



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY FINANCE & BUDGETING COMMITTEE MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 19, 2025

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR

1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Turner called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Turner asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Turner, Casselberry, Gallagher, Houser, Kelly and Schleper were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Jones joined the meeting after the roll call taken. Council President Miller was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 28, 2025 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Casselberry and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the April 28, 2025 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0177: A Resolution authorizing payments to various providers, in the total amount of \$785,000.00, for said services and programs for the period ending 12/31/2025; authorizing the County Executive to negotiate and execute any necessary agreements, contracts or other documents for same; allocating funds in the total amount of \$898,958 in support of Cuyahoga County General Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Cuyahoga Community College, Veterans Services and Program Office, to help veterans afford tuition and complete their degrees and certifications in the amount of \$85,000.00.
- 2) Cuyahoga County Land Reutilization Corporation for Veterans Housing in the amount of \$100,000.00.
- 3) Legal Aid Society of Cleveland for the Legal Services for U.S. Veterans Program in the amount of \$200,000.00.
- 4) Joseph & Mary's Home for wraparound services and transition to permanent housing for medically fragile, homeless veterans in Cuyahoga County in the amount of \$100,000.00.
- 5) Towards Employment Career Pathway Services for career pathway services that will support and build veterans' economic mobility in the amount of \$100,000.00.
- 6) United Way 2-1-1 for the Help2Vets Program in the amount of \$100,000.00.
- 7) Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter for training and adoption fees associated to companion animals for veterans in the amount of \$100,000.00.

Ms. Laura Black, Research & Policy Analyst; Ms. Jennifer Kons, Director of Strategic Initiatives for United Way Greater Cleveland; Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor; Mr. Walter Parfejewiec, Director of the Office of Budget and Management; and Ms. Colleen Cotter, Executive Director of The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0177. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Black, Ms. Kons, Mr. McAleer, Mr. Parfejewiec and Ms. Cotter pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

There was no further legislative action taken by the Committee.

- b) R2025-0187: A Resolution adopting the Annual Alternative Tax Budget for the year 2026; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Parfejewiec addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0187. Discussion ensued.

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

[Clerk's Note: The Committee erred in passing a motion to adopt Resolution No. R2025-0187. The legislation will be held in Committee and then placed on a future Finance & Budgeting Committee meeting agenda.]

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Turner adjourned the meeting at 1:36 p.m., without objection.