



**Luzerne County Council  
January 26, 2021 Meeting  
Video/Teleconference via TEAMS  
Minutes**

**Call to Order**

The Luzerne County Council convened for a Voting Session on January 26, 2021, at 6:01PM via TEAMS Video/Teleconference. The meeting was called to order by Council Chair Tim McGinley.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

**Roll Call**

**Present**

Walter L. Griffith, Jr.  
Harry Haas  
Linda McClosky Houck  
Lee Ann McDermott  
Tim McGinley  
Chris Perry  
Kendra M. Radle  
Sheila Saidman, Esq.  
Robert Schnee  
Stephen J. Urban  
Matthew Vough

**Also Present**

C. David Pedri, Esq., County Manager  
Romilda P. Crocamo, Chief County Solicitor  
Vito DeLuca, Esq.  
Sharon Lawrence, Clerk of Council

### **Recognitions/Ceremonial Proclamations**

Mr. McGinley announced the retirements of:

- Christine Weldon, Management Tech, MHDS
- Cheryl M Yardchik, Administrative Assistant 1, Aging
- William Youngblood, IT Specialist, Aging
- Cathy F Zachar, Caseworker 2, MHDS
- Cynthia Howe, Aging Care Management Supervisor, Aging

Letters of thanks and congratulations will be sent out to them from Council.

### **Additions to/Deletions from Voting Session Agenda**

Mr. Griffith requested items 2 & 4 be removed from the Voting Session Agenda and moved to the Work Session Agenda for lack of a prior discussion. Mr. McGinley stated there was a deadline for item 2 and item 4 was previously discussed.

Mr. Haas requested item 4 be postponed. Mr. McGinley responded Mr. Haas can make that motion during the meeting.

### **Adoption of Voting Session Agenda**

**Motion to Adopt Voting Session Agenda by:** Mr. Schnee

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**Vote:**

Nine (9) Ayes by Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee, Mr. SJ Urban and Mr. Vough

Two (2) Nays by Mr. Griffith and Mr. Haas

**Motion Passed (9-2)**

**The Voting Session Agenda is Adopted**

### **Motions**

**Motion to suspend Bylaws regarding the requirement a majority of those participating in the meeting must be physically present by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Motion to suspend Bylaws regarding the conduct of public meetings to the extent that the current format is inconsistent with the term of the State's Emergency Declaration by:** Mr. Perry

**Second:** Ms. McDermott

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

**Due to COVID-19 all meetings are currently held via Video/Teleconference.**

**WRITTEN comments are submitted electronically via EMAIL or TEAMS. A copy of the full written comment for each speaker is posted under the corresponding meeting agenda. VERBAL comments, in their entirety, can be heard by accessing the public comment portion of the meeting recording posted next to the meeting agenda.**

**Mark Rabo (Hazleton) commented Verbally** regarding Hazleton Transit and the LCTA/COLTS consolidation, the Hazle Township LERTA, and the two ballot items.

**Ron Knapp (Nanticoke) commented Verbally** regarding the Hazle Township LERTA.

**Richard Manta (Back Mountain) commented Verbally** regarding the two ballot items, the Tax Collector resolution and the Hazle Township LERTA.

**Denise Williams (Kingston Township) commented Verbally** regarding the two ballot items.

**Brian Shiner (Kingston) commented Verbally** regarding Hazleton Transit and LCTA/COLTS, the Hazle Township LERTA, the two ballot items and the Charter.

**Mr. Haas read a Public Comment Email from Moderno “Butch” Rossi (Lehman Township)** regarding Tax Collectors.

**Mr. McGinley read a Public Comment Email from Donna Hays** regarding Tax Collection/Tax Collectors.

**1. Motion to adopt minutes of the January 12, 2021 Voting Session**

**Motion by:** Mr. Perry

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

**Vote:**

Nine (9) Ayes by Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee and Mr. Vough

Two (2) Nays by Mr. Griffith and Mr. SJ Urban

**Motion Passed (9-2)**

**The January 12, 2021 Voting Session Minutes are Adopted**

**Old Business**

None

**Agenda Items**

**1. Motion to introduce ordinance Amending the Luzerne County Zoning Map to Re-Zone One Parcel of Property totaling 1.54 acres in Ross Township from B-1, Neighborhood Business District Zone to A-1, Agriculture District Zone**

