



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES, APPOINTMENTS & EQUITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 30, 2024
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
10:00 AM

Committee Members:

Meredith M. Turner, Chair – District 9
Michael J. Gallagher, Vice Chair – District 5
Dale Miller – District 2
Yvonne M. Conwell – District 7
Martin J. Sweeney – District 3

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 16, 2024 MEETING [See Page 3]**
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
 - a) **R2023-0318: A Resolution confirming the County Executive’s re-appointment of various individuals to serve on the Cuyahoga County Citizens’ Advisory Council on Equity for the term 7/15/2023 – 7/14/2026; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective: [See Page 10]**

Re-appointments:

- 1) Heidi Gullett, MD
- 2) Eddie Taylor
- 3) Jenice Contreras

- b) R2024-0016: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment and re-appointments of various individuals to serve on the Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation Board of Trustees for various terms; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective: [See Page 17]

Appointment:

- 1) Debbie Berry for an unexpired term ending 3/31/2026

Re-appointments:

- 1) Michael Chambers for the term 10/16/2023 – 10/15/2026
- 2) Sara Parks Jackson for the term 10/16/2023 – 10/15/2026

- c) R2024-0041: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Debbie Berry to serve on the Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland Board of Trustees for an unexpired term ending 05/31/2027, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 29]
- d) R2024-0042: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Bryce Sylvester to serve on the Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland Board of Trustees for an unexpired term ending 05/31/2027, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 36]
- e) R2024-0043: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Virginia Benjamin to serve on the Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland Board of Trustees for an unexpired term ending 05/31/2027, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective. [See Page 43]

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

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MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES, APPOINTMENTS & EQUITY COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16, 2024

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR

10:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Turner called the meeting to order at 10:16 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Turner asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Turner, Gallagher, Conwell and Sweeney were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Miller joined the meeting after the roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 31, 2023 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the October 31, 2023 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2023-0318: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's re-appointment of various individuals to serve on the Cuyahoga County Citizens' Advisory Council on Equity for the term 7/15/2023 – 7/14/2026; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

Re-appointments:

- 1) Heidi Gullett, MD
- 2) Eddie Taylor
- 3) Jenice Contreras

Resolution No. R2023-0318 was held in the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.

- b) R2023-0366: A Resolution making an award on RQ12168 to The James B. Oswald Company in the amount not-to-exceed \$700,000.00 for professional employee benefits consultant services for the period 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2026; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 3943 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Sarah Nemastil, Director and Ms. Gloria Langford, Director of Employee Benefits for the Department of Human Resources; Mr. Eddie Taylor, President and Chief Executive Officer of Taylor Oswald; and Ms. Kelsey Finucan, Vice President, Large Market Practice Leader for Oswald Companies, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0366. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Nemastil, Ms. Langford, Mr. Taylor and Ms. Finucan pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2023-0366 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) R2024-0016: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment and re-appointments of various individuals to serve on the Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation Board of Trustees for various terms; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

Appointment:

- 1) Debbie Berry for an unexpired term ending 3/31/2026

Re-appointments:

- 1) Michael Chambers for the term 10/16/2023 – 10/15/2026

- 2) Sara Parks Jackson for the term 10/16/2023 – 10/15/2026

Resolution No. R2024-0016 was held in the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.

- d) R2024-0017: A Resolution confirming the County Executive’s re-appointment of Dean E. DePiero to serve on the Cuyahoga County Public Library Board of Trustees for the term 2/1/2024 – 1/31/2031, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Toscos addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0017. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Dean DePiero addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Public Library Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. DePiero pertaining to his experience, expertise and qualifications, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2024-0017 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.

Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Miller requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- e) R2024-0018: A Resolution confirming the County Executive’s appointment of various Mayors to serve on the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission representing various regions for various terms, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

Appointments:

- 1) The Honorable Gregory P. Kurtz (Cuyahoga Region) for an unexpired term ending 12/31/2025

- 2) The Honorable Matthew Burke
(Chagrin/Southeast Region) for the term
1/1/2024 – 12/31/2026
- 3) The Honorable David E. Weiss (Heights Region)
for the term 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2026

Ms. Zoe Toscos, Special Projects Manager for the Executive’s Office and Mr. Christopher Alvarado, Director of Regional Collaboration, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0018. Discussion ensued.

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

The Honorable Gregory P. Kurtz addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission (Cuyahoga Region). Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mayor Kurtz pertaining to his experience, expertise and qualifications, which he answered accordingly.

The Honorable Matthew Burke addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission (Chagrin/Southeast Region). Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mayor Burke pertaining to his experience, expertise and qualifications, which he answered accordingly.

The Honorable David E. Weiss addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission (Heights Region). Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mayor Weiss pertaining to his experience, expertise and qualifications, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2024-0018 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.

- f) R2024-0019: A Resolution confirming the County Executive’s appointment of Sharon Dumas to serve on The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees for an unexpired term ending 3/1/2026, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Toscos introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2024-0019.
Discussion ensued.**

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

**Ms. Toscos addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0019.
Discussion ensued.**

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

Ms. Sharon Dumas addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Dumas pertaining to her experience, expertise and qualifications, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2024-0019 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, as substituted.

Mr. Sweeney, Ms. Turner, Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Miller requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- g) R2024-0021: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's re-appointment of Erskine Cade to serve on the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County for the term 7/1/2023 – 6/30/2027, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.**

**Ms. Toscos addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0021.
Discussion ensued.**

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

Mr. Erskine Cade addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Cade pertaining to his experience, expertise and qualifications, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2024-0021 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.

