



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, MAY 20, 2026 — 3:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chairman Schleper called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Schleper asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Schleper, Jones and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Simon and Houser were absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 22, 2026 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Schleper, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2026 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0122: A Resolution making an award to College Now Greater Cleveland in the amount of \$800,000.00 from the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Fund for Component Two of the Cuyahoga County Educational Assistance Program for the period ending 6/30/2031; 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.

Mr. Robert Durham, Chief Success Officer for College Now Greater Cleveland; and Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0122. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2026-0122 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2026-0142: A Resolution supporting the City of East Cleveland's application for funding from Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in the Caledonia Ravine Restoration in the City of East Cleveland; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Meghan Chaney, Senior Planner; and Mr. Jeremy Hinte, Principal for OHM Advisors, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0142. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Schleper with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2026-0142 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) R2026-0143: A Resolution supporting West Creek Conservancy's application for funding from the Clean Ohio Fund Green Space Conservation Program available through the Ohio Public Works Commission for the conservation of ecologically significant areas in Irishtown Bend Park Phase II in the City of Cleveland; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Chaney and Mr. Derek Schafer, Executive Director of West Creek Conservancy, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0143. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Schleper with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2026-0143 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. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Vice-Chairman Schleper adjourned the meeting at 3:42 p.m., without objection.