**Motion by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Ms. Radle

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Ordinance is Introduced**

**2. Motion to approve Agreement to Participate in the Unemployment Compensation Program of the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation Trust**

**Motion by:** Mr. Schnee

**Second:** Ms. McDermott

**Roll Call Vote:**

Nine (9) Yes by Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee and Mr. Vough

One (1) No by Mr. Griffith

One (1) Abstention by Mr. SJ Urban

**Motion Passed (9-1) with (1) Abstention**

**3. Motion to appoint Council Members to a joint committee between Luzerne and Lackawanna counties with regard to the consolidation of LCTA and COLTS**

**Motion by:** Ms. Saidman

**Second:** Ms. Houck

**Roll Call Vote:**

Nine (9) Yes by Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee, Mr. SJ Urban and Mr. Vough

Two (2) No by Mr. Griffith and Mr. Haas

**Motion Passed (9-2)**

**4. Motion to adopt resolution Setting Compensation Rates for Elected Tax Collectors and Home Rule Municipalities for the Billing and Collecting of Luzerne County Taxes Effective January 1, 2022**

**Motion by:** Mr. Schnee

**Second:** Ms. Radle

**Motion to Postpone by:** Mr. Haas

**Second:** Mr. Griffith

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eight (8) Yes by Mr. Griffith, Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman and Mr. SJ Urban

Three (3) No by Mr. McGinley, Mr. Schnee and Mr. Vough

**Motion Passed (8-3)**

**Resolution is Postponed**

**5. Motion to adopt resolution providing Tax Exemption for New Construction in Deteriorated Areas under the Local Economic Revitalization Tax Assistance Act**

**Motion by:** Mr. Schnee

**Second:** Mr. Perry

**Mr. Haas stated he would like to amend the resolution.**

**Motion to Amend resolution by removing “does not terminate” from Section 3.4 and replacing it with “terminates” by:** Mr. Haas

**Second:** Mr. Griffith

**Roll Call Vote to Amend:**

Four (4) Yes by Mr. Griffith, Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck and Mr. SJ Urban

Seven (7) No by Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee and Mr. Vough

**Motion Failed (4-7)**

**Roll Call Vote to Adopt:**

Seven (7) Yes by Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee and Mr. Vough

Four (4) No by Mr. Griffith, Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck and Mr. SJ Urban

**Motion Passed (7-4)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**6. Motion to adopt ordinance placing a question on the May 18, 2021 primary ballot to amend Article VIII Section 8:04 of the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter**

**Motion by:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Second:** Mr. Griffith

**Mr. Griffith stated he would like to amend the resolution.**

**Motion to Amend resolution by changing the number of Citizens to 4 and changing the Chair to the County Manager by:** Mr. Griffith

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**After further discussion, Ms. Saidman withdrew her Second.**

**Motion to Amend failed for lack of a second.**

**Roll Call Vote to Adopt:**

Four (4) Yes by Mr. Griffith, Mr. Haas, Ms. McDermott and Mr. SJ Urban

Seven (7) No by Ms. Houck, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee and Mr. Vough

**Motion Failed (4-7)**

**Ordinance Failed**

**7. Motion to adopt ordinance placing a question on the May 18, 2021 primary ballot to amend Article VI Section 6:04 A of the Luzerne County Home Rule Charter**

**Motion by:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Second:** Mr. Griffith

**Roll Call Vote:**

Four (4) Yes by Mr. Griffith, Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck and Mr. SJ Urban

Seven (7) No by Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee and Mr. Vough

**Motion Failed (4-7)**

**Ordinance Failed**

**8. Motion to amend the Rules and Procedures of Operation for the Luzerne County Council, last amended on May 12, 2020**

**Motion by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

**Roll Call Vote:**

Four (4) Yes by Mr. Griffith, Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck and Mr. SJ Urban

Seven (7) No by Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee and Mr. Vough

**Motion Failed (4-7)**

**9. Motion to adopt resolution Amending the Appointment of a Council Member to the Luzerne-Wyoming Counties Mental Health and Developmental Services Program Advisory Board**

