



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1, 2026 — 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

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, Houser, Jones and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Schleper was in attendance after the roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 3, 2026 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Simon and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2026 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0164: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Cuyahoga Community College for the purchase of a mini-excavator for the Utility Technician program from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Jason Abbott, Associate Vice President of Workforce Innovation for Cuyahoga Community College, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0164. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2026-0164 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) O2026-0003: An Ordinance amending Chapter 1301 of the Cuyahoga County Code to enact new Section 1301.022, prohibiting the retail sale and display of gun-shaped lighters within Cuyahoga County, amending Section 1301.021 to add a cross-reference thereto; and declaring the necessity thereof.

Ms. Simon introduced a proposed substitute to Ordinance No. O2026-0003. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor; Ms. Myesha Watkins, Administrator of the Office of Violence Prevention; Ms. Sheryl Harris, Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs; and Mr. Nathan Hall, Assistant Law Director, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2026-0003. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. McAleer, Ms. Watkins, Ms. Harris and Mr. Hall pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.

On a motion by Mr. Houser with a second by Mr. Schleper, Ordinance No. O2026-0003 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) O2026-0006: An Ordinance enacting Section 205.11 of Title 2 (County Organization) of the Cuyahoga County Code to establish the Cuyahoga County Administrative Appeals Board as an independent body to hear and decide appeals from administrative enforcement actions of County departments and agencies.

Ms. Harris and Mr. Michael King, Special Counsel, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2026-0006. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schleper, Ordinance No. O2026-0006 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- d) O2026-0007: An Ordinance repealing existing Chapter 1301 of Title 13 (Commercial Regulation) of the Cuyahoga County Code and re-enacting Chapter 1301 (Consumer Protection) to prohibit unfair, deceptive, and unconscionable consumer sales acts and practices and to establish complaint, investigation, enforcement, and penalty procedures.

Ms. Harris and Mr. Hall addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2026-0007. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schleper, Ordinance No. O2026-0007 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.

- e) O2026-0008: An Ordinance amending Chapter 1302 (Weights and Measures) of Title 13 (Commercial Regulation) of the Cuyahoga County Code to conform the County's weights-and-measures program to current state law and national standards and to establish price-verification, item-pricing, penalty, and consumer-remedy provisions.

Mr. Shaun Bland, Supervisor of Weights and Measures; and Ms. Harris, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2026-0008. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Miller, Ordinance No. O2026-0008 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) Update from Department of Consumer Affairs

Ms. Harris gave a brief update on the Department of Consumer Affairs.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 4:32 p.m., without objection.