



# Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street  
Louisville, KY 40202

## Action Summary - Tentative Government Oversight and Audit Committee

*Chair Person Brent Ackerson (D-26)*  
*Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19)*  
*Committee Member Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4)*  
*Committee Member Donna Purvis (D-5)*  
*Committee Member Brandon Coan (D-8)*  
*Committee Member Bill Hollander (D-9)*  
*Committee Member Kevin Kramer (R-11)*  
*Committee Member Rick Blackwell (D-12)*  
*Committee Member Cindi Fowler (D-14)*  
*Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20)*  
*Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)*

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Tuesday, February 11, 2020

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

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### Call to Order

Chair Person Ackerson called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

### Roll Call

Chair Person Ackerson introduced the Committee Members present and a quorum was established.

Committee Member Fowler arrived at 5:11 p.m.

Committee Member Benson departed at 5:31 p.m.

**Present:** 10 - Chair Person Brent Ackerson (D-26), Vice Chair Anthony Piagentini (R-19), Committee Member Donna L. Purvis (D-5), Committee Member Brandon Coan (D-8), Committee Member Bill Hollander (D-9), Committee Member Kevin Kramer (R-11), Committee Member Rick Blackwell (D-12), Committee Member Cindi Fowler (D-14), Committee Member Stuart Benson (R-20), and Committee Member Madonna Flood (D-24)

**Excused:** 1 - Committee Member Barbara Sexton Smith (D-4)

### Support Staff

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office

### Clerk(s)

Lisa Franklin Gray, Assistant Clerk

## Pending Legislation

1. [AP021120WB](#)

**APPOINTMENT OF WILLIAM BOCKOVEN TO THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD. TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2020**

**Attachments:** [APT Air Pollution Control District 010920.pdf](#)

[William Bockoven 01.06.20.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Air Pollution Control District Board 01.06.20.pdf](#)

[Current Board - Air Pollution Control District Board 01.06.20.pdf](#)

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

Vice Chair Piagentini asked Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office, if she would give some background information to the committee on why this appointee was selected for appointment to this board.

Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office, stated that the appointee was recommended for appointment due to his experience with heat islands. She stated that his experience would be of benefit to the Air Pollution Control District Board. She further stated that this recommendation was also part of an effort to get the board into political balance.

Vice Chair Piagentini asked what is the appointee's political affiliation.

Althea Jackson stated that the appointee is a Republican and that she is attempting to get the board back into political balance.

Vice Chair Piagentini asked what Metro Council district the appointee lives in.

Althea Jackson stated the appointee lives in district 16.

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

2. [RP021120JB](#)

**REAPPOINTMENT OF JOYCE BURCH TO THE AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST FUND BOARD. TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 31, 2022.**

**Attachments:** [APT Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board 010920.pdf](#)

[Joyce Burch 01.06.20.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board 01.06.20.pdf](#)

[Current Board - Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board 01.06.20.pdf](#)

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

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

3. [AP021120RB](#)

**APPOINTMENT OF RICHARD BUSH TO THE COMMISSION FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES. TERM EXPIRES DECEMBER 12, 2023.**

**Attachments:** [APT Commission for Persons with Disabilities 010920.pdf](#)

[Richard Bush 01.06.20.pdf](#)

[Applicants - Commission for Persons with Disabilities - 01.06.20.pdf](#)

[Current Board - Commission for Persons with Disabilities 01.06.20.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Fowler, seconded by Vice Chair Piagentini, that this Appointment be recommended for approval.

Vice Chair Piagentini asked the appointee to explain his basis of interest for serving on the board and why he had applied.

Richard Bush, Appointee, spoke to the appointment stating that he has been involved in the area of disabilities for close to thirty years. He stated that he is an attorney and a founder of the parent group - Down Syndrome of Louisville. He also stated that he has served on the Council of Developmental Disabilities and Dreams with Wings and a number of other organizations.

Chair Person Ackerson commended Down Syndrome of Louisville for its work and national recognition.

Committee Member Coan thanked the appointee for his service and stated that he also sits on the Commission for Persons with Disabilities along with Council Member Reed. He stated that he looks forward to working with the appointee. He further stated he wanted to commend Dreams with Wings, a District 8 based organization for all the work it has done.

