

ALLEGHENY COUNTY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING

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BEFORE:

Patrick Catena	-	President, District 4
Robert J. Macey	-	Vice-President, District 9
Samuel DeMarco, III	-	Council-at-Large
Bethany Hallam	-	Council-at-Large
Jack Betkowski		District 1
Suzanne Filiaggi	-	District 2
Anita Prizio	-	District 3
Tom Duerr	-	District 5
John F. Palmiere	-	District 6
Nicholas Futules	-	District 7
Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis	-	District 8
DeWitt Walton	-	District 10
Paul Klein	-	District 11
Robert Palmosina	-	District 12

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IN ATTENDANCE:

Jared Barker - Director, Legislative Services
Jack Cambest - Solicitor

PRESIDENT CATENA: Good evening, everyone. I'd like to call this meeting of Allegheny County Council to order. Please rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

(Pledge of Allegiance.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Please remain standing for a moment of silent prayer or reflection. Yesterday we lost a great friend of Labor, so I kindly ask you to keep Jack Shea in your prayers along with his family. Thank you.

(Moment of Silence.)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. Please be seated. Jared, please take roll.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?
Mr. Betkowski?

MR. BETKOWSKI: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?
Mr. Duerr?
Ms. Filiaggi.

MS. FILIAGGI: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?
Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Here.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Here.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: Here.

MR. BARKER: President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Here.

MR. BARKER: We have 10 members

present.

MR. DEMARCO: Councilman DeMarco is here as well.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco is reported that he's here. That's 11 members present.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. We'll have proclamations and certificates.

12406-22.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing Bob Pompeani on his 40 years with KDKA, sponsored by Councilmember Macey and all of the members of Council.

MR. MACEY: Anybody on council would join me up at the podium, they're more than welcome.

Well, it's certainly my honor and privilege to recognize a gentleman that I've been watching for many, many years on KDKA. I don't know because I watch him everyday, but the guy doesn't seem to age.

MR. POMPEANI: Makeup. Plenty of makeup.

MR. MACEY: And consider 40 years. Now, I worked at a steel mill and if you reached 40 years, that was quite the attainment, and you go on pension, you live your life. But 40 years today, many, many people - it's rare that someone puts 40 years in their occupation.

So - and you know, I use a benchmark of 25 years. If you reach 25 years in anything that you do, if you reach certain accomplishments, I think you should be recognized. And in this case, we're going to recognize a fellow that I think everybody knows, and if you don't, that's your fault. Simple as that.

This proclamation is filled with a lot of information and awards that Mr. Pompeani had received. But I'm going to cut to the chase and I'm going to -.

(WHEREUPON, AN OFF RECORD DISCUSSION WAS HELD.)

MR. MACEY: Like I said, there's a whole lot of accomplishments and lists of things that Bob Pompeani has done. But I'm going to cut to the chase. As I said whereas, Mr. Pompeani, a cherished member of his community, and makes up - makes it the mission to stay close to his local supporters. Outside of work, Mr. Pompeani is involved with numerous organizations. He is a board member for the American Heart Association, a cystic fibrosis foundation, Partners for Quality, Inc. And the Gift to the Kids, the World Foundation.

Also, Mr. Pompeani is on the executive committee for the Mario Lemieux foundation and has served as master of ceremonies for the Penguins at Your Service annual black tie dinner for 18 years.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that I, Allegheny County Councilmember Bob Macey, along with all of our other councilmembers, Sam DeMarco, Bethany Hallam, Jack Betkowski, Suzanne Filiaggi, Anita Prizio, Patrick Catena, Tom Duerr, John Palmieri, Nick Futules, Michelle Chapkis, Dewitt Walton and Paul Klein, Robert Palmosina and Olivia

Bennett do hereby recognize and do congratulate Mr. Bob Pompeani upon the occasion of his 40th anniversary at KDKA TV, and we commend him for all his accomplishments during his time in broadcasting, witness thereof and whatever.

But there again, it's about recognizing a man for his accomplishments and everything that he has done, not only in his work but in the community. And I know his family does a lot of things, too, but I don't want to get into that. But they're great. They're great people. They get involved in the community, and I wish more people would step up to the plate and help others.

Robert? Would you like to speak first?

MS. HALLAM: Oh, I do want to say one thing. One short thing.

