



Louisville Metro Government

601 W. Jefferson Street
Louisville, KY 40202

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, July 20, 2021

5:00 PM

Council Chambers

THIS IS CONSIDERED A SPECIAL MEETING

Call to Order

Chair Person Ackerson called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m.

Roll Call

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

Present: 11 - 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 Rick Blackwell (D-12), 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), Council Member Amy Holton Stewart (D-25), and Chair Brent Ackerson (D-26)

Non-Committee Member(s)

Council President David James (D-6) and Council Member Robin Engel (R-22)

Support Staff

Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
Holly Hopkins, 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](#)

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Jan Day, Appointee
- Committee Member Purvis
- Vice Chair Kramer
- Committee Member Reed

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is the former Chief Executive Director of the Center for Accessible Living.
- The appointee is the former Director for Big Brothers and Big Sisters of America.
- The appointee will fill a seat of a member who has reached their term limit.
- The appointee resides in southern Indiana, and per Jefferson County Attorney opinion is eligible to serve as Transit Authority of River City (TARC) board member as the agency provides service to southern Indiana.
- There was a discussion regarding expectations for better board leadership and oversight.
- There was a discussion regarding inviting TARC board members and Executive Director to attend an upcoming Committee meeting.
- The appointee was commended for her work in the disabled community.
- There were several questions regarding the appointee's experience with TARC 3 as the former Chief Executive Officer of the Center for Accessible Living.
- There was a discussion regarding the need to find dependable drivers that are trained to assist riders with disabilities.
- There were several questions regarding oversight of the TARC agency budget.
- There were questions regarding the appointee assisting with the Committee for Person's with Disabilities and share her experience.

The motion carried by a voice vote and the Appointment was sent to Old Business.

2. [AP072021TM](#)

APPOINTMENT OF TROY MILES TO THE WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES JULY 31, 2025)

Attachments: [APT Waterfront Development Corporation Board 06.21.21.pdf](#)
[Troy Miles 06.21.21.pdf](#)
[Applicants for Waterfront Development Corporation Board 06.21.21.pdf](#)
[Current Waterfront Development Corporation Board 06.21.21.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Fowler, 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
- Troy Miles, Appointee

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is a District 25 resident.
- The appointee is replacing a board member that has resigned.
- The appointee is a University of Louisville graduate.
- The appointee works for Word Media Group and has experience in fundraising, sales, and marketing.
- The appointee's background in communication made him an ideal candidate for the board.

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

3. [AP072021KD](#)

APPOINTMENT OF KATY DELAHANTY TO THE WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES JULY 31, 2022)

Attachments: [APT Waterfront Development Corporation Board 06.21.21.pdf](#)
[Katy Delahanty 06.21.21.pdf](#)
[Applicants for Waterfront Development Corporation Board 06.21.21 \(2\).pdf](#)
[Current Waterfront Development Corporation Board 06.21.21.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Fowler, seconded by Committee Member Benson, 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 the Executive Director for the Portland Museum.
- This appointee is a District 5 resident.
- The appointee has previously worked with the Louisville Visual Art Association.
- The appointee is replacing a board member that resigned.

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

4. [AP072021DN](#)

APPOINTMENT OF DALE NASON TO THE HIGHVIEW FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES JUNE 30, 2024).

Attachments: [APT Highview Fire Protection District Board 06.21.21.pdf](#)
[Dale Nason 06.21.21.pdf](#)
[Applicants for Board - Highview Fire Protection District Board 06.21.21.pdf](#)
[Current Board - Highview Fire Protection District Board 06.21.21.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Dale Nason, Appointee

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is a retired chemist.
- This appointee is a District 23 resident.
- The appointee often volunteers with the Highview Fire and Protection District Board.
- The appointee is eager to serve on the board.
- The appointee has previously served on the City of Springmill City Council.

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

5. [AP072021KS](#)

APPOINTMENT OF DR. KARAN SHAH TO THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ADVOCACY BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES SEPTEMBER 30, 2022)

Attachments: [APT Human Relations Advocacy Board 06.21.21.pdf](#)
[Dr. Karan Shah 06.21.21.pdf](#)
[Applicants for Board - Human Relations Advocacy Board 06.21.21.pdf](#)
[Current Board - Human Relations Advocacy Board 06.21.21.pdf](#)

A motion was made by Committee Member Benson, 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
- Karan Shah, Appointee
- Committee Member Reed

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is replacing a board member that resigned.
- This appointee is a physician with Baptist Health of Louisville.
- The appointee is a District 22 resident.
- The appointee is eager to serve.
- The appointee has spent summers in Louisville since 2008 as his parents immigrated to the area.
- The appointee hopes to serve to help heal the community.
- There was a question regarding the type of medicine the appointee practices.