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

4. [AP021120CD](#)

**APPOINTMENT OF CARLA DEARING TO THE TARC BOARD. TERM EXPIRES  
AUGUST 31, 2022.**

**Attachments:** [APT TARC Board 010920.pdf](#)

[Carla Dearing 01.06.20.pdf](#)

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

[Current Board - Transit Authority of River City Board 01.06.20.pdf](#)

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

Carla Dearing, Appointee, spoke to the item stating that she believes her experience and background in finance and technology would make her an ideal candidate for the appointment.

Vice Chair Piagentini stated that he agreed with the appointee and that Metro wants to see TARC as sustainable as possible from a fiscal point of view and the appointee's background could assist with that. He also stated that technology is changing transportation efforts and to see technology leveraged on a broader level through public transportation would be tremendous. He thanked the appointee for serving and added that he hoped the appointee would be able to aid in the current TARC 3 transition challenges.

Carla Dearing stated that she is happy to contribute to the board.

Committee Member Hollander stated that he supports the appointment. He also stated that the Public Works Committee had addressed the TARC 3 transition. He stated that the committee would further discuss TARC's ideas for mobility as a service. He stated that the primary goal is to integrate other ride opportunities. He further stated that TARC has a Federal match grant opportunity in the amount of \$4 million dollars. He stated that he and other members are addressing the Kentucky General Assembly in Frankfort to capture the match funds for TARC to receive the grant. He encouraged other members to join in this effort.

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

5. [AP021120NP](#)

**APPOINTMENT OF NAOMIROSE PAULIN TO THE REVENUE COMMISSION BOARD.  
TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 1, 2022.**

**Attachments:** [APT Revenue Commission 020620.pdf](#)

[NaomiRose Paulin 02.03.20.pdf](#)

[Applicants - Revenue Commission 02.03.20.pdf](#)

[Current Board - Revenue Commission 02.03.20.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Piagentini, seconded by Committee Member Benson, that this Appointment be recommended for approval.

Vice Chair Piagentini asked Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office, about the makeup of the Revenue Commission Board and the selection of the appointee.

Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office, stated that the Mayor has three appointments for the board and that there are also three ex officio appointees to the board. She also stated that the appointee was chosen due to her previous role as an Assistant Director of the Revenue Commission.

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

6. [AP021120JV](#)

**APPOINTMENT OF JOHN VICKERS TO THE OKOLONA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD. TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2023.**

**Attachments:** [APT Okolona Fire Protection 020620.pdf](#)

[John Vickers 02.03.20.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Okolona Fire Protection District Board 02.03.20.pdf](#)

[Current Okolona Fire Protection District Board 02.03.20.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Benson, seconded by Vice Chair Piagentini, that this Appointment be recommended for approval.

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

7. [AP021120EF](#)

**APPOINTMENT OF ERIC FRIGGLE TO THE KENTUCKIANA WORKS - GREATER LOUISVILLE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD. TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 8, 2021.**

**Attachments:** [APT Kentuckiana Works WKD 020620.pdf](#)

[Eric Friggle 02.03.20.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Kentuckiana Works - Greater Louisville Workforce Development Board 02.03.20.pdf](#)

[Current Kentuckiana Works - Greater Louisville Workforce Development Board 02.03.20.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Benson, seconded by Vice Chair Piagentini, that this Appointment be recommended for approval.

Vice Chair Piagentini asked Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office, to speak to the present recommendation for appointment and to give some background on the makeup of the board. He also stated that he believed that the next appointment to the same board was due to the appointee's role as the new President of Greater Louisville, Inc.

Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office, stated that many of the seats on this board are prescribed seats. She stated that the Chamber has a proscribed seat on the board, thus the next appointee has a prescribed seat on this board. She further stated that the present appointee will take the place of an appointee that has moved to another city. She stated the present appointee works for the same company as the former appointee and will assume that appointment to the board.

Vice Chair Piagentini asked about the district designation of the appointee and whether it was required to be a resident for this board.

Althea Jackson stated that it is not a requirement to be a resident for this board. She further stated that participation in this board is tied to the appointee's job position.

