



**Action Summary - Final
Government Oversight and Audit
Committee**

Chair Brent Ackerson (D-26)
Vice Chair Kevin Kramer (R-11)
Committee Member Donna Purvis (D-5)
Committee Member Paula McCraney (D-7)
Committee Member Bill Hollander (D-9)
Committee Member Rick Blackwell (D-12)
Committee Member Mark Fox (D-13)
Committee Member Cindi Fowler (D-14)
Committee Member Scott Reed (R-16)
Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20)
Committee Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

5:00 PM

Council Chambers/Virtual

Call to Order

Chair Person Ackerson called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Roll Call

Chair Person Ackerson introduced the committee members and non-committee members present. A quorum was established.

NOTE: All committee members and non-committee members attended the meeting virtually, except Chair Person Ackerson, Vice Chair Kramer, Committee Member Hollander, Committee Member Reed, and Council Member Piagentini, who attended in Chambers.

- Present:** 9 - Committee Member Donna L. Purvis (D-5), Committee Member Paula McCraney (D-7), Committee Member Bill Hollander (D-9), Vice Chair Kevin Kramer (R-11), Committee Member Mark H. Fox (D-13), Committee Member Cindi Fowler (D-14), Committee Member Scott Reed (R-16), Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20), and Chair Brent Ackerson (D-26)
- Excused:** 2 - Committee Member Rick Blackwell (D-12), and Council Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council President David James (D-6) and Council Member Anthony Piagentini (R-19)

Support Staff

Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
Alice Lyon, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

Clerk(s)

Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk

Sonya Harward, Clerk

Pending Legislation

1. [AP061521JD](#)

APPOINTMENT OF JAN DAY TO THE TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF RIVER CITY (TARC) BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES MARCH 31, 2024)

Attachments: [APT Transit Authority of River City \(TARC\) Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Jan Day 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Transit Authority of River City Board \(TARC\) 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Current Board - Transit Authority of River City Board \(TARC\) 06.07.21.pdf](#)

This item was held in Committee.

2. [AP061521AB](#)

APPOINTMENT OF ANDY BIANCO TO THE KENTUCKIANA WORKS - GREATER LOUISVILLE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 17, 2024)

Attachments: [APT Kentuckiana Works - Greater Louisville Workforce Development Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Andy Bianco 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Kentuckiana Works - Greater Louisville Workforce Development Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Current Kentuckiana Works - Greater Louisville Workforce Development Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Hollander, seconded by Committee Member Purvis, that this Appointment be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Andy Bianco, Appointee

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is filling a proscribed seat on the board.
- This appointee is representing Ford Motor Company.
- The appointee has been in the automotive industry for over 30 years.
- The appointee is excited and honored to serve on the board.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Appointment was sent to the Consent Calendar.

3. [RP061521JM](#)

REAPPOINTMENT OF DR. JOSEPHINE MEI TO THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT. (TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2024)

Attachments: [APT Air Pollution Control District Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Josephine Mei 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Air Pollution Control District Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Current Board - Air Pollution Control District Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Hollander, seconded by Committee Member Fowler, that this Reappointment be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Dr. Josephine Mei, Appointee
- Committee Member McCraney

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is a physician with Norton Healthcare.
- The appointee has practiced in the downtown area for over 25 years.
- The appointee is a District 7 resident.
- The appointee is eager to continue to serve on the board to research air pollutants and green house gases in the area.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Reappointment was sent to the Consent Calendar.

4. [AP061521RC](#)

APPOINTMENT OF REBECCA COX TO THE METROPOLITAN SEWER DISTRICT (MSD) BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES AUGUST 31, 2023)

Attachments: [APT Metropolitan Sewer District \(MSD\) Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Rebecca Cox 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Metropolitan Sewer District Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Current Board - Metropolitan Sewer District Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Purvis, seconded by Committee Member Reed, that this Appointment be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Rebecca Cox, Appointee
- Committee Member Reed

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is replacing a long term board member.
- This appointee has a background in civil engineering and construction.
- The appointee was previously a waste water engineer.
- The appointee is a District 21 resident.
- There were several questions regarding if the appointee had served on a Tier A board.
- There were several questions regarding the appointee's potential board responsibilities.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Appointment was sent to the Consent Calendar.