**Motion by:** Mr. Schnee

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**10. Council Member Nominations and Appointments to:**

**10a. Greater Hazleton CAN DO Board of Directors**

**Motion to Open Nominations by:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Second:** Ms. McDermott

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Open**

**Mr. Schnee nominated:** Chris Perry

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**Motion to Close Nominations by:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Second:** Ms. Houck

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Closed**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Chris Perry to the Greater Hazleton CAN DO Board of Directors by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Ms. Radle

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**10b. Wilkes-Barre Riverfront Parks Committee**

**Motion to Open Nominations by:** Ms. McDermott

**Second:** Ms. Radle

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Open**

**Ms. Houck nominated:** Harry Haas

**Second:** Mr. Vough

**Motion to Close Nominations by:** Ms. Radle

**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Closed**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Harry Haas to the Wilkes-Barre Riverfront Parks**

**Committee by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**11. ABC Eligibility List (Provided in Agenda Packet)**

**12. Nominations and Appointments to Authorities:**

**12a. Luzerne County Convention Center Authority (2) terms ending 12/31/2025**

**Motion to Open Nominations by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Mr. Vough

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Open**

**Mr. Schnee nominated:** Eugene Rafalli

**Second:** Mr. Perry

**Mr. Haas nominated:** Thomas Woods

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

**Motion to Close Nominations by:** Mr. Vough

**Second:** Ms. Radle

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Closed**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Eugene Rafalli to the Luzerne County Convention**

**Center Authority by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Thomas Woods to the Luzerne County Convention**

**Center Authority by:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Second:** Ms. Radle

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**12b. Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority (1) term ending 12/31/2025**

**Motion to Open Nominations by:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Second:** Ms. Houck

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Open**

**Mr. Griffith nominated:** Kevin O'Brien

**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Ms. Radle nominated:** Gordon Dussinger

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**Motion to Close Nominations by:** Mr. Vough

**Second:** Ms. Houck

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Closed**

**Roll Call Vote (1 name):**

**Mr. Griffith:** O'Brien

**Mr. Haas:** O'Brien

**Ms. Houck:** O'Brien

**Ms. McDermott:** Dussinger

**Mr. McGinley:** Dussinger

**Mr. Perry:** Dussinger

**Ms. Radle:** Dussinger

**Ms. Saidman:** Dussinger

**Mr. Schnee:** Dussinger

**Mr. Stephen J. Urban:** O'Brien

**Mr. Vough:** Dussinger

**Results:**

O'Brien 4

Dussinger 7



**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Gordon Dussinger to the Luzerne County Flood Protection Authority by: Ms. Saidman**

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eight (8) Yes by Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee and Mr. Vough

Three (3) No by Mr. Griffith, Mr. Haas and Mr. SJ Urban

**Motion Passed (8-3)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**12c. Luzerne County Industrial Development Authority (1) term ending 12/31/2024 and (3) terms ending 12/31/2025**

**Motion to Open Nominations by: Ms. McDermott**

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Open**

**For term ending 12/31/24:**

**Mr. Griffith nominated:** Karen Martinelli

**Second:** Ms. Houck

**For terms ending 12/31/25:**

**Ms. Houck nominated:** Rodney Kaiser, Brian Matyjevich and Frank Paczewski

**Second:** Ms. McDermott

**Motion to Close Nominations by: Ms. Houck**

**Second:** Ms. McDermott

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Closed**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Karen Martinelli to the Luzerne County Industrial Development Authority for a term ending 12/31/24 by: Ms. Houck**

**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Rodney Kaiser to the Luzerne County Industrial Development Authority for a term ending 12/31/25 by: Ms. Houck**

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Brian Matyjevich to the Luzerne County Industrial Development Authority for a term ending 12/31/25 by: Ms. Houck**

**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Frank Paczewski to the Luzerne County Industrial Development Authority for a term ending 12/31/25 by: Ms. Houck**

**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**12d. Luzerne County Transportation Authority (2) terms ending 12/31/2025**

**Motion to Table by:** Mr. Griffith

**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Roll Call Vote:**

Five (5) Yes by Mr. Griffith, Mr. Haas, Mr. Schnee, Mr. SJ Urban and Mr. Vough

Six (6) No by Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle and Ms. Saidman