Chair Person Ackerson stated that this is a regional board.

Althea Jackson agreed with Chair Person Ackerson's statement.

Vice Chair Piagentini stated that while he understood that it is a regional board the company is based out of New Jersey.

Althea Jackson stated that the company has ties to the local community.

Vice Chair Piagentini asked Althea Jackson to explain the company's local ties.

Committee Member Coan stated that this company has thousands of employees in Louisville.

Committee Member Hollander stated that the company has multiple floors in

Meidinger Towers and is a vibrant company in the downtown area.

Althea Jackson stated that the appointee is the site manager for the Louisville operations.

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

8. [AP021120SD](#)

**APPOINTMENT OF SARAH DAVASHER-WISDOM TO THE KENTUCKIANA WORKS - GREATER LOUISVILLE WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD. TERM EXPIRES FEBRUARY 28, 2021.**

**Attachments:** [APT Kentuckiana Works WKD 020620.pdf](#)

[Sarah Davasher-Wisdom 02.03.20.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Kentuckiana Works - Greater Louisville Workforce Development Board \(2\) 02.03.20.pdf](#)

[Current Kentuckiana Works - Greater Louisville Workforce Development Board 02.03.20.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Benson, seconded by Vice Chair Piagentini, that this Appointment be recommended for approval.

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

9. [AP021120PS](#)

**APPOINTMENT OF PATRICIA SEITZ TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION. TERM EXPIRES OCTOBER 1, 2022.**

**Attachments:** [APT Planning Commission 020620.pdf](#)

[Patricia Seitz 02.03.20.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Planning Commission 02.03.20.pdf](#)

[Current Board - Planning Commission 02.03.20.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Benson, seconded by Vice Chair Piagentini, that this Appointment be recommended for approval.

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

10. [O-393-19](#)

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING § 10.99 OF THE LOUISVILLE METRO CODE OF ORDINANCES (LMCO) AND OTHER PENALTY SECTIONS OF LMCO FROM CHAPTERS 21, 32, 39, 53, 72, 73, 91, 93, 94, 115, 121, 125, 130, 131, 133, 134, 150, AND 156 TO UPDATE MISDEMEANOR PENALTIES TO CONFORM WITH PENALTIES SET FORTH IN THE KENTUCKY REVISED STATUTES (KRS).**

**Sponsors:** Primary Brent Ackerson (D-26)

**Attachments:** [O-393-19 V.1 112119 Amend LMCO 10.99.pdf](#)

[O-393-19 Discussion Questions.pdf](#)

[O-xxx-19 Amending Misdemeanor Penalties Ord sd-sjm 111519.docx](#)

A motion was made by Vice Chair Piagentini, seconded by Committee Member Fowler, that the Ordinance be untabled.

The motion to untable carried by a voice vote.

Chair Person Ackerson stated that Metro Government has not updated penalties and Code Violations for some time. He also stated that the committee's primary goal is to bring the violations and penalties into present day standards. He further stated that the primary goal of penalties is to deter behavior. He stated that the current fines and penalties do not adequately reflect the same as it did some thirty years ago. He stated that previously Sean Dennis, Jefferson County Attorney's Office, had stated that the Council could have an A and B option which included criminal penalties. He stated that option was currently before the Committee that would be more in line with current statutes. He also stated that the B option would be addressed by Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office, that would explain the delay in addressing the option due to transitions within the Jefferson County Attorney's Office. He stated that Hollie Hopkins would give a possible timeframe for the Committee to hear the B option at a later date.

Chair Person Ackerson asked if there was any further discussion or amendments on the item.

Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office, stated that she has been working with the law students enlisted by Sean Dennis. She stated that she would be working on option B to present to the Committee members in ten days to have an ordinance more in line with the Committee's intent.

Chair Person Ackerson stated that this option is a little more complicated as it includes several additional components and factors to consider.