5. [AP061521PM](#)

APPOINTMENT OF PATRICK MACDONALD TO THE LOUISVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES JULY 15, 2025)

Attachments: [APT Louisville Regional Airport Authority Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Patrick MacDonald 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Louisville Regional Airport Authority 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Current Board - Louisville Regional Airport Authority 06.07.21.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Reed, seconded by Committee Member Hollander, that this Appointment be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Patrick MacDonald, Appointee

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is a self employed private equity investor.
- This appointee is a District 8 resident.
- The appointee is replacing an outgoing long-term board member.
- The appointee is the acting Vice Chair of the board.
- The appointee is a private pilot on the Airport Authority board.
- The appointee currently sits on the finance and construction committees of the board.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Appointment was sent to the Consent Calendar.

6. [RP061521LS](#)

REAPPOINTMENT OF LESA SEIBERT TO THE LOUISVILLE REGIONAL AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES JULY 15, 2025)

Attachments: [APT Louisville Regional Airport Authority Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Lesa Seibert 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Louisville Regional Airport Authority 06.07.21 \(2\).pdf](#)

[Current Board - Louisville Regional Airport Authority 06.07.21 \(2\).pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Purvis, seconded by Committee Member Reed, that this Reappointment be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office

The following was discussed:

- This the final term that the appointee may serve.
- The appointee is a business owner and Chief Operating Officer.
- This appointee is a District 18 resident.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Reappointment was sent to the Consent Calendar.

7. [AP061521SA](#)

APPOINTMENT OF SHERRYL ANDERSON TO THE POLICE MERIT BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES JUNE 1, 2022)

Attachments: [APT Police Merit Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Sherryl Anderson 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Police Merit Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Current Board - Police Merit Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Reed, seconded by Committee Member Hollander, that this Appointment be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Dr. Sherryl Anderson, Appointee

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is a retired Jefferson County Public School educator.
- This appointee is a District 10 resident.
- The appointee is replacing an outgoing board member.
- The appointee is an advocate for students.
- The appointee has served on several boards.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Appointment was sent to the Consent Calendar.

8. [RP061521TH](#)

REAPPOINTMENT OF TRAVIS HATCHELL TO THE POLICE MERIT BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES JUNE 1, 2025)

Attachments: [APT Police Merit Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Travis Hatchell 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Police Merit Board 06.07.21 \(2\).pdf](#)

[Current Board - Police Merit Board 06.07.21 \(2\).pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Reed, seconded by Committee Member Hollander, that this Reappointment be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Travis Hatchell, Appointee

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is the Vice Chair for the board.
- This appointee was appointed in 2019.
- The appointee is a District 1 resident.
- The appointee is a safety and security manager with Metropolitan Sewer District (MSD).
- The appointee is a former law enforcement trainer with the Louisville Metro Police Department.
- The appointee is Louisville Metro Police Department retiree.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Reappointment was sent to the Consent Calendar.

9. [AP061521TK](#)

APPOINTMENT OF THOMAS KINDERMAN TO THE CAMP TAYLOR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2024)

Attachments: [APT Camp Taylor Fire Protection District Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Thomas Kinderman 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Camp Taylor Fire Protection District 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Current Board - Camp Taylor Fire Protection District 06.07.21.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Reed, seconded by Committee Member Hollander, that this Appointment be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is replacing a board member that has reached their final term.
- This appointee is a District 10 resident.
- The appointee is eager to serve on the Camp Taylor Fire and Protection Board.
- The appointee is a retired Certified Public Accountant.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Appointment was sent to the Consent Calendar.

10. [RP061521JT](#)

REAPPOINTMENT OF JAMES TAYLOR TO THE PLEASURE RIDGE PARK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2024)

Attachments: [APT Pleasure Ridge Park Fire Protection District Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)
[James Taylor 06.07.21.pdf](#)
[Applicants for Board - PRP Fire Protection District Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)
[Current Board - PRP Fire Protection District Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Reed, seconded by Committee Member Hollander, that this Reappointment be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office

The following was discussed:

- This will be the appointee's final term on the board.
- This appointee is a Kentucky State Disability Examiner.
- The appointee is a District 12 resident.
- The appointee is the current board Chair.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Reappointment was sent to the Consent Calendar.

11. [RP061521DL](#)

REAPPOINTMENT OF DUANE LIGHTFOOT, SR. TO THE JEFFERSONTOWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2024)

Attachments: [APT Jeffersontown Fire Protection District Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)
[Duane Lightfoot, Sr. 06.07.21.pdf](#)
[Applicants for Board - Jeffersontown Fire Protection District Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)
[Current Board - Jeffersontown Fire Protection District Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Fox, seconded by Vice Chair Kramer, that this Reappointment be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Duane Lightfoot Jr., Appointee

The following was discussed:

- The appointee was originally appointed in 2018.
- This appointee is a retiree.
- The appointee is a District 11 resident.
- The appointee has over 40 years experience as a business owner.
- The appointee has served on several boards.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Reappointment was sent to the Consent Calendar.