Ms. Turner and Mr. Miller requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- h) R2024-0022: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's re-appointment of Salvatore Talarico to serve on the Cuyahoga County Audit Committee for the term 1/1/2024 – 12/31/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Toscos addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0022. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Salvatore Talarico addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Audit Committee. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Talarico pertaining to his experience, expertise and qualifications, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2024-0022 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.

- i) O2023-0017: An Ordinance providing for the adoption of a modified Section 11.09 of the Cuyahoga County Employee Handbook; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Ms. Nemastil addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2023-0017. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Miller, Ordinance No. O2023-0017 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Turner adjourned the meeting at 11:55 a.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2023-0318

Sponsored by: County Executive Ronayne	A Resolution confirming the County Executive’s reappointment of various individuals to serve on the Cuyahoga County Citizens’ Advisory Council on Equity for the term 7/15/2023 - 7/14/2026 and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, in 2012 Cuyahoga County Council enacted Ordinance No. O2012-0014 (the “Equity Ordinance”), which established the County Equity Commission and the Citizens’ Advisory Council on Equity to oversee and report on equity efforts undertaken by the County and in the delivery of County services, as well as the collection of relevant data and the issuance of an annual equity report; and

WHEREAS, in 2019 Cuyahoga County Council enacted Ordinance No. O2019-0002 to harmonize and align the efforts of the various public bodies established by the Equity Ordinance and the Anti-Discrimination Ordinance by providing that the Citizens’ Advisory Council on Equity be appointed once every five years to periodically report and recommend policies and programs to both the County Equity Commission and the Human Rights Commission; and

WHEREAS, on October 27, 2020, Cuyahoga County adopted Ordinance 2020-0018, amending Section 208.01 of the Cuyahoga County Code to provide for the appointment of members of the Citizens’ Advisory Council on Equity to three-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Charter Section 6.04, entitled Special Boards and Commissions, states that “[w]hen general law or any agreement with another public agency or court order provides for appointment of members of a special board or commission or other agency by the board of county commissioners, such appointment shall be made by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the Council;” and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated the following individuals to continue their service on the Citizens’ Advisory Council on Equity, for three-year terms commencing 7/15/23 through 7/14/2026:

- a. Dr. Heidi Gullett
- b. Mr. Eddie Taylor
- c. Ms. Jenice Contreras

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

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the County Executive’s reappointment of the following individuals to continue to serve on the Cuyahoga County Citizens’ Advisory Council on Equity for the term commencing 7/15/2023 through 7/14/2026:

- a. Dr. Heidi Gullett
- b. Mr. Eddie Taylor
- c. Ms. Jenice Contreras

SECTION 2. 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. Pursuant to Cuyahoga County Charter Section 3.10(5), provided that this resolution receives the affirmative vote of a majority of members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and 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

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: November 14, 2023

Committee(s) Assigned: Human Resources, Appointments & Equity

Journal _____

_____, 2023



November 7, 2023

Pernel Jones, Jr., President
Cuyahoga County Council
2079 E. Ninth Street, 8th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: Cuyahoga County Citizens' Advisory Council on Equity

Dear President Jones

The Cuyahoga County Citizens' Advisory Council on Equity was established to oversee and report on equity efforts undertaken by the County and in the delivery of County services, as well as the collection of relevant data and the issuance of an annual equity report.

Pursuant to Ordinance No. 2019-0002, I submit the following nominations for reappointment to the Cuyahoga County Citizens' Advisory Council on Equity:

- **Dr. Heidi Gullet (7/15/2023 - 7/14/2026)**
 - Reappointment
 - Currently resides in Cleveland (Cuyahoga County)
- **Eddie Taylor (7/15/2023 - 7/14/2026)**
 - Reappointment
 - Currently resides in Solon (Cuyahoga County)
- **Jenice Contreras (7/15/2023 - 7/14/2026)**
 - Reappointment
 - Currently resides in Cleveland (Cuyahoga County)

There are no known conflicts of interest for which an advisory opinion has been requested. This board is uncompensated. There are a total of 0 candidates on file for this position.

Thank you for your consideration of these appointments. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact Zoe Toscos in my office at 216-443-8356.

Sincerely,

Chris Ronayne
County Executive

Heidi Gullett, MD, MPH

7/2020

Titles:

Heidi Gullett, MD, MPH

Associate Professor

Medical Director, Cuyahoga County Board of Health

Fellow, The Institute for Integrative Health

Co-Chair, Health Improvement Partnership-Cuyahoga (HIP-Cuyahoga)

Physician, Neighborhood Family Practice

Charles Kent Smith, MD and Patricia Hughes Moore, MD Professorship in Medical Student Education in Family Medicine

Associate Director, Center for Community Health Integration (CHI): *Research & Development for Community Health & Integrated, Personalized Care*

