

Allegheny County Council

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Agenda Synopsis

Tuesday, January 27, 2026

5:00 PM

Regular Meeting, Fourth Floor, Gold Room

County Council

Patrick Catena - President; Aaron Adams, Jordan Botta, Suzanne Filiaggi, Nick Futules, Dan Grzybek, Bethany Hallam, Paul Klein, Kathleen Madonna-Emmerling, Michelle Naccarati-Chapkis, John Palmiere, Alex Rose, Lissa Geiger Shulman, and DeWitt Walton - Members

I. Call To Order**II. Pledge of Allegiance****III. Silent Prayer or Reflection****IV. Roll Call**

Due to a weather-related state of emergency declared by the County, the President waived the limitation on participation by telephone in accordance with the Rules of Council, Article II, §J.4.

Council Members 4 - Adams, Filiaggi, Palmosina and Catena

Present:

Council Members 1 - Shulman

Absent:

Council Members 10 - Botta, Futules, Grzybek, Hallam, Klein, Madonna-Emmerling, Naccarati-Chapkis,
Phone: Palmiere, Rose and Walton

V. Proclamations/Certificates[13795-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing Darrin Kelly for his years service to the Allegheny-Fayette Central Labor Council.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmosina and Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis

This proclamation was held for presentation at the next regular meeting of Council.

[13796-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing Ronald "Ron" Borczyk for his exemplary service as Manager of Ross Township.

Sponsors: Madonna-Emmerling

This proclamation was held for presentation at the next regular meeting of Council.

[13797-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing Stone Sobieralski for his dedicated service to Whitehall Borough.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmiere

This proclamation was held for presentation at the next regular meeting of Council.

[13798-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing AmazonPIT5 for outstanding commitment to domestic violence awareness and community support.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena, Council Member Klein and Council Member Palmosina

This proclamation was held for presentation at the next regular meeting of

Council.[13799-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing Kofi Collections for hosting The Holiday Salon and applauding their commitment to empowering emerging artists.

Sponsors: Council Member Hallam

This proclamation was read into the record.

[13800-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing Sam Hens-Greco for his service as Chair of the Allegheny County Democratic Committee.

Sponsors: Shulman

This proclamation was read into the record.

[13801-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing Lawrence Stanley upon the occasion of his fifty years of exemplary service to Skyview Volunteer Fire Department.

Sponsors: Adams

This proclamation was read into the record.

[13802-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing Nicholas Vitale upon the occasion of his fifty years of exemplary service to Skyview Volunteer Fire Department.

Sponsors: Adams

This proclamation was read into the record.

[13803-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing Richard Proud upon the occasion of his fifty years of exemplary service with Skyview Volunteer Fire Department.

Sponsors: Adams

This proclamation was read into the record.

[13804-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing the Allegheny County Youth Laureate Program.

Sponsors: Council Member Hallam, Council Member Filiaggi and Council Member Grzybek

This proclamation was read into the record.

[13805-26](#)

A proclamation recognizing Jaison Mikelonis for his exemplary service to the Allegheny County Police Department.

Sponsors: Adams

This proclamation was read into the record.

VI. Public Comment On Agenda Items**VII. Approval of Minutes**

[13806-26](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2025 regular meeting of Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Palmosina, seconded by Council Member Filiaggi, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

[13807-26](#) Motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2025 regular meeting of Council.

A motion was made by Council Member Palmiere, seconded by Council Member Palmosina, that this matter be Passed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

VIII. Presentation of Appointments

[13789-26](#) Approving the appointment of The Honorable Allegheny County Council Member Jordan Botta to the Minority, Women and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (MWD BE) Advisory Committee for a term to be effective through December 31, 2029.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

This nomination was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.

[13790-26](#) Approving the appointment of The Honorable Allegheny County Council Member Lissa Geiger Shulman to the Allegheny County Conservation District for a term to be effective through December 31, 2026.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

This nomination was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.

[13791-26](#) Approving the appointment of The Honorable Allegheny County Council Member Kathleen Madonna-Emmerling to the Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board for a term to be effective through December 31, 2029.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

This nomination was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.

[13792-26](#) Approving the appointment of The Honorable Allegheny County Council Member Alex Rose to the Allegheny County Human Relations Commission for a term to be effective through December 31, 2029.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

This nomination was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.