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

6. [AP072021JJ](#)

**APPOINTMENT OF JOHN JEFFRIES TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD.
(TERM EXPIRES JANUARY 31, 2024)**

Attachments: [APT Redevelopment Authority Board 06.21.21.pdf](#)

[John Jeffries 06.21.21.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Redevelopment Authority Board 06.21.21.pdf](#)

[Current Board - Redevelopment Authority Board 06.21.21.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- John Jeffries, Appointee

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is a District 3 resident.
- This appointee is the Past President of the Machinist Union with BAE Systems and Raytheon employees.
- The appointee is a retiree from the United States Naval Ordnance station in Louisville Metro.
- The appointee is familiar with many individuals currently serving on the board and seeks to assist in working toward its goals.
- The appointee sits on the Shively Code Enforcement Board.
- 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.

7. [AP072021SB](#)

APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT BRINKMAN TO THE REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY BOARD. (TERM EXPIRES JANUARY 31, 2024)

Attachments: [APT Redevelopment Authority Board 06.21.21.pdf](#)

[Scott Brinkman 06.21.21.pdf](#)

[Applicants for Board - Redevelopment Authority Board 06.21.21 \(2\).pdf](#)

[Current Board - Redevelopment Authority Board 06.21.21.pdf](#)

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

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Althea Jackson, Mayor's Office
- Scott Brinkman, Appointee
- Committee Member McCraney

The following was discussed:

- The appointee is an attorney with Brinkman and Associates.
- This appointee is resident of District 7.
- The appointee is a former Secretary of the Executive Cabinet for former Governor Matt Bevin.
- The appointee is a former State Representative that represented the 32nd District.
- The appointee is familiar with the former Naval Ordnance and now Greater Louisville Technology Park.
- The appointee was commended for his willingness to serve.

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

Special Discussion

8. [ID 21-0824](#)

SPECIAL DISCUSSION: DISCUSSION WITH HUMAN RESOURCES PERSONNEL ON TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Chief Erika Shields, Louisville Metro Police Department, Ernestine Booth Henry, Louisville Metro Human Resources, and Adrienne Henderson, Louisville Metro Human Resources, answered questions and regarding the recent investigation/inquiry process of a Louisville Metro Police Major.

The following spoke to this item:

- Chair Person Ackerson
- Chief Erika Shields
- Ernestine Booth Henry

- Adrienne Henderson
- Committee Member McCraney
- Council President James
- Committee Member Fox
- Committee Member Fowler
- Committee Member Reed
- Committee Member Purvis

The following was discussed:

- There were several questions regarding the normal investigative process when a complaint is lodged.
- There was a discussion regarding the differences of disciplinary actions for merit board positions and at will positions.
- Chief Shields stated she had contacted the subject of the inquiry personally to ascertain the activities that had transpired.
- Chief Shields stated she communicated her findings with the Mayor.
- Chief Shields stated that the subject had contacted Metro Human Resources to make some inquiries regarding procedures.
- There was a discussion regarding the Metro Council receiving notice about the investigation via the media rather than direct communication.
- There was a discussion regarding why Metro Human Resources conducted the factual inquiry rather than the Louisville Metro Police Department.
- There was a discussion regarding the length of time investigations may span and the lack of transparency in investigations.
- There was a discussion regarding what the procedures are for investigations of employees and what is the expectation of documentation.
- There was a discussion regarding a verbal request for an inquiry and verbal fact finding rather than written documentation.
- There was a discussion that the inquiry was conducted verbally to expedite the process of fact finding.
- There was a discussion regarding the responsibilities of the compliance unit/team.
- There was a discussion regarding the fact that the subject confirmed that the allegations were substantiated.
- There were several questions regarding the context of how the situation transpired.
- There was a discussion regarding revising training efforts and being cautious in disciplining earnest officers moving forward.
- There was a discussion regarding the lack of investigation and documentation in this inquiry.
- There were several questions regarding when the offense occurred and when the Metro Human Resources investigation occurred.
- The span of time from offense to investigation was May 20 through May 21.
- There were several questions regarding who voiced complaints to prompt the investigation.
- There were several questions regarding whom Metro Human Resources spoke to regarding what had transpired.
- There were several questions regarding documentation that has not been provided for an Open Records request to the media.
- There were several questions regarding the transparency of the Louisville Metro Police Department.
- There were several commendations to Chief Shields for her leadership.

- There was a discussion regarding the fact that appointed leadership and/or at-will positions serve at the discretion of the Chief of the Louisville Metro Police Department.
- There were several questions regarding a monitor in the classroom at this incident that may have prompted the investigation.
- There was a discussion regarding officer/personnel retention within the Louisville Metro Police Department.
- There were several questions regarding whether personnel were instructed not to document this inquiry in writing.
- There was a discussion regarding whether this incident might cause problems with transparency for the Louisville Metro Police Department in the future.
- There were several questions regarding whether there is an established process for disciplining appointed personnel.

9. [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](#)

10. [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 6:34 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 July 29, 2021.