

RICHLAND COUNTY

RULES & APPOINTMENTS

COMMITTEE AGENDA



Tuesday, MAY 21, 2019

4:00 PM

4TH FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

The Honorable Chakisse Newton, Chair

County Council District 11

The Honorable Bill Malinowski

County Council District 1

The Honorable Gwendolyn Kennedy

County Council District 7

RICHLAND COUNTY COUNCIL 2019



Bill Malinowski
District 1
2018-2022



Joyce Dickerson
District 2
2016-2020



Yvonne McBride
District 3
2016-2020



Paul Livingston
District 4
2018-2022



Allison Terracio
District 5
2018-2022



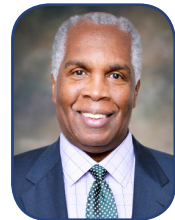
Joe Walker, III
District 6
2018-2022



Gwendolyn Kennedy
District 7
2016-2020



Jim Manning
District 8
2016-2020



Calvin "Chip" Jackson
District 9
2016-2020



Dalhi Myers
District 10
2016-2020



Chakisse Newton
District 11
2018-2022





Richland County Rules & Appointments Committee

May 21, 2019 - 4:00 PM
4th Floor Conference Room
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia, SC 29201

1. **CALL TO ORDER** The Honorable Chakisse Newton

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** The Honorable Chakisse Newton
 - a. May 7, 2019 [PAGES 7-8]

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** The Honorable Chakisse Newton

4. **NOTIFICATION OF VACANCIES**
 - a.
 1. Accommodations Tax – Three (3) Vacancies (2 applicants must have a background in the lodging industry & 1 applicant must have a background in the cultural industry)
 2. Hospitality Tax – Three (3) Vacancies (TWO applicants must be from Restaurant Industry)
 3. Employee Grievance Committee – Six (6) Vacancies (MUST be a Richland County employee; 2 seats are alternates)
 4. Board of Assessment Appeals – Three (3) Vacancies
 5. Board of Zoning Appeals – Four (4) Vacancies
 6. Building Codes Board of Appeals – Four (4) Vacancies (ONE applicant must be from the Architecture Industry, ONE from the GAS Industry, ONE from the Building Industry & ONE from Fire Industry as alternates)
 7. Procurement Review Panel – Two (2) Vacancies – (One applicant must be from the public procurement

arena & one applicant must be from the consumer industry)

8. Planning Commission – Four (4) Vacancies

9. Internal Audit Committee – Two (2) Vacancies
(applicant with CPA preferred)

10. Community Relations Council – Two (2) Vacancies

11. Library Board – Four (4) Vacancies

12. Township Auditorium Board – Two (2) Vacancies

13. Richland Memorial Hospital Board – Two (2)
Vacancies

14. Midlands Workforce Development Board – One (1)
Vacancy (Education seat; must represent education
sector)

5. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION

- a.** I move that we establish rules for electing persons to serve on Boards/Commissions rather than going by the Parliamentarian's recollections of how it was done in the past with serious consideration to include appointments require a majority of Council member's vote [MANNING] [PAGES 9-11]
- b.** I move that Council work with staff to conduct a comprehensive review of Council rules and recommend changes to streamline the rules to improve the functioning of Council business [NEWTON] [PAGE 12]

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Honorable Chakisse Newton



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Richland County Council
Rules and Appointments Committee
April 16, 2019 – 4:00 PM
4th Floor Conference Room
2020 Hampton Street, Columbia 29204

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chakisse Newton, Chair and Bill Malinowski

OTHERS PRESENT: Michelle Onley and Kimberly Williams-Roberts

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Ms. Newton called the meeting to order at approximately 4:00 PM

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to recess the meeting. The vote in favor was unanimous.

The meeting recessed at approximately 4:02 PM.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to reconvene the meeting.

The meeting reconvened at approximately 4:06 PM.

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. April 16, 2019 – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to approve the minutes as distributed. The vote in favor was unanimous.

3. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA** – Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to adopt the agenda as published. The vote in favor was unanimous.

4. **INTERVIEWS/APPOINTMENTS**

- a. Building Codes Board of Appeals – Eight (8) Vacancies (One applicant must be from the Architecture Industry, One from the Plumbing Industry, One from the Electrical Industry, One from the Engineering Industry, One from the Gas Industry, One from the Building Industry and Two from the Fire Industry as alternates) – Mr. Willie Farmer was interviewed for the Electrical vacancy.

Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to re-appoint Mr. Willie Farmer to the Building Codes Board of Appeals Board. The vote in favor was unanimous.