So anybody who knows me knows I'm a big sports fan, right, and I grew up watching you my whole life. And it started off that was how I learned about sports was listening to you. And then when I was in certain rooms I would be regurgitating things I heard you say and hoping no one else in the room had heard you say those same things.

And then, you know, it developed into my own knowledge and love for sports, especially Pittsburgh sports. And then it grew into me watching you on TV and yelling at you and arguing you in my own home and saying no, that's not right, I know better. And so even though you may not have seen it, my respect for you goes back for as long as I remember. And I'm just so grateful that I get to be here today, serving my community, watching all the things you've done to serve yours and present you with this proclamation, so thank you. Thank you.

MR. MACEY: John? We'll get it straight.

MR. POMPEANI: John will be on the nightly sports call tonight. I guarantee it.

MR. PALMIERE: You heard it, folks. I got witnesses. I just wanted to comment, Bob not only is one of the most knowledgeable people by Pittsburgh and the sports community, but the thing that I respect the most about him is he's a class act. He always represents the class aspect of what's important in sports, what's important in programming, TV and so on. That's the key as far as I'm concerned. I have never seen Bob ever, ever not look the part, look - act as a gentleman all the time no matter where he was, no matter how many people were by

him. It's wonderful to have an opportunity here to congratulate him and be part of this tonight. Thank you.

MR. POMPEANI: I'm very flattered here to hear all of this. But I should tell you that, I live by mottos and my mother and father instilled in me one that I always talk about, and it's a simple one. It says it's nice to be important, it's more important to be nice. It's a simple thing, but it carries a lot of weight. If you talk to kids, and my kids have certainly heard that a million times, and anyone I talked to. That's the way it should go. So people say why did you get involved in sports, well, for me it's because I can talk a lot faster than I can run, number one. But I also had - when I was 17 years old, looking at a golf career, at least I thought so, I had open heart surgery for the first of two times after having strep throat, which is dangerous for kids. You should always get your throat cultured if you're a young man or woman out there. Make sure you do that. It affected my valves, I had to get valve replacement surgery and it was intense. And at that point, I didn't know what to do, but my father and mother always said there's a reason for this, and you have to channel your efforts.

So after going through a little why me moment of my life, I decided sports is where I wanted to be, so that's what I've done. And most importantly, despite all the stuff we get to do, the most important thing for me is to meet people, is to try to help people, because I know I've relied on a lot of people during my struggles with health issues or anything else. And if you can do that, you've made a big difference. This - whatever platform I have, it's certainly not as big as some people in this room or people in sports, but it's allowed me to help others through organizations I believe in.

Heart Association, first on the list because of my experiences. Cancer research I actually had cancer surgery as well three years ago. When you go through it, you understand what other people go through, you understand what they need. And also, a friend of mine, 31 years ago introduced me to some people, young kids who were mentally challenged, and we got involved in the golf tournament and for 31 years we raised money to help them at Partners for Quality, so - my father also once told me, I've never seen a hearse followed by a U-Haul, which is my reminder that you can't take stuff with you, what you can leave behind is certainly hopefully something good for

people to talk about for years to come. And if you can help people along the way, that to me is the most important thing.

So this - what's happened at KDKA - and I love working there, still do, still want to continue to do it, so don't think 40 years is going to lead me out the door here. I just - I want to thank them and thank you guys for recognizing me. I truly appreciate it and it's flattering to be here in this chamber, which I've seen a lot on television, but I've never been in, so thank you for having me today. I appreciate it.

MR. MACEY: We're going to get a picture.
(Photos were taken)

PRESIDENT CATENA: Jared, can you please let the record reflect that Councilman Futules and Councilwoman Prizio have joined us this evening?

MR. BARKER: And Mr. Duerr as well.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Oh, Mr. Duerr as well.

Sorry.

The remaining proclamations will be read into the record.

12407-22.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation congratulating Amy Palo from Cornell School District for being named Pennsylvania History Teacher of the year, sponsored by Councilmember Catena.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12408-22.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing Bishop Wade Jones' 50th Anniversary serving his congregation, sponsored by Councilmember Bennett.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12409-22.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation congratulating Father Sam Esposito on his retirement from being active clergy, sponsored by Councilmember Catena.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12410-22.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation congratulating John and Helen Vensak on the occasion of their 60th wedding anniversary, sponsored by Councilmember Palmiere.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12411-22.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation congratulating Michael and Sherry Finnerty on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary, sponsored by Councilmember Catena and all members of council.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12412-22.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation honoring Dr. Chenits Pettigrew, Jr. on the occasion of his 75th birthday, sponsored by Councilmember Bennett.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12413-22.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing the Borough of Rankin on the occasion of its 130th anniversary, sponsored by Councilmember Naccarati-Chapkis.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12414-22.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing the efforts of Robert Hamilton in his role helping veterans at Veterans Place, sponsored by Councilmember Catena and the county treasurer.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12415-22.