12. [RP061521SP](#)

REAPPOINTMENT OF SUSAN PIERCE TO THE FERN CREEK FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2024)

Attachments: [APT Fern Creek Fire Protection District Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Susan Pierce 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Fern Creek Fire Protection District Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Current Board - Fern Creek Fire Protection District Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Reed, seconded by Committee Member Hollander, that this Reappointment be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Susan Pierce, Appointee

The following was discussed:

- This will be the final term for this appointee.
- This appointee is a comptroller with Republic Services.
- The appointee is a District 22 resident.
- The appointee is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA).

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Reappointment was sent to the Consent Calendar.

13. [RP061521JJ](#)

REAPPOINTMENT OF JONATHAN JARRELL TO THE ANCHORAGE MIDDLETOWN FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2024)

Attachments: [APT Anchorage Middletown Fire Protection District Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)
[Jonathan Jarrell 06.07.21.pdf](#)
[Applicants for Board - Anchorage and Middletown FPD 06.07.21.pdf](#)
[Current Board - Anchorage and Middletown FPD 06.07.21.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Reed, seconded by Committee Member Fox, that this Reappointment be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is a District 16 resident.
- The appointee is a retiree.
- The appointee was first appointed in 2019.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Reappointment was sent to the Consent Calendar.

14. [RP061521MB](#)

REAPPOINTMENT OF MARSHALL BRADLEY, JR. TO THE ST. MATTHEWS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2024)

Attachments: [APT St. Matthews Fire Protection District Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)
[Marshall Bradley, Jr. 06.07.21.pdf](#)
[Applicants for Board - St. Matthews Fire Protection District 06.07.21.pdf](#)
[Current Board - St. Matthews Fire Protection District 06.07.21.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Reed, seconded by Committee Member Hollander, that this Reappointment be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office

The following was discussed:

- This is the final term for this appointee.
- The appointee is a District 26 resident.
- The appointee is the president of the Lincoln Foundation.
- The appointee was originally appointed in 2013.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Reappointment was sent to the Consent Calendar.

15. [RP061521LH](#)

REAPPOINTMENT OF LARRY HICKS TO THE FAIRDALE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2024)

Attachments: [APT Fairdale Fire Protection District Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Larry Hicks 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Fairdale Fire Protection Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

[Current Board - Fairdale Fire Protection Board 06.07.21.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Reed, seconded by Committee Member Hollander, that this Reappointment be recommended for approval.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Larry Hicks, Appointee

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is a retired development manager.
- The appointee is a District 13 resident.
- The appointee is currently the Chair of the Fairdale Fire Protection Board.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Reappointment was sent to the Consent Calendar.

Special Discussion

16. [ID 21-0097](#)

SPECIAL DISCUSSION: TRANSIT AUTHORITY OF RIVER CITY (TARC) INVESTIGATION

Attachments: [TARC - Transmittal Letter to President James.pdf](#)

[TARC Investigation - EXHIBIT 19 FINAL.pdf](#)

[TARC Investigation FINAL EXHIBITS.pdf](#)

[TARC Investigation Final Report 5-10-21.pdf](#)

[GOAC Prez.pdf](#)

[TARC Cooperative Timeline - M.Golden 2020.pdf](#)

[TARC Timeline - D.Beyer 2020.pdf](#)

The Transit Authority of River City (TARC) Board Members answered questions and gave updates regarding the hiring and termination of former Executive Director Ferdinand Risco.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Carrie Butler, Transit Authority of River City (TARC)
- Council Member Piagentini
- John Launius, Transit Authority of River City (TARC)
- Charles "Chuck" Rogers, Transit Authority of River City (TARC)
- JC Stites, Transit Authority of River City (TARC)
- Carla Dearing, Transit Authority of River City (TARC)
- Committee Member Purvis
- Committee Member Fox
- Committee Member Reed
- Council President James
- Vice Chair Kramer
- Committee Member Hollander
- Committee Member McCraney
- Committee Member Fowler

The following was discussed:

- There was a discussion regarding the inaction of the Transit Authority of River City (TARC) board members in reaction to the behavior of former Executive Director Ferdinand Risco.
- There was a discussion regarding the Transit Authority of River City's (TARC) policy and procedures being ill-equipped to address current sexual harassment standards and safeguards.
- There was a discussion that the Transit Authority of River City (TARC) is endeavoring to be a more transparent entity.
- There was a discussion regarding the improvements made to the Transit Authority of River City's (TARC) board, such as creating sub-committees, establishing an employee Code of Conduct, updating the employee handbook, and restructuring the Office of Diversity and Inclusion.

