



## CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

### EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
4<sup>th</sup> FLOOR

#### MEETING AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026 — 3:00 P.M.

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#### 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 DECEMBER 17, 2025 MEETING

#### 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0005: A Resolution authorizing an Amendment to a Grant Agreement with the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board for Component One of the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program for the period ending 12/31/2025, to extend the time period to 8/31/2028 and for additional funds in the amount of \$500,000, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
  
- b) R2026-0017: A Resolution authorizing a Subgrant Agreement with City of Cleveland in the total amount not-to-exceed \$14,882,505.00 to implement clean energy solutions and the installation of 10.2 megawatts (MW) of solar arrays at two landfills located within the City of Cleveland borders on Kolthoff Road and West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, for the period 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2029; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Subgrant Agreement No. 5743 and all other documents consistent with said agreements 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, DECEMBER 17, 2025 — 1:00 P.M.

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#### 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 Wetzal, 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.**

# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2026-0005

Sponsored by: <b>Councilmember Simon</b>	<b>A Resolution</b> authorizing an Amendment to the Grant Agreement with the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board for Component One of the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program for the period ending 12/31/2025, to extend the time period to 8/31/2028 and for additional funds in the amount of \$500,000, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00; authorizing the County Executive to execute the contract 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, Article III, Section 3.09(11) of the Charter authorizes Council to “establish and provide for the administration of a program to provide scholarships, loans, grants and other forms of financial assistance for residents of the County that will enable them to participate in post-secondary education, including vocational education and job training and retraining;” and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. O2012-0007 established the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program (the “Program”) and the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Fund (the “Fund”); and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. O2012-0007 was codified in Chapter 804 of the Cuyahoga County Code and was subsequently amended to add an additional component to the Program, to authorize an alternative procurement process and to authorize Council to annually designate the amount of budgeted funds to be allocated for each component of the Program; and

WHEREAS, County Council has determined to allocate an amount to the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board for Component One of the Program; and

WHEREAS, County Council approved Resolution No. R2025-0048 making an award to the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Fund for Component One of the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program for

the period ending 12/31/2025, and such award was executed in a Grant Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board requested additional time to expend the \$500,000.00 from Resolution No. R2025-0048 for the period ending 12/31/2025; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County 2026/2027 Biennial Operating Budget and Capital Improvements Program approved by County Council pursuant to Resolution No. R2025-0239 appropriates \$250,000 in each fiscal year for Component One of the County Educational Assistance Program for years 2026 and 2027; and

WHEREAS, County Council has now determined to authorize an amendment a Grant Agreement with the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board for Component One of the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Fund for the period ending 12/31/2025, to extend the time period to 8/31/2028 and for additional funds in the amount of \$500,000, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County program.

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

**SECTION 1.** The Cuyahoga County Council hereby authorizes an Amendment to the Grant Agreement with the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board for Component One of the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program in the amount of \$500,000.00 from the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Fund for the period ending 12/31/2025, to extend the time period to 8/31/2028 and for additional funds in the amount of \$500,000, for a total amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00.

**SECTION 2.** The County Executive is authorized to execute the Amendment and all other documents consistent with 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

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Clerk of Council

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Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: January 13, 2026

Committee(s) Assigned: Education, Environment & Sustainability

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# County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

## Resolution No. R2026-0017

<p>Sponsored by: <b>County Executive Ronayne/Department of Public Works/Division of Public Utilities</b></p> <p>Co-sponsored by: <b>Councilmember Miller</b></p>	<p><b>A Resolution</b> authorizing a Subgrant Agreement with City of Cleveland in the total amount not-to-exceed \$14,882,505.00 to implement clean energy solutions and the installation of 10.2 megawatts (MW) of solar arrays at two landfills located within the City of Cleveland borders on Kolthoff Road and West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, for the period 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2029; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Subgrant Agreement No. 5743 and all other documents consistent with said agreements and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.</p>
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**WHEREAS**, the County Executive/Department of Public Works/Division of Public Utilities recommends entering into a Subgrant Agreement with City of Cleveland in the total amount not-to-exceed \$14,882,505.00 to implement clean energy solutions and the installation of 10.2 megawatts (MW) of solar arrays at two landfills located within the City of Cleveland borders on Kolthoff Road and West 11<sup>th</sup> Street, for the period 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2029; and

**WHEREAS**, the primary goal of this project is the implementation of ambitious measures that will achieve significant cumulative greenhouse gas (GHG) reductions by 2030 and beyond; and

**WHEREAS**, this project is funded 100% from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency-Climate Pollution Reduction Grant; 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 RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:**

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**SECTION 2.** That the County Executive is authorized to execute Subgrant Agreement No. 5743 and all other documents consistent with said agreement and this Resolution. 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.

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