School of Medicine

Case Western Reserve University

Dr. Gullett was born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio. She completed her undergraduate degree in Biochemistry and Sociology/Anthropology at Denison University in Granville, Ohio, her MD at Wright State University in Dayton, and her MPH in Health Policy at Portland State University. She completed a combined residency in Family Medicine, Public Health, and General Preventive Medicine at Oregon Health and Science University in Portland, Oregon, and is boarded in both specialties. Following residency, she served in the National Health Service Corps in rural Jellico, Tennessee, and in her hometown of Youngstown. She has worked at community health centers for most of her career, including currently practicing at Neighborhood Family Practice on the west side of Cleveland. In her clinical practice, she provides family medicine care, including inpatient medicine, with an emphasis on cancer prevention and women's health services and previously spent ten years providing full scope maternity care services. Dr. Gullett is an associate professor in the Center for Community Health Integration at CWRU that aims to promote research and development for community health and integrated, personalized care. Her research, supported by a career development award from the American Cancer Society and The Institute for Integrative Health where she serves as a fellow, heavily focuses on helping people move out of poverty. To this end, she is a facilitator for *Bridges Out of Poverty*, *Getting Ahead in a Just-Gettin'-By-World*, *Getting Ahead in the Workplace* and *Workplace Stability*. She teaches medical students and Family and Public Health/Preventive Medicine residents. Dr. Gullett is also the inaugural appointee to the Charles Kent Smith, MD and Patricia Hughes Moore, MD Professorship in Medical Student Education in Family Medicine. For the past 7 years, she has also been embedded as the School of Medicine population health liaison at the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, a position aimed at building partnerships between public health and clinical care in an effort to achieve health equity through community health improvement, one of the three School of Medicine strategic priorities. She also serves as the medical director for the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, incident commander for the COVID-19 response, and the co-chair of the Health Improvement Partnership-Cuyahoga (HIP-Cuyahoga), a large cross-sector community health improvement consortium. Dr. Gullett is passionate about the realization of equity through authentic long-term partnerships and collective impact. She is married to Travis, an emergency physician, and is the proud mother of an 11 year-old daughter and 8 year-old son.



EDDIE TAYLOR

President

Taylor Oswald, LLC

Eddie Taylor, Jr. is President of Taylor Oswald, a venture between Oswald Companies and Mr. Taylor. Oswald is one of the nation's largest independent, employee-owned insurance brokerage firms. Eddie has previously owned or operated companies in a variety of industries including warehousing and distribution.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

A native of the Cleveland area, Mr. Taylor is a graduate of Elyria West High School and Allegheny College. He is a past Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Allegheny College. Eddie was the founding Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Cleveland Leadership Center and is a former Board Chair of the Greater Cleveland Chapter of the American Red Cross. He is a past Chair of the Commission on Economic Inclusion.

Eddie is current Chair of The Presidents' Council, LLC, and is the current vice chair of University Hospitals Cleveland Medical Center. Eddie serves as a Board Member for the Greater Cleveland Sports Commission; Greater Cleveland Partnership, College Now, Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges, Akron Zoological Park and the Burton D. Morgan Foundation.

He completed the Executive MBA Program at the Case Western Reserve University Weatherhead School of Management. Eddie is also involved with other various entrepreneurial activities.



Jenice Contreras
Executive Director
*Northeast Ohio Hispanic Center for Economic
Development*

Jenice Contreras is an established leader in small business and community development, healthcare and nonprofit management. Currently, she serves as the Executive Director of the Northeast Ohio Hispanic Center for Economic Development (the Center). Under the Center, Jenice is responsible for the NEO Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and community development. Jenice is a driving force around the neighborhood redevelopment efforts in Cleveland's Clark-Fulton neighborhood known as La Villa Hispana. La Villa Hispana is a cultural and economic placemaking initiative in the most densely populated Hispanic enclave in the state of Ohio.

Under Jenice's leadership, the Center has ventured into the first real estate development of La Villa Hispana known as CentroVilla25 where she represents the organization as Project Owner and a Co-developer. Prior to her current role as Executive Director, Jenice owned and operated her own public health consulting firm, The Inovar Group and also worked for Collaborative Research, LLC which administers Federal grants through the Health and Resources Services Administration (HRSA).

Jenice earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Capital University and an Executive Master of Business Administration from The Ohio State University, Fisher College of Business. Jenice serves on the Board for the Center for Community Solutions and is a member of the City of Cleveland's Planning Commission's Near West Design Review Committee. In 2017, Jenice completed a fellowship through the Business Alliance for Living Local Economies (BALLE) and in 2019 served as the Faculty Chair for the National League of Cities Equitable Economic Development Fellowship.

Most recently, Jenice is part of the steering committee of the Cleveland Innovation Project. In 2020 she joined the Cleveland State University Foundation's Board of Directors. She was featured in the March/April 2020 edition of Phenomenal Woman Magazine. Jenice was recognized on Crain's Cleveland Magazine's 2019 Woman of Note in Non-Profit. In 2018, Crain's Cleveland Business Magazine also recognized Jenice as a Notable Woman in Real Estate, was awarded the 2018 YWCA Woman of Achievement and was the 2017 Ohio Latino Affairs Commission's Distinguished Hispanic Ohioan. She is an advocate in addressing racial diversity and representation of people of color. Jenice was born in Puerto Rico, is bilingual, bicultural and is proud of her heritage. She is a mother of two young adults (Karl & Kyle) and continues to ensure growth in economic and community development for Latinx in Northeast Ohio.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2024-0016

Sponsored by: County Executive Ronayne	A Resolution confirming the County Executive’s appointment and reappointment of various individuals to serve on the Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation Board of Trustees for various terms; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation (“CCCIC”) was incorporated in 1982 under the authority granted in ORC 1724; and

WHEREAS, the CCCIC serves the sole purpose of advancing, encouraging and promoting the industrial, economic, commercial and civil development in Cuyahoga County. The CCCIC serves as Cuyahoga County’s review agent of industrial revenue bond financing; and

WHEREAS, Article III of the CCCIC’s Code of Regulations provides that the Board of Trustees shall consist of two classes of Trustees. The “County Class”, which shall consist of five members appointed or elected officers of Cuyahoga County, and the “Private Class”, which shall be six members elected from persons nominated by the County Executive, in consultation with the Greater Cleveland Partnership; and

WHEREAS, the members of CCCIC Board of Trustees shall serve three-year terms; and

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Charter Section 6.04, entitled Special Boards and Commissions, states that “[w]hen general law or any agreement with another public agency or court order provides for appointment of members of a special board or commission or other agency by the board of county commissioners, such appointment shall be made by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the Council,”; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated the following individuals to serve as County Class Trustee on the CCCIC’s Board of Trustees for the various terms indicated:

Debbie Berry (replacing Matt Carroll) for the unexpired, thee-year term ending 3/31/2026

Michael Chambers (reappointment) for the term 10/16/2023 – 10/15/2026

Sara Parks Jackson (reappointment) for the term 10/16/2023 – 10/15/2026

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

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the County Executive’s appointment and reappointment of the following individuals to serve as County Class Trustee on the CCCIC’s Board of Trustees for the various terms indicated:

Debbie Berry (replacing Matt Carroll) for the unexpired, three-year term ending 3/31/2026

Michael Chambers (reappointment) for the term 10/16/2023 – 10/15/2026

Sara Parks Jackson (reappointment) for the term 10/16/2023 – 10/15/2026

SECTION 2. 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. Pursuant to Cuyahoga County Charter Section 3.10(5), provided that this resolution receives the affirmative vote of a majority of members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and 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

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: January 9, 2024
Committee(s) Assigned: Human Resources, Appointments & Equity

Journal _____

_____, 20__



December 18, 2023

Pernel Jones, Jr., President
Cuyahoga County Council
Cuyahoga County Administration Building
2079 E.9th, 8th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation (CCCIC)

Dear President Jones:

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 1724, I am pleased to nominate the following individuals for appointments to serve on the Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation's Board of Trustees:

- **Debbie Berry**, 3-year term, 04/01/2023 – 03/31/2026
 - Replacing Matt Carroll
 - County Class appointment
- **Michael Chambers** 3-year term, 10/16/2023 – 10/15/2026
 - Reappointment
 - County Class appointment
- **Sara Parks Jackson** 3-year term, 10/16/2023 – 10/15/2026
 - Reappointment
 - County Class appointment

The Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation ("CCCIC") was incorporated in 1982, for the sole purpose of advancing, encouraging, and promoting, the industrial, economic, commercial, and civic development of Cuyahoga County. The Corporation serves as Cuyahoga County's review agent for industrial revenue bond financing and economic development lending activity. Members of the Board shall serve a three-year term.

I have attached a copy of each nominee's resume for your review. There are no known conflicts of interest for which an advisory opinion has been requested. This board is uncompensated. There are no candidates on file for this position.

Thank you for your consideration of these appointments. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact Zoe Toscos in my office at 216-443-8356.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Ronayne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Chris Ronayne
County Executive

DEBRA K. BERRY, P.E.

EXPERIENCE

Cuyahoga County Executive's Office, Cleveland Ohio

Chief of Integrated Development (July 2023 – present)

Responsible, in a newly created position, for determining the County's vision for long-term integrated planning, development, housing, transportation, mobility, and public works strategies to invigorate the region and ensure Cuyahoga County is most effectively directing its resources.

Greater Cleveland Partnership (GCP), Cleveland, Ohio

Senior Vice President, Major Projects & Real Estate Development (Mar 2022 – Jun 2023)

Responsible for leading the Chamber's engagement in major civic initiatives and driving large scale, catalytic real estate development projects in the city and throughout the region including the lakefront, riverfront, and downtown redevelopment.

Created the *Cleveland Development Model*, a first of its kind, free 3-D interactive digital model that enables users to visualize a transformed city.

Served as Co-chair of GCP's internal E&I Council.

University Circle Incorporated (UCI), Cleveland, Ohio

Vice President of Community Development (August 2006 – March 2022)

Oversaw the Planning & Real Estate Development cluster, which consists of professionals in real estate, planning, architecture, design, transportation, and property management, while also leading on all initiatives in the following areas:

Real Estate Management and Economic Development

- Led the development process for 9 strategic investment sites with \$24 million in renovations and \$350 million in new construction including a hotel, 2300 units of housing, businesses, pocket parks, and wayfinding & streetscape amenities.
- Led high level negotiations for 5 long-term ground leases and multiple property sales and acquisitions; executed local and national RFP processes; received and invested \$20 million in New Market Tax Credit allocations.
- Supervised management and tenanting of 300+ residential units & over 30,000 sf of commercial space with seven locally owned women & minority businesses.

Transportation

- Represented UCI on major infrastructure projects including the Euclid Corridor BRT and Opportunity Corridor, and served as liaison to ODOT, City, and County for all enhancement projects to roads, bridges, and public ROW in the district.
- Initiated Project Yield, an action-oriented plan focused on improving pedestrian safety by reducing traffic crashes through education & physical improvements.
- Prepared federal and state funding applications that resulted in \$3 million in Ohio Department of Transportation infrastructure safety funds as well as funding for multiple transportation planning studies including a district-wide transportation and mobility plan focused on multi-modal connections.

Community Development

- Raised \$7.12 million in philanthropy for "Bring Back Euclid Avenue" campaign.
- Lobbied for two Ohio state capital grants to restore & create the Cozad Bates Interpretive Center that highlights Cleveland's role in the Underground Railroad.
- Created Vertical Block Clubs to engage residents in elderly, multi-unit buildings.

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AFFILIATIONS Urban Land Institute, Advisory Board & 2017 Young Leaders Partnership Forum Leader
Purdue Alumni Association (PAA), member
Cleveland Rowing Foundation, Recreational Rower

Michael W. Chambers, CPA

Experienced, dedicated, and trusted financial professional with a proven history of implementing fiscal accountability, streamlining expenditures, increasing productivity, and protecting public resources.