MR. BARKER: A proclamation recognizing South Fayette Township's annual community day, sponsored by Councilmember Catena.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Public comment on any of the agenda items this evening.

MR. BARKER: We have none on agenda items.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay. The approval of minutes.

12405-22.

MR. BARKER: A motion to approve the minutes of the May 24, 2022 regular meeting of Council.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is there a motion?

MR. PALMIERE: So moved.

MR. DUERR: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing no discussion, all those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(chorus of ayes)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed. The motion carries.

Presentation of appointments. Tonight we have four IPRB board member appointments that were first introduced back in March and April. All four have been interviewed by both the committee on appointment review and the special committee on IPRB applicants.

Because the terms of the board members must be staggered; however, the original appointments did not delineate specific terms for any nominee, and we had no idea which candidate would be recommended for each term. I know this sounds a bit confusing, but I'm going to turn it over to Chairman Klein to further describe the special committee process.

Chairman Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. After the special committee met last Thursday, it reached a unanimous consensus regarding the four candidates to recommend to the full council and recommended as well the term for each nominee.

Rather than having to amend all four of the original appointments to thread the terms in, the committee opted to introduce new appointments that include the appropriate terms, and these are what you see on the agenda tonight. So this is a procedural matter.

Because all four of these nominees have already been through the committee process, the vetting process and have each been recommended twice. There doesn't seem to be any reason to make them do this a third time, merely because their terms are now specified in their appointments. That is what we've changed.

In order to vote on them tonight; however, we have to first waive the rule of council that requires most appointments to be referred to committee before a final vote, and that is Article 4.A.7. So at this time, I am offering a motion to waive Article 4.A.7 of the rules of council. And I would also note that this motion will require a second and a roll call vote, as a two-thirds majority is required for passage of that.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing no discussion, Jared, please take a roll call vote.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to waive committee referral.

MR. BARKER:	Ms. Bennett?
	Mr. Betkowski?
MR. BETKOWSKI:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Duerr?
MR. DUERR:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Filiaggi.
MS. FILIAGGI:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Ms. Hallam?
MS. HALLAM:	Yes.
MR. BARKER:	Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?
MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?
MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, noes 0. With
one member absent. Motion to waive carries.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay.
12416-22.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Lynn Banaszak to the Independent Police Review Board for a term to expire on August 31st, 2023, sponsored by Councilmembers Bennett, Catena, Duerr, Prizio, Walton and Klein.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Would you like to make that motion, Mr. Chair?

MR. KLEIN: Yes. I would offer a motion for the committee to approve the appointment of Ms. Banaszak to the Independent Police Review Board.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing no discussion, Jared, please take a roll call vote.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?
Mr. Betkowski?

MR. BETKOWSKI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Filiaggi.

MS. FILIAGGI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?
MS. HALLAM: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?
MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Pالموسينا?
MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, noes 0. With one member absent. The appointment passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12417-22.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Richard Garland to the Independent Police Review Board for a term to expire on August 31st, 2025, sponsored by Councilmembers Bennett, Catena, Duerr, Prizio, Walton and Klein.

PRESIDENT CATENA: And just for clarification, why we're not doing this as a group, obviously, is because the terms are different for each candidate, so - go ahead, Mr. Chair. Sorry.

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. At this time I offer a motion to approve the appointment of Richard Garland to the Independent Police Review Board for a term to expire on August 31st, 2025.

MR. PALMIERE: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Is there any discussion? Hearing no discussion, Jared, please take roll.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?
Mr. Betkowski?
MR. BETKOWSKI: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?
MR. DUERR: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Filiaggi.
MS. FILIAGGI: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?
MS. HALLAM: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?
MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?
MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, noes 0. One member absent. The appointment passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12418-22.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Keith Murphy to the Independent Police Review Board for a term to expire on August 31st, 2026, sponsored by Councilmembers Bennett, Catena, Duerr, Prizio, Walton and Klein.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Mr. Chair?