(Mr. Schnee originally voted no and then changed his vote to yes)

**Motion Failed (5-6)**

**Motion to Open Nominations by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**Vote:**

Nine (9) Ayes by Mr. Haas, Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee and Mr. Vough

Two (2) Nays by Mr. Griffith and Mr. SJ Urban

**Motion Passed (9-2)**

**Nominations Open**

**Ms. Houck nominated:** Thomas Bindus

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**Ms. Radle nominated:** Gary Polakoski

**Second:** Mr. Vough

**Mr. Haas nominated:** Robert Chepalonis

**Second:** Ms. Houck

**Mr. Griffith nominated:** Richard Gazenski

**Second:** Mr. Haas

**Motion to Close Nominations by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Ms. McDermott

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Closed**

**Roll Call Vote (1 name):**

**Mr. Griffith:** Gazenski

**Mr. Haas:** Chepalonis

**Ms. Houck:** Bindus

**Ms. McDermott:** Bindus

**Mr. McGinley:** Bindus

**Mr. Perry:** Bindus

**Ms. Radle:** Bindus

**Ms. Saidman:** Bindus

**Mr. Schnee:** Bindus

**Mr. Stephen J. Urban:** Bindus

**Mr. Vough:** Bindus

**Results:**

Chepalonis 1

Gazenski 1

Bindus 9

**Thomas Bindus is selected with 9 votes.**

**Roll Call Vote (1 name):**

**Mr. Griffith:** Polakoski

**Mr. Haas:** Chepalonis

**Ms. Houck:** Chepalonis

**Ms. McDermott:** Polakoski

**Mr. McGinley:** Polakoski

**Mr. Perry:** Polakoski

**Ms. Radle:** Polakoski

**Ms. Saidman:** Polakoski

**Mr. Schnee:** Polakoski

**Mr. Stephen J. Urban:** Polakoski

**Mr. Vough:** Polakoski

**Results:**

Chepalonis 2

Polakoski 9

**Gary Polakoski is selected with 9 votes.**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Thomas Bindus to the Luzerne County**

**Transportation Authority by: Ms. Saidman**

**Second:** Mr. Perry

**Roll Call Vote:**

Nine (9) Yes by Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee, Mr. SJ Urban and Mr. Vough

Two (2) No by Mr. Griffith and Mr. Haas

(Mr. Griffith originally voted yes and then changed his vote to no)

**Motion Passed (9-2)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Gary Polakoski to the Luzerne County**

**Transportation Authority by: Ms. Saidman**

**Second: Mr. SJ Urban**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ten (10) Yes by Mr. Griffith, Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee, Mr. SJ Urban and Mr. Vough

One (1) No by Mr. Haas

**Motion Passed (10-1)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**12e. Northeastern Pennsylvania Health & Higher Education Authority (1) term ending 12/31/2025**

**Motion to Open Nominations by: Mr. Griffith**

**Second: Mr. Schnee**

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Open**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Jeffrey DeRocco to the Northeastern Pennsylvania Health & Higher Education Authority by: Ms. Radle**

**Second: Ms. McDermott**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**13. Nominations and Appointments to Boards and Commissions:**

**13a. Luzerne Conservation District Board of Directors (2) terms ending 12/31/2024**

**Motion to Open Nominations by: Ms. Houck**

**Second: Ms. Radle**

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Open**

**Ms. Houck nominated: John Hanish and Gary Moyer**

**Second: Mr. Perry**

**Motion to Close Nominations by: Ms. Houck**

**Second: Ms. McDermott**

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Closed**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing John Hanish to the Luzerne Conservation District Board of Directors by: Mr. Schnee**  
**Second:** Ms. Houck  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous  
**Motion Passed (11-0)**  
**Resolution is Adopted**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Gary Moyer to the Luzerne Conservation District Board of Directors by: Ms. Houck**  
**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous  
**Motion Passed (11-0)**  
**Resolution is Adopted**