EXPERIENCE

Fiscal Officer – Chief Financial Officer Cuyahoga County	<i>2019 – Pres.</i>
Operations and Finance Administrator DPW-Cuyahoga County	<i>2016 – 2019</i>
Senior Business Services Manager/ Fiscal Officer DPW-Cuyahoga County	<i>2011 – 2016</i>
Fiscal Officer Cuyahoga County Engineer	<i>2001 – 2011</i>
Assistant City Controller City of Cleveland	<i>1999 – 2001</i>
Supervisor, Accounting Department Cuyahoga County Treasurer	<i>1990 – 1999</i>

LICENSE/EDUCATION

Certified Public Accountant State of Ohio	<i>2000</i>
Bachelor of Business Administration Cleveland State University	<i>1990</i>

SKILLS

- CFO for one of the top 35 counties in the Country
 - Experienced financial leader of large local government with a \$1.7 billion, (Debt \$1.1 billion),
 - Responsible for annual audit, property tax collections (\$3 billion), accounts payable, revenue, payroll, appraisal, auto title, budget commission, transfer and recording, and real property
 - Skilled employment manager of large departments (270 direct employees / 7,000 indirect)
 - Strategic Planner and Change Agent
 - Excellent communication skills and negotiator
 - Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP)
 - Microsoft Office proficiency in Word, Excel, Outlook, Infor, OnBase, and PowerPoint
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SERVICE/AFFILIATIONS

- Youth Basketball Coach
 - Professional Standards and Responsibility – Ethics Compliance – (OSCPA)
 - Member of the Ohio Society of Certified Public Accountants, Government Finance Officers Association, County Auditors Association, County Recorders Association, Audit Committee, Board of Control, Records Commission, and Budget Commission
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SARA PARKS JACKSON

CUYAHOGA COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

Cleveland, Ohio

Deputy Director, Housing and Community Development September 2021 - Present

Manage the day to day operations of the Housing and Community Development division of the Department of Development including all operational functions and activities. Develops strategy and processes and provides lead role in the development of partnerships with other communities. Provides interpretation and clarification of applicable county, state and federal regulations, policy, rules, and procedures as they relate to funding received. Represents department in meetings; acts as liaison with federal departments and divisions regarding program functions also communicates regularly non-profit and other housing and community development related organizations. Currently serving on the several position related boards including the HOME Investment Partnership Fund Consortium as appointed by the County Executive and the CHN Housing Capitol Advisory Board. Meet regularly with the department Director and other senior development staff as necessary to execute mission, coordinate and develop division goals, direction, activities and policies. Analyze and evaluate existing operations, systems, policies and procedures; develops systems, operations, options and alternatives; determines impact of changes. Supervises staff of eight.

Housing and Community Development Administrator January 2018 – April 2021

Manages and administers the Housing and Community Development division of the Cuyahoga County Department of Development. Manage both housing and community development projects and programs including research, design and development, and reporting. Responsible for the analysis of financial aspects of projects, underwrites and determines collateral value. Determines resource requirements and monitors usage and compliance of all funding streams including Federal, State and local sources. Responsible for the administration of housing and community development financing programs and monitoring of regulatory compliance. Coordinates actions related to the issuance of Private Activity Bonds issued by the County. Meet regularly with the department Director and other senior development staff as necessary to execute mission, coordinate and develop division goals, direction, activities and policies. Analyze and evaluate existing operations, systems, policies and procedures; develops systems, operations, options and alternatives; determines impact of changes. Supervises staff of nine.

Community Development Officer October 2013 – January 2018

Responsible for analysis including underwriting, feasibility determination and recommendation of loans for medium to large-scale residential, mixed use and community development projects. Annual review and recommendation of \$1.2 million in affordable housing loans. Review of \$10.8 million in 2015 and \$5.5 million in loan requests in 2014 resulting in the approval of \$16.3 million in Casino Revenue loans. Development, implementation, coordination and oversight of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funded programs, totaling \$4 million annually. Accountable for successful operation, compliance with federal regulations and continuous evaluation of county's Municipal Grant, Storefront Renovation, Affordable Rental Housing, Down Payment Assistance, Fair Housing and Foreclosure Prevention programs. Additional responsibilities include the review and coordination of grant and loan documents with recipients, legal counsel and other county agencies. Created and administer new Community Development Supplemental Grant (CDSG). Modeled after CDBG program and funded with Casino funds, this program in its first year awarded 21 municipalities or community development corporations up to \$50,000 each in grants for community development projects and programs. Management of requests related to issuing or previously issued conduit bond financing inclusive of Health Care, Industrial Revenue and Multifamily Housing Revenue bonds.

Program Officer

February 2005 – 2013

Implementation and oversight of key community development programs including, targeted grants to cities and targeted façade repair rebates to commercial property owners. Responsible for analysis and underwriting of loans for large-scale residential and community development projects with county Casino Revenue Funds. Management of requests for conduit bond financing, includes requests with Low Income Housing Tax Credits, New Market Tax Credits and other special financing components. Review and analysis resulted in the bond issuance of \$52 million in 2012 and \$44 million in 2013.

Administrative Officer

December 2002 – 2005

Oversight and administration of federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Program (HOME) funded programs providing low interest loans to homeowners in the county. Responsible for the supervision of the lead paint remediation program. Oversight of all requests for multifamily and 501(c) 3 financing, including requests containing Low Income Housing Tax Credits.

Development Specialist

September 1996 –2002

Analysis and underwriting of funding request to assist in financing childcare homes and facilities. Direct oversight of requests for multifamily and 501 (c) 3 bonds financing, including requests containing Low Income Housing Tax Credits.

