to do more on the limited budget, they have. I just think that we're not being realistic and I appreciate these folks sitting on this. This commission because it's divisive. You're going to make some happy to be happy and half the community. So, uh, if I misspoke, Morgan, please tell me.

"Morgan Ward"

I appreciate that. I've that perspective I. The, it's great when we have property owners come to the commission that want to have their. Properties landmark we had a nice example over the summer. A woman with. Uh, 2 houses, a better investment properties, but she, she has taken amazing care of those of properties. And she wanted those properties landmarked because she felt that it would help with the integrity of those buildings in the neighborhoods. Uh, for the future, and, and we gave those a hard look and we landmark. Those are those are easy cases. Um.

We have some matters that come before the commission that are more contentious. I don't know that we can stop.

The, I mean, it would take the council changing the ordinance for which we don't the commission doesn't have the power to do it would take the council changing the ordinance to stop some of the contentious things that come in before the commission.

In the matters that are contentious. I I don't know. I don't think.

I think the property owners would object to us trying to landmark those. Proactively, but there are, but on the point of education, I thought it does matter. I was a delighted.

To see her coming on the commission, her point she has a background in in a specialty, um.

In serving and educating the public in that field that I frankly don't.

I'm the lawyer on the commission. I'm there for.

I make sure that I try to help, make sure the rules are followed and the right standard of care.

I'm sorry, standard of review.

Is applied and just to be prepared and make sure that everybody has an opportunity to speak their voice. And so that's where I see my role as chair.

I appreciate the educational component as well and we'll certainly think about that going forward.

"Chair Ackerson"

Any other questions or concerns regarding this appointment?

"Vice Chair Piagentini"

Yeah. Mr. chair just to respond to your comment. I think my point is I agree with what you're saying related to the process.

My point is simply as MS said that whatever we can do.

To encourage people to educate people to be more proactive. I agree.

There's always going to be the last 2nd, case of the people that are reacting to something.

But if there are some concrete steps that we can take partnering with counsel, for example, or targeting areas that have more historic, more density of historic buildings that we already know of.

Then if we engage in a communication education campaign in those areas.

And we may stave off some of these last 2nd things, because we have a case, like, you experienced in the summer, where somebody just came and got it registered and went through the process and it was void of the fire drill.

So, yeah, I'm just, I'm not saying we're going to solve it.

Easily, but any marginal difference we can make through education and communication, I think is better than not doing it that way. That's all. Thank you.

"Chair Ackerson"

Understand. I'm just saying we'll never avoid the fire drill in my opinion and. If it takes coordination with the council to educate, I'm going to encourage you to attend their meetings and bring some stuff back to us.

"Committee Member Fowler"

Someone else spoke up? Is there something? Yeah, it's me cancel women founders. So, um, some years back, it's probably been 4 or 5 years ago. I asked, um.

The, uh, planning design services, um, to catalog.

Any perspective, um.

Historical landmarks buildings, because we were having so many come before us that were reactionary and, you know, they said that it would take 3 years. Well, it hasn't happened.

And I don't know if they've been actively doing that. Now, I need to check back with them because, um, I do know that they're short staffed, but and it probably fell off the radar during covid. But that was important.

To me that, you know, we, at least have a list.

A prospective buildings that, you know.

Possibly could be, um.

A landmark, and and it's not out of the blue, you know, cause it.

People just didn't want it next door to them. And so I'm thinking about 1 that was on Broadway. It was a gas station on Broadway. Brent. You may remember that.

Uh, David, or Rick might remember it too. But, um, anyway, I, I hope that they are still working on that list because I think that that's an important aspect of it.

"Chair Ackerson"

Any other questions or concerns around disappointment hearing none. This is appointment that requires a voice, but all in favor say, aye.

In opposition in the opposition that passage unanimously, there'll be sent the consent counter. Morgan. Thank you for your continued service. Unless someone has something for the good of the committee, we're going to stand adjourned.