



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27, 2026 —3:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Council President Miller asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Councilmembers Turner, Simon, Kelly, Sweeney, Casselberry, Gallagher, Schleper, Jones and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Conwell was absent.

[Clerk's Note: Councilmember Houser joined the meeting after the roll-call was taken].

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE:

- a) R2026-0015: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 4263 with the Gilbane Building Company dated April 23, 2024 for design-build services for the County Central Services Campus, to amend various terms and to add funds in the amount of \$25,000,000.00, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$58,353,000.00 effective upon signatures of all parties; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Jeff Appelbaum, Managing Director of Project Management Consultants addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2026-0015, and stated a that a presentation was given to Committee members on January 13, and there are no new updates to report at this time.

Councilmembers had no additional questions or comments for Mr. Appelbaum pertaining to the item. On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Mr. Casselberry, Resolution No. R2026-0015 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2026-0020: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 5426 (fka Contract Nos. 3096 and 2698) with Alliant Insurance Services, Inc. for insurance brokerage and risk

management services for the period 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2026, to amend the scope of said contract to include procurement of builder’s risk and owner’s protective professional indemnity insurance related to construction at the County Central Services Campus, and to add funds in the amount of \$3,964,000.00, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$13,128,423.00 effective upon signatures of all parties; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Appelbaum addressed Council regarding Resolution No. R2026-0016, on behalf of Ms. Awatef Assad, Manager of Risk Management, as a presentation was given to Committee members on January 13.

Councilmembers had no additional questions or comments for Mr. Appelbaum pertaining to the item. On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2026-0016 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

5. PRESENTATION:

- a) Opioid Funds –
 - Brandy Carney, Director Public Safety & Justice Services

Ms. Brandy Carney, Director of Public Safety & Justice Services, gave an update on the Opioid Mitigation Fund; Current and pending projects; Overdose statistics; System improvements; Cuyahoga County Diversion Center successes, accomplishments and challenges; Communication and community engagement; Jail programming; Co-responder/First Call Community Seed Fund; Crisis Center; Opioid Innovation Fund, Financial details and Fund balance.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Carney pertaining to the presentation update, which she answered accordingly.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

- a) Collective bargaining matters, including:
 - i) a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cuyahoga County and International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 18-S (Building Automation Associates), representing approximately (6) employees in the Department of Public Works for the period 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2028;

A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Casselberry, and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a collective bargaining matter, for no other purpose whatsoever. Executive Session was then called to order by Council President Miller at 4:24 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present Turner, Houser, Simon, Kelly, Sweeney, Casselberry, Gallagher, Schleper, Jones and Miller.

The following additional attendees were present: Assistant Law Director and Senior Counsel, Gregory Huth; Deputy Chief Law Director Nora Hurley; Bryan Adams, Employee and Labor Relations Specialist,

Department of Human Resources; Human Resources Compensation Analyst John Kennick; Matthew Rymer, Maintenance Administrator; Council Chief of Staff Joseph Nanni; Legislative Budget Advisor Trevor McAleer; Special Counsel Michael King and Research and Policy Analyst Laura Black.

At 4:45 p.m., Executive Session was adjourned without objection and Council President Miller then reconvened the meeting.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Miller adjourned the meeting at 4:45 p.m., without objection.