CITY OF CLEVELAND, OHIO

Manager, Business Retention and Expansion

Assistant Manager, Small Business Office

Economic Development

1995 - 1996

1992 - 1995

NATIONAL CENTER FOR HOUSING MANAGEMENT

Trainer

Washington, DC 1990 – 1992

NCSC-HOUSING MANAGEMENT CORPORATION

Chief, Property Management:

Washington, DC 1986 – 1991

FIRST COLUMBIA MANAGEMENT

Merrifield, VA 1985 – 1986

EDUCATION

Masters, Public Administration

Bachelor of Science, Public Administration,
University of Phoenix

Criminal Justice

University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio (1976 -1979)

CERTIFICATIONS

CSU Public Officials Leadership Academy, XVII

Economic Development Finance

Professional National Development Council-
Certification

Lean Six Sigma Champion -

Lean Six Sigma Yellow Belt

BOARDS/COMMITTEES

CHN Housing Capital Advisory Board 2020-Present

Cuyahoga HOME Consortium, 2019- Present

Starting Point Loan Review Committee, 2004-Present

City of Cleveland, Operation Efficiency Task Force

External Lead, Consumer Affairs Action Team, 2007

MEMBERSHIPS

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2024-0041

Sponsored by: County Executive Ronayne	A Resolution confirming the County Executive’s appointment of Debbie Berry to serve on the Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland Board of Trustees for an unexpired term ending 05/31/2027 and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: January 23, 2024
Committee(s) Assigned: Human Resources, Appointments & Equity

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Cuyahoga County

Chris Ronayne
Cuyahoga County Executive

January 10, 2024

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EXPERIENCE

Cuyahoga County Executive's Office, Cleveland Ohio

Chief of Integrated Development (July 2023 – present)

Responsible, in a newly created position, for determining the County's vision for long-term integrated planning, development, housing, transportation, mobility, and public works strategies to invigorate the region and ensure Cuyahoga County is most effectively directing its resources.

Greater Cleveland Partnership (GCP), Cleveland, Ohio

Senior Vice President, Major Projects & Real Estate Development (Mar 2022 – Jun 2023)

Responsible for leading the Chamber's engagement in major civic initiatives and driving large scale, catalytic real estate development projects in the city and throughout the region including the lakefront, riverfront, and downtown redevelopment.

Created the *Cleveland Development Model*, a first of its kind, free 3-D interactive digital model that enables users to visualize a transformed city.

Served as Co-chair of GCP's internal E&I Council.

University Circle Incorporated (UCI), Cleveland, Ohio

Vice President of Community Development (August 2006 – March 2022)

Oversaw the Planning & Real Estate Development cluster, which consists of professionals in real estate, planning, architecture, design, transportation, and property management, while also leading on all initiatives in the following areas:

Real Estate Management and Economic Development

- Led the development process for 9 strategic investment sites with \$24 million in renovations and \$350 million in new construction including a hotel, 2300 units of housing, businesses, pocket parks, and wayfinding & streetscape amenities.
- Led high level negotiations for 5 long-term ground leases and multiple property sales and acquisitions; executed local and national RFP processes; received and invested \$20 million in New Market Tax Credit allocations.
- Supervised management and tenanting of 300+ residential units & over 30,000 sf of commercial space with seven locally owned women & minority businesses.

Transportation

- Represented UCI on major infrastructure projects including the Euclid Corridor BRT and Opportunity Corridor, and served as liaison to ODOT, City, and County for all enhancement projects to roads, bridges, and public ROW in the district.
- Initiated Project Yield, an action-oriented plan focused on improving pedestrian safety by reducing traffic crashes through education & physical improvements.
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Resolution No. R2024-0042

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Chris Ronayne
County Executive

Bryce Sylvester

AICP, Lean Six Sigma Green Belt

CORE STRENGTHS

- Economic and real estate development
- Corporate site selection
- Real estate market research, analysis, and finance
- Expert in land use and design approval processes
- Captivating public speaker and communicator
- Budget management with experience in federal funding
- Lean Six Sigma Green Belt, focused on operational excellence
- Building and gaining consensus for long-range city plans

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

TEAM NEO

SENIOR DIRECTOR OF SITE STRATEGIES, 2022 – Present

- Sell the competitiveness of Northeast Ohio, in partnership with JobsOhio, for business investment resulting in traded sector job creation and an increase in capital investment.
- Models, analyzes and markets locations and sites for major company attraction lead opportunities in the region.
- Oversees the Team NEO Sites Strategies team executing initiatives and programs that lead to thoughtful commercial and industrial development in locations that drive a competitive region forward.
- Leads the Job Hub strategy, in partnership with the Fund for Our Economic Future, which is focused on accelerating development in places
- Co-authored, alongside the Fund for our Economic Future, the ESG^P Site Selection Tool, which aligns corporate ESG strategy, objectives and goals with the site selection process.

DIRECTOR OF SITE STRATEGIES, 2020 - 2022

- **Leads development and project management of real estate projects for competitive investment, including managing the JobsOhio Ohio Site Inventory Program, a \$250M statewide initiative to fund highly competitive speculative development projects to increase market-ready real estate product.**
- Identifies real estate project leads to grow the regional economy and improve competitiveness through relationship building with site selection consultants, developers, brokers, and service providers.
- **Provides analytical support, and technical assistance for investment and strategic business decisions in real estate development.**
- Supports the site development programs of JobsOhio, including structuring and negotiating incentives.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, 2016 – 2020

- Highly collaborative Director of the Planning and Building Departments, leading 25 employees, and a \$5M annual budget with proven experience and focus inspiring, engaging, and energizing teams.
- **Oversaw \$145M in residential and commercial permit value from 2016-2020** across the retail, office, residential, industrial and education sectors citywide, in addition to **facilitating \$140M of proposed development in 2019.**
- **Lead project manager for site preparation, due diligence, and market analysis** for a 6-acre redevelopment site in the heart of Downtown Lakewood.
- Lead negotiator on the city's land acquisition team, which helped the city to **acquire two former church properties in Lakewood totaling over \$1.5M in value.**
- Partnered with developers to redevelop **19 infill homes representing \$7M in value** with no tax abatement.

