



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 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 3:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 5, 2025 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Schleper, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2025 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0081: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Black Environmental Leaders Association for the Jaqueline E. Gillon Annual Scholarship Celebration from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. SeMia Bray, Co-Director of the Black Environmental Leaders Association, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0081. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2025-0081 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2025-0097: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship, Inc. Greater Cleveland Chapter for the Mentoring Achieves Positive Pupils Program from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Sherinda Williams, President of the Greater Cleveland Chapter of Swing Phi Swing Social Fellowship, Inc.; and Ms. Carrissla Harris, Chair of Ebony Pearls, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0097. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2025-0097 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- c) R2025-0098: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$35,000, to Food Strong for the Superior Avenue Community Farm Restoration and Development Project from the Districts 3 & 11 ARPA Community Grant Funds; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Sara Continenza, Founder and Executive Director of Food Strong, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0098. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2025-0098 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- d) R2025-0101: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to SOS: Strengthening Our Students for the SOS IGNITE 360 Programs from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Dyeatra Williams, Executive Director of SOS: Strengthening Our Students; and Ms. Denise Daniels, Board Member, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0101. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2025-0101 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m., without objection.