- b. Midlands Workforce Development Board – One (1) Vacancy (Private Sector Business seat; must represent private sector business with policy-making or hiring authority – Mr. Scott King and Ms. Amy Scully were interviewed.

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Mr. Malinowski moved, seconded by Ms. Newton, to appoint Mr. Scott King to the Midlands Workforce Development Board. The vote in favor was unanimous.

Ms. Scully's application will be placed on file for the upcoming Education seat vacancy.

5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION/ACTION**

- a. **I move that Council work with staff to conduct a comprehensive review of Council rules and recommend changes to streamline the rules to improve the functioning of Council business**
[NEWTON] – Mr. Farrar will provide information relative to this item at the May 21st committee meeting.

- b. **I move that we establish rules for electing persons to serve on Boards/Commissions rather than going by the Parliamentarian's recollections of how it was done in the past with serious consideration to include appointments require a majority of Council members' vote**
[MANNING] – Mr. Farrar will provide information relative to this item at the May 21st committee meeting.

6. **ADJOURN** – The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:28 PM.

Richland County Council Request for Action

Subject:

I move that we establish rules for electing persons to serve on Boards/Commissions rather than going by the Parliamentarian's recollections of how it was done in the past with serious consideration to include appointments require a majority of Council member's vote

Notes:

October 16, 2018 – Motion was made by Councilman Manning.

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[Consider adding this to Rule 5.21, “Voting,” as subsection 5.21(a)]

Preferential Voting

This method of voting is based upon Chapter XIII, Section 45, Robert’s Rules of Order, 11th Edition, and is to be used solely in circumstances where Council is called upon to vote on the appointment of members of boards, commissions or similar entities where there are more nominees under consideration than there are vacancies to fill.

This rule combines a recognition of the fact that plurality voting may be unavoidable in the initial stages of voting when considering a greater number of nominees than there are vacancies to fill, and majority voting once the number of nominees is drawn down to equal the number of vacancies by virtue of the voting process set forth herein.

Due to the complexity of this unusual but not unforeseeable situation, an example may be instructive.

Ex. If there are two (2) vacancies on a County board, and there are five (5) nominees, each Council member would be permitted to cast a vote for two (2) of the five (5) nominees to fill the two (2) vacancies.

In this event, the voting procedure shall be as follows.

1. Each Council member shall be allowed to cast the same number of votes as there are vacancies to be filled. By way of further example, if three (3) vacancies exist, then each Council member would be permitted to vote for up to three (3) nominees, regardless of the total number of nominees.
2. The Clerk to Council shall tabulate the votes.
3. The nominee with the fewest votes will be removed from the slate of nominees, and the remaining nominees will be voted upon in what would be the next round of voting, with rounds to continue until enough nominees have been eliminated from consideration so that the number of nominees remaining equals the number of vacancies to be filled.
 - a) If there is a tie among those with the fewest votes, then all nominees who are so tied will be removed from the slate of nominees, and the remaining nominees will be voted upon in what would be the next round of voting. Provided, however, b) if so many of the nominees are tied for the least votes, and dropping all of them from the remaining slate of nominees would result in not having enough nominees to fill all of the vacancies, then there shall be a runoff among all of the nominees so tied for fewest votes. The candidate with the fewest votes in the runoff will be dropped from

the slate of nominees that had been tied for fewest votes. Once at least one of the originally tied nominees for fewest votes is eliminated by runoff among the fewest vote-getters, those remaining among the originally tied voters will be placed back among the nominees who did not receive the fewest votes, and voting shall continue in this fashion by round until there are the same number of nominees as there are vacancies. [E.g., three (3) nominees remaining for three (3) vacancies].

4. Once Council arrives at a “slate” of nominees corresponding to the number of vacancies to be filled, it is in order for any member of Council to “nominate the slate” of nominees, which shall then be voted upon by Council in the form of a motion to approve the slate by “yea” or “nay,” recorded electronically unless the electronic voting system is then inoperable or it is impractical to so vote. In this case, voting by show of hands shall be in order. The slate of nominees shall be approved by majority vote of Council members present and voting.

Richland County Council Request for Action

Subject:

I move that Council work with staff to conduct a comprehensive review of Council rules and recommend changes to streamline the rules to improve the functioning of Council business [NEWTON]

Notes:

March 19, 2019 – Motion made by Councilwoman Newton

April 2, 2019 – Councilwoman Newton reported out to Council that she would be forwarding a copy of the updated Council Rules to Councilmembers to review. She has requested Councilmembers submit any proposed rule changes no later than April 15th.