



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING COMMITTEE
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
4th FLOOR
MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2026—10:00 A.M.

Committee Members
Michael J. Houser, Sr., Chair | Dist. 10
Pernel Jones, Jr., Vice Chair | Dist. 8
Patrick Kelly | Dist. 1
Robert E. Schleper, Jr. | Dist. 6
Sunny M. Simon | Dist. 11

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Houser called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Houser asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Committee members Houser, Jones, Kelly and Schleper were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Simon arrived after the roll call was taken. Council President Miller was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 27, 2026 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Schleper, seconded by Mr. Kelly, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2026 meeting.

5. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) O2025-0011: An Ordinance enacting the right of county renters to Pay-to-Stay and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Council President Miller addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2025-0011. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Houser asked if there were any meeting attendees that would like to address the Committee members regarding the Ordinance.

The following individuals addressed the committee members and gave public testimony regarding Ordinance No. 2025-0011:

- a) **Ms. Elizabeth Zak, Supervising Attorney in the Housing Practice Group of the Legal Aid Society of Cleveland**
b) **Ms. Kris Keniray, Fair Housing Center for Rights and Research**
c) **Ms. Molly Marcinkevicius, Northeast Ohio Coalition for the Homeless**

- d) **Ms. Katy Boscia, Akron Cleveland Association of Realtors**
- e) **Scott Krochle, Cleveland Housing Solutions**
- f) **Ms. Hazel Remesch, Director of State and Local Policy for Enterprise Community Partners**
- g) **Ms. Nebal Ali, Real Estate Agent and Property Manager**

Committee members and Council President Miller asked questions of the various individuals pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Clerk Richardson read the names of various individuals and organizations that submitted written Testimony:

**Mr. Alan Pintner
Seth Task
Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry
AIY Properties, Inc.
Akron Cleveland Association of Realtors
Adam Whiting,
Legal Aid Society**

There was no legislative action taken on Ordinance No. O2025-0011.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Houser adjourned the meeting at 11:19 a.m., without objection.