



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 2025 — 3:00 P.M.

Committee Members

Sunny M. Simon, Chair | Dist. 11
Robert E. Schleper, Jr., Vice Chair | Dist. 6
Michael J. Houser, Sr. | Dist. 10
Pernel Jones, Jr. | Dist. 8
Dale Miller | Dist. 2

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 21, 2025 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Schleper and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2025 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0171: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Urban League of Greater Cleveland for the 2025 National Urban League Conference from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Marcia Mockabee, President and CEO of The National Urban League Greater Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0171. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Schleper with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2025-0171 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2025-0192: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$2,000, to Brilliant Misfits d.b.a. Golden Guardians for the Brilliant Misfits Youth Enrichment Program from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Sasha Sales and Mr. Brian Howard, Co-founders of Brilliant Misfits, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0192. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Sales and Mr. Howard pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2025-0192 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- c) R2025-0205: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Sports Association, Inc. for the Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Empowerment through Sports Initiative from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

There was no legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2025-0205.

- d) R2025-0214: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for a summer youth employment program for low-income, TANF-eligible youth, ages 14-24, for the period 11/1/2024 – 12/31/2025, to add Exhibit I-A representing the budget for the amendment term, and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$857,746.00; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Contract No. 4786 with Youth Opportunities Unlimited in the amount not-to-exceed \$857,746.00.

- 2) Contract No. 4787 with Verge, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$0.

Mr. Marcos Cortes, Social Program Administrator, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0214. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Schleper with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2025-0214 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Ms. Simon announced that there will be an update on the Microgrid project at the next Committee meeting.

Mr. Paul Bounds, Deputy Administrator of Employment and Career Services; and Mr. Eric Dillenbeck, Director of Work Experience for Youth Opportunities Unlimited, addressed additional questions from the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0214.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 3:27 p.m., without objection.