- **Envisioned and built consensus to pursue a Citywide Resiliency Plan**, which addressed the local effects of climate change, globalization, population growth, overconsumption, housing insecurity, rising healthcare costs, and much more.
- Executed over **\$1M in economic development loans and grants** through a variety of programs and key partnerships to attract and retain hundreds of jobs in Lakewood from 2016 - 2020.
- **Developed, implemented and refined Lakewood's Housing Forward Strategy** contributing to the strength of Lakewood's housing market – 30% increase in county assessed value from 2014 - 2020.
- Facilitated and executed master plans for Cove and Wagar Parks, followed by completion of \$1M Cove Park renovations in 2018, and planned \$1M Wagar Park renovations in 2019.

SENIOR CITY PLANNER, 2015-2016

- Developed staff to manage, improve and implement community-based plans including the Parks Master Plan, Active Living Master Plan, Bike Plan, Commercial Design Guidelines, the Public Art Plan, and the Resiliency Plan.
- Developed funding strategy, deployment of funds, and facilitated proposals for **\$2M annual Community Development Block Grant funding**.
- Facilitated and oversaw development projects through the city review and approval process, including land use and design approvals, plan review and building permit approvals and inspections.
- **Lean Six Sigma Green Belt project leader** for multiple projects focused on improving application processes that have realized process efficiencies, cost savings, and improved quality of service to citizens.

CITY PLANNER, 2012 – 2015

- Served as Secretary to the Architectural Board of Review, Planning Commission and Board of Zoning Appeals to **facilitate and shepherd real estate development projects to gain land use and design approvals**.
- Executed an Economic Development Fund loan to Omni Lakewood for \$100K to install life safety upgrades.
- Assisted as part of the team to execute the regionally renown Solstice Steps project at Lakewood Park.
- Secured \$350K in grants for improved public transit, expanding bicycle infrastructure and nuisance demolition.
- **Co-authored zoning code modifications to better support and create opportunities for redevelopment**, including the complete overhaul of Lakewood's Parking code, and the creation of a Mixed-Use Overlay District.

CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY, CENTER FOR PUBLIC AND NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT INSTRUCTOR, 2018 - Present

EDUCATION

Cleveland State University, Levin College of Urban Affairs
Master of Urban Planning and Development: Real Estate Development Certificate, 2011

Baldwin-Wallace University, College of Business
Bachelor of Arts: Finance, Marketing, 2008

CERTIFICATIONS & AWARDS

American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP) Designation (2014), Lean Six Sigma Green Belt Training Certification (2014), Cleveland Professional 20/30 Mover & Shaker Award (2012), USGBC LEED Green Association Accredited (2011)

ACTIVITIES

Cleveland State University: Ohio Certified Manager Program Board Member, (2021 – Present), Cleveland State & Case Western Reserve, Internet of Things (IoT) Advisory Committee (2017 – 2021), LakewoodAlive Board Member (2016 – 2020), Lakewood Chamber of Commerce Board Member (2016 – 2020), Cleveland State University Levin College MUPD Advisory Committee (2017) New Leaders Council Cleveland (2014), Zenworks Yoga Board Member (2014), Cuyahoga County Next Generation Council (2012)

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2024-0043

Sponsored by: County Executive Ronayne	A Resolution confirming the County Executive’s appointment of Virginia Benjamin to serve on the Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland Board of Trustees for an unexpired term ending 05/31/2027 and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland Board of Trustees shall consist of five members; two appointed by the City of Cleveland, two appointed by the County of Cuyahoga and one member jointly appointed; and

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WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated Virginia Benjamin (replacing Ken Silliman) (Joint appointment with the Mayor of Cleveland) to be appointed to serve on the Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland Board of Trustee for an unexpired term ending 05/31/2027.

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

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the County Executive's appointment of Virginia Benjamin (replacing Ken Silliman) (Joint appointment with the Mayor of Cleveland) to serve on the Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland Board of Trustees for an unexpired term ending 5/31/2027.

SECTION 2. 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. Pursuant to Cuyahoga County Charter Section 3.10(5), provided that this resolution receives the affirmative vote of a majority of members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and 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

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: January 23, 2024
Committee(s) Assigned: Human Resources, Appointments & Equity

Journal _____
_____, 20__



January 10, 2024

Pernel Jones, Jr., President
Cuyahoga County Council
2079 E. Ninth Street, 8th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland Board of Trustees

Dear President Jones

I am pleased to nominate the following individuals for appointment to the Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland Board of Trustees:

- **Debbie Berry**, unexpired term ending 5/31/2027
 - Replacing Matt Carroll
 - Lives in Cleveland (Cuyahoga County)
- **Bryce Sylvester**, unexpired term ending 5/31/2027
 - Replacing Ron King
 - Lives in Lakewood (Cuyahoga County)
- **Virginia Benjamin**, unexpired term ending 5/31/2027
 - Replacing Ken Silliman (Joint appointment with the Mayor of Cleveland)
 - Lives in Cleveland (Cuyahoga County)

Gateway is an Ohio non-profit corporation established pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 307.696. The Board of Trustees of this corporation is composed of representatives from the City of Cleveland as well as Cuyahoga County. There are no known conflicts of interest for which an advisory opinion has been requested. This board is uncompensated. There are a total of 6 candidates on file for this position.

Thank you for your consideration of these appointments. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact Zoe Toscos in my office at 216-443-8356.

