



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
4th FLOOR

MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 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

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 5, 2025 MEETING

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0326: A Resolution authorizing a contract with CEP Renewables, LLC. in the amount not-to-exceed \$18,900,000.00 for financing and construction of a 6.5 megawatt (MW) solar farm in Brooklyn, Ohio, effective upon signatures of all parties through 12/31/2027; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 5728 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

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MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025 — 3:00 P.M.

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, Houser, Jones and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Schleper was absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 22, 2025 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the October 22, 2025 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0301: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$45,000, to the City of Beachwood for the Deer Sterilization Program from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Ben Lombardi, Communications Manager for the City of Beachwood, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0301. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Jones requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2025-0301 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

b) R2025-0307: 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 extend the time period to 10/31/2026, to amend the budget terms, and for additional funds in the total amount not-to-exceed \$6,011,175.95, effective 1/1/2026; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with and 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 \$5,225,319.00.
- 2) Contract No. 4787 with Verge, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$785,856.95.

Mr. Marcos Cortes, Administrator of the Division of Contracts and Performance; Mr. Paul Bounds, Deputy Administrator of the Department of Jobs and Family Services; Mr. Eric Dillenbeck, Director of Work Experience for Youth Opportunities Unlimited (Y.O.U.); and Ms. Lisa Evans, Co-founder of Verge, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0307. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Cortes, Mr. Bounds, Mr. Dillenbeck and Ms. Evans pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2025-0307 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 3:06 p.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2025-0326

Sponsored by: County Executive Ronayne/Department of Public Works/Cuyahoga Green Energy	A Resolution authorizing a contract with CEP Renewables, LLC. in the amount not-to-exceed \$18,900,000.00 for financing and construction of a 6.5 megawatt (MW) solar farm in Brooklyn, Ohio, effective upon signatures of all parties through 12/31/2027; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 5728 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the County Executive/Department of Public Works/Cuyahoga Green Energy recommends entering into a contract with CEP Renewables, LLC. in the amount not-to-exceed \$18,900,000.00 for financing and construction of 6.5 megawatt (MW) solar farm in Brooklyn, Ohio, effective upon signatures of all parties through 12/31/2027; and

WHEREAS, the primary goal of this project is developing and constructing a 6.5 megawatt (MW) solar farm on a closed landfill in the City of Brooklyn; and

WHEREAS, this project is funded 100% from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Climate Pollution Reduction Grant Award No. 00E03865; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby authorizes entering into a contract with CEP Renewables, LLC. in the amount not-to-exceed \$18,900,000.00 for financing and construction of 6.5 megawatt (MW) solar farm in Brooklyn, Ohio, effective upon signatures of all parties through 12/31/2027.

SECTION 2. That the County Executive is authorized to execute Contract No. 5728 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution, upon approval of same by the Director of Law or the Director's designee. To the

extent that any exemptions are necessary under the County Code and contracting procedures, they shall be deemed approved by the adoption of this Resolution.

SECTION 3. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 4. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: November 12, 2025
Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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