- There was a discussion regarding recent changes to the Transit Authority of River City's (TARC) structure, such as the Office of the General Counsel, as well as, establishing an employee tip line and reviewing the Procurement/Purchasing Department for additional oversight on travel and spending.
- There were several questions regarding whether the Transit Authority of River City's (TARC) Human Resources systems are antiquated in terms of sexual harassment policies.
- There were several questions regarding whether Transit Authority of River City's (TARC) senior leadership reacted appropriately in response to the behavior of the former Executive Director.
- There was a discussion regarding the former Transit Authority of River City (TARC) Executive Director creating a hostile work environment in which employee's feared retaliation.
- There was a discussion regarding the accuracy of the Transit Authority of River City's (TARC) investigative report versus the Metro Council's investigative report.
- There was a recommendation to implement suggested recommendations detailed in the Metro Council's investigative report.
- There was a discussion regarding the third-party entity enlisted to report anonymous tip line allegations and complaints.
- There were several questions regarding why there seemed to be no oversight enforced by the board members during the former Transit Authority of River City's (TARC) Executive Director's actions and behavior.
- There was a discussion regarding whether Transit Authority of River City's (TARC) board members were made aware of the former Executive Director's harassment and abuse of power allegations.
- There was a discussion regarding the role the Transit Authority of River City's (TARC) leadership should have with board functions and activities.
- There were several questions regarding whether Transit Authority of River City's (TARC) board members present during the former Executive Director's tenure will be resigning.
- There were several questions regarding why the Assistant Executive Director for the Transit Authority of River City (TARC) is still employed after his inaction during the former Executive Director's actions and behavior.
- There was a discussion regarding other senior leadership at the Transit Authority of River City (TARC) that displayed inaction during the former Executive Director's actions and behavior.
- There were several questions regarding measures to build and boost morale for the employees of the Transit Authority of River City (TARC).
- There were several questions regarding whether an audit of the agency has been conducted.
- There were several questions regarding whether the Transit Authority of River City's (TARC) leadership expressed concerns about the level of travel and spending of the former Executive Director.
- There was a discussion regarding the accountability of both the Transit Authority of River City's (TARC) board members, as well as the former Executive Director.
- There were several questions regarding whether the Transit Authority of River City's (TARC) board members understand their responsibilities and role for the agency.
- There were several questions regarding the Transit Authority of River City (TARC) current budget and discretionary spending.

- There were several questions regarding what policies and safeguards have been implemented to prevent similar travel and spending infractions going forward.
- There were several questions regarding linking the anonymous employee tip line to the Transit Authority of River City's (TARC) web site.
- There were several questions regarding whether the Transit Authority of River City's (TARC) senior leadership has conducted or will conduct follow up investigations with employees and witnesses.
- There were several questions regarding whether the Transit Authority of River City's (TARC) Assistant Executive Director is an "At-Will" employee.
- There was a discussion regarding a review of all leadership positions.
- There were several questions regarding whether an outside entity would investigate any allegations that are reported via the anonymous employee tip line.
- There were several questions regarding recent large scale purchases.
- There were several questions regarding the threshold that the current Executive Director of the Transit Authority of River City (TARC) would use to terminate an employee.
- There was a discussion regarding Fair Employment Practices when conducting any employee investigations and confirming allegations.
- There were several questions regarding the role of the Transit Authority of River City's (TARC) Human Resources Director and his role in reviewing past, present, and creating future employment policies.
- There were several questions regarding whether the Transit Authority of River City's (TARC) board members are receiving reports from the anonymous employee tip line to review allegations and complaints.
- There was a discussion regarding the newest platforms of communication that the Transit Authority of River City (TARC) is making available to all employees.
- There were several questions regarding whether the Transit Authority of River City's (TARC) board members would investigate the allegations against the Assistant Executive Director.
- There was a discussion regarding restoring the trust of the employees of the Transit Authority of River City (TARC).
- There was a discussion regarding encouraging the Transit Authority of River City's (TARC) board members to read the Metro Council's Investigative Report.

17. [ID 21-0098](#)

SPECIAL DISCUSSION: PURSUANT TO ORDER 003, SERIES 2020, TO INVESTIGATE THE ACTIONS AND INACTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION SURROUNDING THE DEATH OF BREONNA TAYLOR, THE DEATH OF DAVID MCATEE, AND RELATED PROTESTS IN LOUISVILLE METRO

Attachments: [OR.003.2020.pdf](#)

Adjournment

Without objection, Chair Person Ackerson adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m.

*NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar or Old Business will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on June 24, 2021.