



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2026—1:00 P.M.

Committee Members

Yvonne M. Conwell, Chair | Dist. 7
Martin J. Sweeney, Vice Chair | Dist. 3
Mark Casselberry | Dist. 4
Michael J. Houser, Sr. | Dist. 10
Robert E. Schleper, Jr. | Dist. 6

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Sweeney called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Sweeney asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Committee members Sweeney, Casselberry and Schleper were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Ms. Conwell and Mr. Houser were absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Loh addressed the Committee regarding homeless shelter services, challenges and funding.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 21, 2026 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Casselberry, seconded by Mr. Schleper and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the January 21, 2026 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Casselberry and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Committee Chair Yvonne Conwell and Committee member Michael Houser from the meeting.

5. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0024: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Village of Healing for general operations from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Jaqueline Bradshaw, Director of Programs and Grants Management for the Village of Healing, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0024. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Bradshaw pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Casselberry with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2026-0024 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2026-0046: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 3013 with Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry for operations and case management services for a 400-bed Men's Emergency Shelter, located at 2100 Lakeside Avenue, Cleveland, and for facilitation and coordination of overflow shelter services for single adults and families at various locations for the period 1/1/2023 – 12/31/2025, to extend the time period to 9/30/2026, to amend the budget terms, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$4,350,000.00 effective 11/1/2025; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. David Merriman, Director of the Department of Health and Human Services; Ms. LeVine Ross, Director of the Office of Homeless Services; Ms. Maria Foschia, President and Chief Executive Officer and Ms. Erin Kray, Director of Housing & Shelter for Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0046. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Ross, Ms. Foschia and Ms. Kray pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Casselberry with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2026-0046 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) R2026-0047: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 3014 with Young Women's Christian Association of Greater Cleveland, Ohio dba YWCA Greater Cleveland for operation and case management services at the Norma Herr and Walton Road Women's Shelters for the period 1/1/2023 - 12/31/2025 to extend the time period to 10/31/2026, to amend terms, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,113,995.00, effective 1/1/2026; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. LeVine Ross; Ms. Helen Forbes Fields President and Chief Executive Officer and Ms. Lisa Fuente, Director of Finance, YWCA Greater Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0047. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Ross, Ms. Forbes-Fields and Ms. Fuente pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Casselberry with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2026-0047 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, Chairman Sweeney adjourned the meeting at 1:37 p.m., without objection.