



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

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

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 16, 2025 — 3:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 2, 2025 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Schleper, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 2, 2025 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0231: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$13,000, to the Greater Cleveland Delta Life Foundation Life Development Center, Inc. for the Freedom Garden of Literacy Project from the Districts 2, 7, and 9 ARPA Community Grant Funds; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

There was no legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2025-0231.

- b) R2025-0242: A Resolution authorizing a Contract among Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board dba Greater Cleveland Works, and Youth Opportunities Unlimited in the amount not-to-exceed \$6,475,025.00 for the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program – Employment, Education and Training services for young adults, for the period 7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 5491 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Marcos Cortes, Social Program Administrator; and Mr. Paul Bounds, Deputy Administrator of Employment and Career Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0242. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2025-0242 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- c) R2025-0243: A Resolution making an award on RQ15867 to various providers in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,212,963.97 for school/community-based Closing the Achievement Gap services for the period 8/1/2025 – 7/31/2026; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Master Contract and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Contract No. CM5461 with Cleveland Heights-University Heights School District in the amount not-to-exceed \$179,763.91.
- 2) Contract No. CM5462 with Cleveland Metropolitan School District aka Cleveland Municipal School District in the amount not-to-exceed \$493,908.33.
- 3) Contract No. CM5463 with East Cleveland City School District in the amount not-to-exceed \$179,763.91.
- 4) Contract No. CM5464 with Maple Heights City School District in the amount not-to-exceed \$179,763.91.
- 5) Contract No. CM5465 with Warrensville Heights City School District in the amount not-to-exceed \$179,763.91

Ms. Kathleen Stewart, Deputy Director of Family and Children First Council, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0243. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2025-0243 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 3:40 p.m., without objection.