



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025

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 3:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Ms. Simon made brief introductory remarks welcoming the new Committee members.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 20, 2024 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the November 20, 2024 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

[Clerk's Note: Resolution No. R2025-0011 was considered prior to R2024-0398.]

- a) R2024-0398: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Women of Color Foundation for personal and professional development training programs from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Alexandria Johnson Boone, Chairwoman and Founder of the Women of Color Foundation, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0398. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2024-0398 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2024-0434: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to Dress for Success Cleveland for general operating support from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Melanie Butler, CEO of Dress for Success Cleveland; and Ms. Diamond Adams, Board Chair, of Dress for Success Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0434. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Butler and Ms. Adams pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Schleper with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2024-0434 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- c) R2024-0435: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the NAMC Northern Ohio Chapter for the Rosie's Girls Summer Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

There was no legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2024-0435.

- d) R2025-0005: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$15,000, to the Old Brooklyn Community Development Corporation for the Rip City Boxing Program from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund;

and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

There was no legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2025-0005.

- e) R2025-0006: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Eleanor B. Rainey Memorial Institute for the Rainey Institute Arts Education Access Program in Clark-Fulton from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Dr. Jennifer Harris, Executive Director of Rainey Institute, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0006. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Dr. Harris pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2025-0006 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- f) R2025-0011: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$75,000, to the CREW Foundation for the purpose of Workforce in a Digital Age Project from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Sheila Wright, Founder and President of the CREW Foundation, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0011. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2025-0011 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- g) R2025-0013: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Neighborhood Leadership Institute for the Flagship Leadership Development Program from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Trevelle Harp, Executive Director of Neighborhood Leadership Institute, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0013. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2025-0013 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- h) R2025-0015: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$15,000, to ACE Mentor Program of Cleveland for the Career Pathway Program with project-based learning opportunities from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

There was no legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2025-0015.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 4:04 p.m., without objection.