



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2024  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
2079 EAST 9<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
3:00 PM**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Council President Jones called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

**Council President Jones asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Councilmembers Kelly, Miller, Sweeney, Byrne, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Simon, and Jones were in attendance and a quorum was determined.**

**[Clerk's Note: Councilmembers Turner and Stephens entered the meeting after the roll-call was taken to move to Executive Session.]**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**There were no public comments given.**

### **4. ITEM REFERRED TO COMMITTEE / CONFIRMATION HEARING:**

- a) R2024-0349: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Melanie Kintner Knowles, upon her taking the oath of office, as Director of Sustainability; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Melanie Kintner Knowles, County Executive Ronayne's nominee for the position of Director of Sustainability, was called upon to deliver an opening statement. She provided background into her education, experience and qualifications for the position.**

**Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Kintner Knowles pertaining to her experience and expertise, which she answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2024-0349 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading passage under suspension of the rules. Councilmembers Miller, Sweeney and Simon requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

## **5. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **a) Pending or imminent court action**

**A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Sweeney, and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Pending or imminent court action and for no other purpose whatsoever. Executive Session was then called to order by Council President Jones at 3:36 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: Kelly, Miller, Sweeney, Byrne, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Simon, and Jones.**

**[Clerk's Note: Councilmembers Turner and Stephens entered the meeting during Executive Session.]**

**The following additional attendees were present:**

**Law Director Rick Manoloff; Todd Hunt, Attorney; Tim McDevitt, Juvenile Court Administrator; Sarah Cigic, Deputy Court Administrator/Chief Legal Counsel, Juvenile Division; Thomas O'Malley, Administrative Judge, Court of Common Pleas, Juvenile Division; Sarah Nemastil, Human Resources Director; Mark Musson, Assistant Prosecuting Attorney; Katherine Gallagher, Chief of Operations, County Executive's Office; Amy Ryder Wentz, Shareholder Littler Mendelson, P.C.; Policy Advisor LeVine Ross; Chief of Staff Joseph Nanni; Legislative Budget Advisor Trevor McAleer and Special Counsel Michael King.**

**At 4:41 p.m., Executive Session was adjourned without objection and Council President Jones then reconvened the meeting.**

## **6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business to discuss, Council President Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m., without objection.**