**13b.Luzerne County Children & Youth Advisory Board (4) terms ending 12/31/2023**

**Motion to Open Nominations by: Ms. Houck**  
**Second:** Ms. McDermott  
**Vote:**  
Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous  
**Motion Passed (11-0)**  
**Nominations Open**  
**Ms. Houck nominated:** Denise Acosta, Niurka DeLaRosa, Maylan Nicholson and Eileen Song  
**Second:** Mr. Schnee  
**Motion to Close Nominations by: Ms. Houck**  
**Second:** Ms. Radle  
**Vote:**  
Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous  
**Motion Passed (11-0)**  
**Nominations Closed**  
**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Denise Acosta to the Luzerne County Children & Youth Advisory Board by: Ms. Houck**  
**Second:** Ms. McDermott  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous  
**Motion Passed (11-0)**  
**Resolution is Adopted**  
**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Niurka DeLaRosa to the Luzerne County Children & Youth Advisory Board by: Mr. Perry**  
**Second:** Mr. Schnee  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous  
**Motion Passed (11-0)**  
**Resolution is Adopted**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Eileen Song to the Luzerne County Children & Youth Advisory Board by: Ms. Houck**

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Maylan Nicholson to the Luzerne County Children & Youth Advisory Board by: Ms. Houck**

**Second:** Ms. Radle

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**13c. Luzerne County Community College Board of Directors (1) term ending 12/31/2026**

**Motion to Open Nominations by: Ms. Houck**

**Second:** Mr. Haas

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Open**

**Ms. Houck nominated:** Erin Keating

**Second:** Mr. Vough

**Mr. Griffith nominated:** Donna Cerza

**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Motion to Close Nominations by: Ms. Radle**

**Second:** Ms. Houck

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Closed**

**Roll Call Vote (1 name):**

**Mr. Griffith:** Cerza

**Mr. Haas:** Keating

**Ms. Houck:** Keating

**Ms. McDermott:** Keating

**Mr. McGinley:** Keating

**Mr. Perry:** Keating

**Ms. Radle:** Keating

**Ms. Saidman:** Keating

**Mr. Schnee:** Keating

**Mr. Stephen J. Urban:** Cerza

**Mr. Vough:** Keating

**Results:**

Keating 9

Cerza 2

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Erin Keating to the Luzerne County Community College Board of Directors by: Ms. Houck**

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**13d. Luzerne County Convention Center & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors (1) to complete a term ending 12/31/2021**

**Motion to Open Nominations by: Ms. Houck**

**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Open**

**Ms. Houck nominated:** Anthony Brooks

**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Motion to Close Nominations by: Ms. Houck**

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Closed**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Anthony Brooks to the Luzerne County Convention Center & Visitors Bureau Board of Directors by: Ms. Radle**

**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Roll Call Vote:**

Ten (10) Yes by Mr. Griffith, Ms. Houck, Ms. McDermott, Mr. McGinley, Mr. Perry, Ms. Radle, Ms. Saidman, Mr. Schnee, Mr. SJ Urban and Mr. Vough

One (1) Abstention by Mr. Haas

**Motion Passed (10-0) with (1) Abstention**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**13e. Luzerne County Farmland Preservation Board (1) term ending 12/31/2023**

**Motion to Open Nominations by: Ms. Houck**

**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Open**

**Ms. Houck nominated:** Nancy Snee

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

**Motion to Close Nominations by: Ms. Houck**

**Second:** Mr. Schnee

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Closed**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Nancy Snee to the Luzerne County Farmland**

**Preservation Board by: Ms. Radle**

**Second: Mr. Haas**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**13f. Luzerne County Recreational Facilities Advisory Board (1) term ending 12/31/2023**

No Applicants Remaining - Removed

**13g. Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board (10) terms ending 12/31/2023**

**Motion to Open Nominations by: Ms. Houck**

**Second: Mr. Perry**

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Open**

**Ms. Houck nominated:** Liza Behrens, Charlotte Kitler, Angel Mathis, Phyllis Mundy, Robert Nealon, Henry Pennoni, William Runner, James Sernak, Donald Warren and David Yonki

**Second: Ms. Radle**

**Motion to Close Nominations by: Ms. Houck**

**Second: Ms. Saidman**

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Closed**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Liza Behrens to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board by: Ms. Houck**

**Second: Ms. Radle**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Charlotte Kitler to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board by: Ms. Houck**