The motion to recommend for approval carried by the following vote and the Ordinance was sent to the Consent Calendar:

## Special Discussion



11. [ID 20-0127](#)

**Appointment Reports - Council Clerk's Office (Sonya Harward, David Wagner, Lisa Franklin Gray) and Mayor's Office (Althea Jackson)**

**Attachments:** [Boards and Commissions Presentation.pdf](#)

Sonya Harward, Metro Council Clerk, Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office, David Wagner, Assistant Clerk, and Hollie Hopkins, Jefferson County Attorney's Office, gave a presentation to the Committee on the appointments process.

Sonya Harward stated that the presentation is to update the committee on how the information on appointees is obtained. She also stated that she wanted to update the committee on what information is available to the committee and who provides the information. She stated that there are two access points for boards and commission information, there is public access and limited access which is not available to the public. She then stated that there are two different systems of use between the Mayor's Office and the Metro Council Clerk's Office. She stated that the Mayor's Office uses the Granicus' public access platform, where the Metro Council Clerk's Office uses Legistar to update appointee information. She stated that Granicus is the company that provides the applications, where Legistar is the software used. She stated that the Metro Council uses Legistar to process and initiate legislation. She described the various applications that the Metro Council uses for processing, running meetings and sending notices. She stated that one platform of Legistar is Media Manager which has a boards and commissions portal. She further stated that the differences in terminology was one item to be clarified between the Mayor's and Metro Council Clerk's Office. She then stated that when information is uploaded into Legistar it is no longer confidential but available to the public. She stated that the information uploaded in this platform is the same information available to the Members in the system.

Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office, stated that the Media Manager portal is the platform that she uses to save data for appointees. She stated that this portal is where appointment applications are saved and that she runs her reports through this portal. She also stated that when applications are submitted they are routed to this portal.

Sonya Harward stated that the Metro Council Clerk's Office uses this portal to retrieve information. She stated that the Clerks should not change any information in this portal. She stated that there are several options available through this portal, such as accessing agenda information and a calendar of all meetings as well as legislation. She also stated that under the Mayor's Office Boards and Commissions web site there is a great deal of information provided.

Althea Jackson stated that the Boards and Commissions site is a public interfacing web site. She stated that this site is available on the Louisvilleky.gov web site. She stated that an individual may access this site to review meeting minutes as well as a list of all the boards and commission along with vacancies. She stated that this site shows term expirations, statutory authority, the size of the board, term lengths, and how appointees are appointed. She gave an example showing the information on the Affordable Housing Board showing board details and the member roster. She

stated that the packet distributed to the committee shows the information that the committee had requested previously. She stated that the packet includes an example of an application for appointment. She then stated that in the application process a background and demographic check is conducted. She stated that when the committee receives the information it has been redacted due to Open Records. She stated that additionally the applicants are asked to submit a resume to accompany the application. She stated that the information packet distributed contains the information that she provides to the Metro Council Clerk's Office. She stated that this includes a signed appointment letter from the Mayor, a board detail sheet retrieved from the portal showing the board information, and a map showing the Council district for the appointee.

Sonya Harward stated that after this point, the information that Committee Members review has been uploaded by the assigned clerk to the committee, Lisa Franklin Gray. She stated that this information includes four attachments that consist of the appointment packet from the Mayor's Office, the redacted applicant resume, the current board members and the list of applicants. She stated that under legal advisement from the Jefferson County Attorney's Office some personal information such as home and email addresses, birth dates, and phone numbers are redacted for personal privacy. She asked the committee members if there is a request for any additional information needed to aid in reviewing the appointments.

Vice Chair Piagentini stated that both the Mayor's Office and Metro Council Clerk's Office have been very accommodating in offering information. He stated that he only had clarifying questions to new appointments and the decision making process. He stated that it is very helpful when new appointees are able to address the committee at committee meetings. He stated that he would like to see this effort to become a standard process going forward. He then thanked Althea Jackson and Sonya Harward for the presentation and giving clarity to the process.

**David B. Wagner, Metro Council Clerk's Office, took a point of personal privilege to express appreciation for NaomiRose Paulin, new appointment to the Revenue Commission Board.**

## **Adjournment**

Without objection, Chair Person Ackerson adjourned the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

**\*NOTE: Items sent to the Consent Calendar will be heard before the full Council at the Metro Council Meeting on February 20, 2020.**