



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2024

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR

3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Stephens, Jones and Schron were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Conwell was absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 24, 2024 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Schron and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 24, 2024 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2024-0312: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to 100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland, Inc. for the Saturday Academy Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Gregory Lockhart, Chairman of the 100 Black Men of Greater Cleveland, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0312. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Lockhart pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2024-0312 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2024-0313: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Gamma Delta Zetas Helping Others, Inc. for the Cleveland Stork's Nest Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Charie Headen, Chair of the Cleveland Stork's Nest Program, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0313. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Headen pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2024-0313 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Committee members Stephens and Jones requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- c) R2024-0316: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Seeds of Literacy for the Adult Basic Education Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Bonnie Entler, President and CEO of Seeds of Literacy, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0316. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Entler pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2024-0316 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

6. PRESENTATIONS

- a) Update regarding transition from Workforce Development

Ms. Laura Chalker, Chief Executive Officer of the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board, provided the Committee with an update on the Board's transition to a non-profit structure. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Chalker pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

- b) Update regarding Educational Assistance Program

Ms. Michelle Rose, Chief Operating Officer of the Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board, provided the Committee with an update on the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Rose pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 3:55 p.m., without objection.