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. At this time I offer a motion seeking the approval of the appointment of Keith Murphy to the Independent Police Review Board for a term to expire August 31st, 2026.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion? Hearing no - go ahead.

MR. FUTULES: I would like to be added as a co-sponsor to these four members of the Police Review Board, if you don't mind my support for them.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay.

MR. FUTULES: Thank you.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Motion has been made and seconded. We heard discussion. Jared, please take roll.
MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?
Mr. Betkowski?
MR. BETKOWSKI: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?
MR. DEMARCO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?
MR. DUERR: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Filiaggi.
MS. FILIAGGI: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?
MR. FUTULES: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?
MS. HALLAM: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?
MR. KLEIN: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?
MR. MACEY: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?
MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?
MR. PALMIERE: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Pالموسينا?
MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?
MS. PRIZIO: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?
MR. WALTON: Yes.
MR. BARKER: President Catena?
PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.
MR. BARKER: Ayes 14, noes 0. The appointment

passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: 12419-22.

MR. BARKER: Approving the appointment of Justin Leavitt Pearl to the Independent Police Review Board for a term to expire on August 31st, 2024, sponsored by Councilmembers Bennett, Catena, Duerr, Prizio, Walton, Klein and Futules.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead, Mr. Chair.

MR. KLEIN: Thank you, Mr. President. I offer a motion at this time approving the appointment of Justin

Leavitt Pearl to the Independent Police Review Board.
Again, a term to expire on August 31st, 2024.

MR. MACEY: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you. A motion has been made and seconded. Any discussion for this one? Hearing no discussion, Jared, please take roll.

MR. BARKER: On the motion to approve.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Bennett?
Mr. Betkowski?

MR. BETKOWSKI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. DeMarco?

MR. DEMARCO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Duerr?

MR. DUERR: No.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Filiaggi.

MS. FILIAGGI: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Futules?

MR. FUTULES: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Hallam?

MS. HALLAM: No.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Klein?

MR. KLEIN: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Macey?

MR. MACEY: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Naccarati-Chapkis?

MS. NACCARATI-CHAPKIS: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmiere?

MR. PALMIERE: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Palmosina?

MR. PALMOSINA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ms. Prizio?

MS. PRIZIO: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Mr. Walton?

MR. WALTON: No.

MR. BARKER: President Catena?

PRESIDENT CATENA: Yes.

MR. BARKER: Ayes 11, noes 3 with one member absent. The appointment passes.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Unfinished business, anything?

MR. BARKER: We have none.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Liaison reports, anyone? Anyone? Hearing no liaison reports, we'll move on.

New business. 12420-22.

MR. BARKER: A resolution of the County of Allegheny amending the grants and special accounts budget for 2022, submission number 03-22, sponsored by the Chief Executive.

PRESIDENT CATENA: That will go to budget and finance. New business, anything?

MR. BARKER: Nope.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Notification of contracts.

MR. BARKER: Also no.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Any public comment on general items.

MR. BARKER: We do have one individual who signed up timely and one who signed up untimely.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Okay.

MR. BARKER: The timely is Jackson Walker.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Is Jackson here? It doesn't look like it.

MR. BARKER: The untimely one is Patrick Sullivan.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Does anyone object to letting Mr. Sullivan speak?

MR. KLEIN: Not at all.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Go ahead, Mr. Sullivan. Come up to the podium, please.

MR. SULLIVAN: I'm actually just here for observation. I do have new business, because I am in business, although, I am new to the process and processes of the county council, so therefore, I don't have much agenda.

As you know, I'm on whatever you called it, late to sign up and so I will sit down and continue to be an observer. And I thank you for your time.

PRESIDENT CATENA: Thank you.

Is there a motion to adjourn?

MS. HALLAM: So moved.

MR. DUERR: Second.

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those in favor, signify by saying aye.

(chorus of ayes)

PRESIDENT CATENA: All those opposed? Motion carries. Thank you. Have a nice night.

MEETING CONCLUDED AT 5:25 P.M.

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify, as the stenographic reporter, that the foregoing proceedings were taken stenographically by me, and thereafter reduced to typewriting by me or under my direction; and that this transcript is a true and accurate record to the best of my ability.

Dated the 27 day of October, 2022

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Amber Garbinski", is written above a horizontal line.

Amber Garbinski,
Court Reporter