[13793-26](#) Approving the re-appointment of Michelle Payanzo to the Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review for a term to be effective through December

31, 2028.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

This nomination was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.

[13794-26](#)

Approving the re-appointment of Wayde Fargotstein to the Board of Property Assessment Appeals and Review for a term to be effective through December 31, 2028.

Sponsors: Chief Executive

This nomination was referred to the Committee on Appointment Review.

IX. Unfinished Business

X. Liaison Reports

XI. New Business - Ordinances & Resolutions

[13808-26](#)

An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, directing that a referendum question regarding the amendment of Article III, §5(b) of the Home Rule Charter of Allegheny County, which places term limits on only the Chief Executive, be placed on the May 19, 2026 Primary Election ballot, and amending the Charter and Administrative Code of Allegheny County contingent upon the passage of such referendum.

Sponsors: Council Member Catena, Council Member Hallam, Council Member Grzybek, Rose and Madonna-Emmerling

This bill was referred to the Committee on Government Reform.

[13809-26](#)

An ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Administrative Code of Allegheny County through the creation of a new Part 13, entitled "County Services," in order to codify the County's practices related to the provision of County services without regard to refugee or immigration status.

Sponsors: Council Member Hallam, Council Member Botta, Madonna-Emmerling, Shulman, Council Member Grzybek and Rose

This bill was referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

[13810-26](#)

An ordinance of the Council of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing Division 2 of the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances, Chapter 205, entitled "Allegheny County Jail," through the creation of a new Article III, entitled "Jail Rape Elimination," in order to codify existing provisions of Federal law at the County level.

Sponsors: Council Member Hallam, Rose, Madonna-Emmerling and Council Member Catena

This bill was referred to the Committee on Public Safety.

[13811-26](#)

An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Administrative Code of Allegheny County through the amendment of Article 902, entitled “Formal Procurement Process” and through the creation of a new Article 903A, entitled “Formal Procurement - Large Contracts,” in order to clarify standards governing selection of bidders for certain County contracts through the formal procurement process.

Sponsors: Council Member Hallam, Council Member Grzybek, Rose, Council Member Botta, Madonna-Emmerling, Shulman, Council Member Palmosina, Council Member Palmiere and Council Member Catena

This bill was referred to the Committee on Government Reform.

[13812-26](#)

An ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, amending and supplementing the Allegheny County Code of Ordinances through the creation of a new Article XIII, entitled “Tax Exemptions for Longtime Owner-Occupants of Residential Properties.”

Sponsors: Council Member Grzybek, Council Member Hallam, Council Member Filiaggi, Rose, Madonna-Emmerling, Shulman, Adams, Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis, Council Member Klein, Council Member Catena, Council Member Palmosina and Council Member Palmiere

This bill was referred to the Committee on Assessment Practices.

[13813-26](#)

An Ordinance of the County of Allegheny, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, repealing the existing provisions of Article 1013 of the Administrative Code of Allegheny County, entitled “Political Activity; Accountability, Conduct And Ethics Code,” and replacing it with an updated Article 1013 governing the same subject matter and entitled “Ethics Code.”

Sponsors: Council Member Catena and Council Member Filiaggi

This bill was referred to the Committee on Government Reform.

[13814-26](#)

An Ordinance authorizing the County of Allegheny in conjunction with the Department of Public Works and the Law Department to rename Youghiogheny River Bridge No. 1 (Sutersville Bridge), which is located within Elizabeth Township, Allegheny County and Sutersville Borough, Westmoreland County.

Sponsors: Chief Executive and Adams

This bill was referred to the Committee on Public Works.

XII. New Business - Motions

[13815-26](#)

Motion of the Council of Allegheny County adopting version 2026.1 of the Rules of Council, and repealing all previous versions of such Rules in their entirety.

Sponsors: Council Member Palmiere, Council Member Catena, Council Member Futules, Council Member Palmosina, Council Member Naccarati-Chapkis and Council Member Grzybek

This motion was held for the next regular meeting of Council.

XIII. Notification of Contracts

[13816-26](#)

Communication summarizing approved Executive actions for the month of December, 2025.

A motion was made by Council Member Palmosina, seconded by Council Member Adams, that this matter be Received and Filed. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.

XIV. Public Comment on General Items

XV. Adjournment

A motion was made by Council Member Palmosina, seconded by Council Member Filiaggi, that this matter be Approved. The motion carried by a unanimous vote.