



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16, 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 3:04 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.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 19, 2025 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Schleper, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the March 19, 2025 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0115: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$20,000, to the Kings & Queens of Art for the Overcoming Darkness and Defying Stereotypes Project from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Gwendolyn Garth, Founder of Kings & Queens of Art, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0115. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2025-0115 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

6. PRESENTATION

a) Update from College Now Greater Cleveland

Ms. Kittie Warshawsky, Chief External Affairs Officer for College Now Greater Cleveland; and Mr. Robert Durham, Chief Scholarship Services Officer for College Now Greater Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding graduation rates, funding, enrollment and awarded scholarships for the Cuyahoga County Scholarship and Cuyahoga County Completion and Debt Repayment Programs. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Warshawsky and Mr. Durham pertaining to the item, which they 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.