



## CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4<sup>th</sup> FLOOR

### MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 2, 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 3:07 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 joined the meeting after the roll call was taken.**

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**There were no public comments given.**

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 18, 2025 MEETING

**A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Schleper and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the June 18, 2025 meeting.**

#### 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) 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.

**Mr. Timothy Gorman and Mr. Giles Foster, Co-founders of the Cleveland Heights Tigers Youth Sports Association, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0205. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Gorman and Foster pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Schleper with a second by Mr. Houser, Resolution No. R2025-0205 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- b) R2025-0225: A Resolution granting Project Feasibility Approval of the Euclid Co-developed Microgrid Project; authorizing execution of various agreements necessary and appropriate to implement the Project; authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 4670 with Compass Energy Partners for additional funds in the amount-not-to-exceed \$10,640,050.00 and to extend the term of the contract; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Simon introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2025-0225. Discussion ensued.**

**Mr. Michael Foley, Administrator of Cuyahoga Green Energy; Ms. Valerie Katz, Deputy Administrator of Cuyahoga Green Energy; Mr. Gregory Huth, Senior Counsel; Mr. Rick Bolton, Chief Executive Officer of Compass Energy Platform; and Mr. Patrick Grogan-Myers, Director of Planning and Development for the City of Euclid, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0225. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Foley, Ms. Katz, Mr. Huth, Mr. Bolton and Mr. Grogan-Myers pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**A motion was then made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.**

**On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2025-0225 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules, as substituted.**

- c) R2025-0229: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Grant Agreement (via Contract No. 4575) with Say Yes Cleveland and College Now Greater Cleveland, Inc., for administration and fiscal agent services for the Say Yes Cleveland Program for the period 7/16/2024 – 7/15/2025 to extend the time period to 7/15/2026, to amend budget terms, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,600,000.00 effective 7/16/2025; 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.

**Mr. David Merriman, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services; and Ms. Catherine Tkachyk, Interim Director of Say Yes Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0229. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Merriman and Ms. Tkachyk pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2025-0229 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- d) R2025-0230: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to a Master Contract with various providers for infant and early childhood mental health services in connection with the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2025, to amend budget terms, and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$775,000.00 effective upon signatures of all parties; 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:

- a) Contract No. 4848 with Beech Brook in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00.
- b) Contract No. 4849 with OhioGuidestone in the amount not-to-exceed \$200,000.00.
- c) Contract No. 4850 with Murtis Taylor Human Services System in the amount not-to-exceed \$65,000.00.
- d) Contract No. 4898 with The Centers for Families and Children in the amount not-to-exceed \$50,000.00.
- e) Contract No. 4902 with Positive Education Program in the amount not-to-exceed \$177,500.00.
- f) Contract No. 4922 with Achievement Centers for Children in the amount not-to-exceed \$150,000.00.
- g) Contract No. 4923 with Applewood Centers, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$82,500.00.

**Ms. Alyssa Swiatek, Associate Director of Invest in Children, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0230. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion b Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2025-0230 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, the meeting was adjourned at 4:17 p.m., without objection.**