

MINUTES  
Cuyahoga County Human Resource Commission  
Wednesday, February 20, 2013  
Lakeside Place Building  
323 W. Lakeside Avenue, Suite 400  
5:00 p.m.

1) CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Wolff called the meeting to order at 5:20 p.m. Commissioner Simmons made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2013 meeting. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All were in favor; no objections.

2) ATTENDANCE

Chairman Robert Wolff, Commissioner Kathleen Palmer, Commissioner Angela Simmons, HRC Administrator Rebecca Kopcienski, HRC Coordinator Jessica Vezina, Assistant Prosecutor Sara DeCaro, Assistant Law Director Amy Marquit-Renwald and Assistant Public Defender John Martin.

3) PUBLIC COMMENT – Nothing Submitted

4) UNFINISHED BUSINESS– Nothing Submitted

5) NEW BUSINESS

a) Appeals

i) Ross-Jenkins, C. - Report and Recommendation

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to affirm the Report & Recommendation submitted by Hearing Officer Szuter; Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All were in favor; no objections.

ii) O'Malley, B. - Report and Recommendation

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to affirm the Report & Recommendation submitted by Hearing Officer Szuter; Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All were in favor; no objections.

iii) Serre, L. - Report and Recommendation

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to affirm the Report & Recommendation submitted by Hearing Officer Tsevdos; Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All were in favor; no objections.

iv) Gruhn, N. - Report and Recommendation

Commissioner Simmons made a motion to affirm the Report & Recommendation submitted by Hearing Officer Szuter; Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All were in favor; no objections.

b) Charter Review Commission Update

Administrator Kopcienski and APA DeCaro shared highlights from their meeting with Mr. Bruce Akers and Mr. Eugene Kramer with the Commissioners. The Administrator and APA DeCaro explained the clarification provided by Mr. Akers and Mr. Kramer regarding parts of Section 9 of

the Charter that presented questions about the HRC's authority and jurisdiction. Mr. Akers had again requested the HRC to prepare recommended language to submit to the Charter Review Commission. Chairman Wolff and Commissioner Palmer suggested removing provisions about the HRC participating in collective bargaining procedures within Section 2.03.

c) Administrator's Reports

Administrator Kopcienski distributed updated reports to the Commissioners regarding the Commission's activities to date. Discussion ensued.

d) Ordinance No. O2013-0004

Assistant Law Director Amy Marquit-Renwald spoke with the Commission about this ordinance. Ms. Marquit-Renwald stated that Health and Human Services does not want to follow Section E of OAC 123:1-41-12. Discussion ensued.

6) PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Defender John Martin thanked the Commission for their work with the Archer study, and stated he respected Mr. Battigaglia's work and felt that the study was effective. He also pointed out that there may be pay compression that occurs as a result, and the Commission advised that they would welcome suggestions from the Public Defender's office on how to address that potential problem.

7) OTHER BUSINESS– Nothing Submitted

8) ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Wolff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Commissioner Palmer seconded the motion. All were in favor; no objections.

Next Human Resource Commission meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. at Lakeside Place (323 W. Lakeside Avenue, Suite 400)