



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, DECEMBER 17, 2025 — 1:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 1:07 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 was absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 3, 2025 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Schleper, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the December 3, 2025 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0349: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$15,000, to The Building & Leveraging Opportunities Foundation for the purpose of the Leadership, Legacy & Lifelong Learning Initiative Project from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Orlando Grant, Board Chair of Building and Leveraging Opportunities Foundation, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0349. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2025-0349 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2025-0361: A Resolution making an award on RQ16239 to various providers in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,260,000.00 for infant and early childhood mental health services in connection with the Invest in Children Program for the period 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2027; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contracts and all other documents consistent with said awards and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
- a) Contract No. 5729 with Achievement Centers for Children in the amount not-to-exceed \$265,000.00.
 - b) Contract No. 5715 with Applewood Centers, Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed \$40,000.00.
 - c) Contract No. 5708 with Beech Brook in the amount not-to-exceed \$91,000.00.
 - d) Contract No. 5710 with Circle Health Services dba The Centers in the amount not-to-exceed \$80,000.00.
 - e) Contract No. 5707 with Murtis Taylor Human Services System in the amount not-to-exceed \$120,000.00.
 - f) Contract No. 5722 with OhioGuidestone in the amount not-to-exceed \$352,000.00.
 - g) Contract No. 5709 with Positive Education Program in the amount not-to-exceed \$312,000.00.

Dr. Shawna Rohrman, Director of Invest in Children; and Ms. Alyssa Swiatek, Associate Director of Invest in Children, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0361. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2025-0361 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.

- c) R2025-0362: A Resolution authorizing a contract with Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio in the amount not-to-exceed \$900,000.00 for fiscal agent and administrative services in connection with Bright Beginnings System and Parent Support Program under the Invest in Children Program for the period of 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2027, authorizing the County Executive to execute the Contract No. 5776 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Dr. Rohrman and Mr. Tom Wetzel, Parent Support Department Manager for Bright Beginnings, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0362. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Dr. Rohrman and Mr. Wetzel pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2025-0362 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.

6. PRESENTATION

- a) County Recycling Refresh-Jenita McGowan, Deputy Chief of Staff for Climate and Sustainability and Michael Dever, Director of the Department of Public Works

Ms. Jenita McGowan, Deputy Chief of Sustainability and Climate; and Mr. Michael Dever, Director of the Department of Public Works, provided the Committee with the background, number of buildings assessed, pilot, communication efforts, data collected and status of the Recycling Refresh program. Discussion ensued.

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

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m., without objection.