**Second: Mr. SJ Urban**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Angel Mathis to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board by: Ms. Radle**

**Second: Mr. SJ Urban**

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**



**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Phyllis Mundy to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board by: Ms. Houck**  
**Second:** Mr. Schnee  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous  
**Motion Passed (11-0)**  
**Resolution is Adopted**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Robert Nealon to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board by: Mr. SJ Urban**  
**Second:** Ms. Radle  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous  
**Motion Passed (11-0)**  
**Resolution is Adopted**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Henry Pennoni to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board by: Ms. Houck**  
**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous  
**Motion Passed (11-0)**  
**Resolution is Adopted**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing William Runner to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board by: Mr. SJ Urban**  
**Second:** Ms. Houck  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous  
**Motion Passed (11-0)**  
**Resolution is Adopted**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing James Sernak to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board by: Ms. Houck**  
**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous  
**Motion Passed (11-0)**  
**Resolution is Adopted**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Donald Warren to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board by: Mr. SJ Urban**  
**Second:** Ms. Houck  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous  
**Motion Passed (11-0)**  
**Resolution is Adopted**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing David Yonki to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Area Agency on Aging Advisory Board by: Ms. Houck**  
**Second:** Mr. Schnee  
**Roll Call Vote:**  
Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous  
**Motion Passed (11-0)**  
**Resolution is Adopted**

**13h. Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Drug & Alcohol Executive Commission (1) term ending 12/31/2023 Medicine**

**Motion to Open Nominations by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Open**

**Ms. McDermott nominated:** Bruce Lefkowitz

**Second:** Ms. Saidman

**Motion to Close Nominations by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Ms. McDermott

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Closed**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Bruce Lefkowitz to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Drug & Alcohol Executive Commission by:** Ms. Radle

**Second:** Ms. Houck

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**13i. Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Mental Health & Developmental Services Program Advisory Board**

**(1) term ending 12/31/2023 Community Groups**

**(1) term ending 12/31/2023 Religion**

**(1) term ending 12/31/2023 Education**

**Motion to Open Nominations by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Open**

**Ms. Houck nominated:** Linda Armstrong, Craig Mark and Tom O'Neill

**Second:** Ms. McDermott

**Motion to Close Nominations by:** Ms. Houck

**Second:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Nominations Closed**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Linda Armstrong to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Mental Health & Developmental Services Program Advisory Board**

**by:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Second:** Ms. Houck

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Mark Craig to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Mental Health & Developmental Services Program Advisory Board**

**by:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Second:** Ms. Houck

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

**Motion to adopt resolution appointing Tom O'Neill to the Luzerne/Wyoming Counties Mental Health & Developmental Services Program Advisory Board**

**by:** Mr. SJ Urban

**Second:** Ms. Radle

**Roll Call Vote:**

Eleven (11) Yes - Unanimous

**Motion Passed (11-0)**

**Resolution is Adopted**

### **ADDED ITEMS**

**CARES Funding PowerPoint Presentation by County Manager Pedri**

**Monthly Budget Reports for December 2020 by Mr. Swetz**

**Questions and Answers related to year-end and the 2019 Borrowing for 911 and the Voting Machines by Mr. Swetz**

### **Public Comment on Agenda Items**

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**VERBAL comments, in their entirety, can be heard by accessing the public comment portion of the meeting recording posted next to the meeting agenda.**

**John Dezinski commented Verbally regarding Children & Youth.**

**Mark Rabo (Hazleton) commented Verbally regarding the ballot items and Office of Law opinions.**

**Ron Knapp (Nanticoke) commented Verbally regarding the ballot items and refuse disposal.**

**Brian Dwyer (Larksville) commented Verbally** regarding the ballot items.

**Richard Manta (Back Mountain) commented Verbally** regarding the ballot items.

**Martin Dartoe (Wilkes-Barre) commented Verbally** regarding defamation of character and slander.

**Mary Malone (Hazleton) commented Verbally** regarding County CARES and thanked Council.

**Adjournment**

**Motion to Adjourn:** Ms. McDermott

**Second:** Ms. Radle

**Vote:**

Eleven (11) Ayes – Unanimous

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:56PM**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Sharon Lawrence  
Clerk of Council

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