



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, 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 from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 16, 2025 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Schleper and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the April 16, 2025.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0149: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$32,500, to the Cleveland Foundry for the purpose of providing camp scholarships to Cleveland students from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Ian Marks, Programs Director for The Foundry Community Rowing and Sailing Center; and Mr. Xavier Aniton, Director of Outreach and Engagement for The Foundry Community Rowing and Sailing Center, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0149. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Marks and Aniton pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2025-0149 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2025-0150: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$190,000, to the Western Reserve Land Conservancy for the French Creek Headwaters Preserve Project from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Matt Zone, Senior Vice President and Director of Thriving Communities for the Western Reserve Land Conservancy; and Mr. Alex Czayka, Chief Conservation Officer for the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0150. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Zone and Czayka pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2025-0150 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- c) R2025-0164: A Resolution authorizing a Revenue Generating Agreement (via Contract No. 5204) with The Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County in the anticipated amount not-to-exceed \$775,000.00 for the Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Program, for the period 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 5204 and all other documents consistent with said Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Dr. Shawna Rohrman, Director of the Office of Early Childhood Invest in Children; and Ms. Alyssa Swiatek, Associate Director of the Office of Early Childhood Invest in Children, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0164. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Dr. Rohrman and Ms. Swiatek pertaining to the item which he answered accordingly.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m., without objection.