Sincerely,

Chris Ronayne
County Executive



VIRGINIA D. BENJAMIN

SENIOR COUNSEL

GiGi Benjamin serves as Senior Counsel with the firm's Public Finance practice, advising clients in the areas of public finance law with particular emphasis on public/private partnerships and economic development activities.

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GiGi's representative experience encompasses virtually all types of public finance for municipalities, counties, the State of Ohio and related agencies, including airport, water and sewer system revenue bonds, single and multifamily housing, healthcare financing, long-term care financing, industrial revenue bond financing and tax increment financing.

She also led the firm's engagement as counsel to the Ohio Department of Transportation in connection with the Southern Ohio Veterans Memorial Highway, the Department's first design/build/finance/operate/maintain project.

GiGi began her tenure with Calfee in 1976, becoming a partner in 1983. She served on the firm's executive committee from 2001-2004 and 2009-2016, and she served as the long-standing Chair of Calfee's Public Finance practice.

HONORS & RECOGNITIONS

- Frederick O. Kiel Distinguished Service Award, National Association of Bond Lawyers (2018)
- *The Best Lawyers in America*®, Public Finance Law (2005-2023)
- "Lawyer of the Year" for Public Finance in Cleveland, *The Best Lawyers in America*® (2017)
- Jurisprudence Award, ORT America-Northeast Ohio Region (2014)
- "Woman of Achievement," YWCA Greater Cleveland (2013)
- "Woman of Note," *Crain's Cleveland Business* (2012)
- Athena Award Finalist, *Inside Business* (2012)
- City Year Cleveland's Community Champion Award (2005)



- "Rainmaker," *Northern Ohio Live Magazine* (2005)

EDUCATION

J.D., Boston University School of Law, *cum laude*, 1976

A.B., Smith College, 1973

EXPERIENCE

- Calfee served as counsel to a county public health system in connection with the financing of a \$1 billion campus transformation project. Our role included negotiating the structure of the transaction, reviewing and negotiating bond and disclosure documents and assisting with obtaining and negotiating a letter of credit to provide additional security for the bonds.
- Calfee served as bond counsel to the City of Cincinnati in connection with its \$35,505,000 Unlimited Tax General Obligation Judgment Bonds, Series 2015D, which funded the settlement of the City's pension litigation.
- Represented Hamilton County as bond counsel in connection with the County's \$324,035,000 Sales Tax Refunding Bonds, Series 2016A.
- Calfee represented the State of Ohio in connection with the Ohio Department of Transportation's first design/build/finance/operate and maintain procurement for a 16-mile 4-lane highway in southeast Ohio. The engagement included preparation of the procurement documents, including Public Private Agreement.
- Calfee served as counsel to the Port of Greater Cincinnati Development Authority (the "Port Authority") in connection with the proposed acquisition of the City of Cincinnati's parking system, including seven off-street parking facilities and the City's on-street parking system. We negotiated a long-term lease with the City that was structured to be treated as a sale for federal income tax purposes, while providing both an up-front purchase price and ongoing cash flow to the City. Calfee lawyers negotiated management contracts with Xerox State and Local Government Solutions and Denison Parking that provided a fair rate of return to the managers while maintaining affordable parking for the residents and businesses located in the City. Although the transaction ultimately did not proceed due to a change in City administration, the firm's role in structuring and negotiating the acquisition were a model of public private partnership in the State of Ohio.
- Represented a suburban Cuyahoga County community providing infrastructure financing for a Fortune 500 company headquarters and adjacent retail development. The debt will be payable from tax increment financing and will finance, inter alia, public parking facilities. Issues include allocation of private use of the parking facilities to maintain tax-exempt status of bonds.
- Represented an urban inner ring suburb in connection with the redevelopment of a retail center, including bond financing, and preparation and negotiation of purchase and sale agreements and development agreement.



- Acted as bond counsel to the State of Ohio in connection with financing for public infrastructure improvements related to the Flats East Bank project, a \$272 million project with more than 30 sources of financing. Also served as underwriter's counsel in connection with the financing of Phase II of the Flats East Bank project.
- Served as counsel to energy company which obtained financing through a major Ohio municipality for improvements to the utility owned by the municipality and operated by the energy company.
- Represented a real estate developer in connection with the acquisition and remediation of center city industrial park using New Markets Tax Credits.
- Represented the developer in connection with the redevelopment of a downtown Cleveland hotel financed with EB-5 assistance, an energy loan from the State of Ohio secured by special assessments imposed by an advanced energy improvement district, bonds issued by Cuyahoga County and payable from service payments in lieu of taxes received by the City of Cleveland and private conventional financing.
- Served as counsel to a state community college with respect to borrowing proceeds of qualified energy conservation bonds issued by an agency and instrumentality of the State of Ohio.
- Represented a large urban county as bond counsel in connection with the county's issuance of Build America Bonds.
- Served as counsel to local and national banks in connection with their purchase of, or the provision of credit enhancement for, bonds issued for the benefit of municipalities and nonprofit organizations, including economic development programs, art museum expansion and new facilities for world-renown healthcare organization.
- Acted as bond counsel to a western suburb in financing a minor league baseball stadium and a recreational facility, including both governmental and 501(c)(3) bonds.

PROFESSIONAL & COMMUNITY

- American College of Bond Counsel (ACBC), Immediate Past President (2016-2018), Elected Regular Fellow (2007)
- National Association of Bond Lawyers, Board of Trustees, Former Member
- Bond Attorneys Workshop and Fundamentals of Municipal Bonds Seminar, Chair
- American Bar Association
- Leadership Cleveland, Class of 2007
- Cleveland Zoological Society, President of the Board of Trustees (2011-2014), Life Trustee
- Ohio City Incorporated, Director

NEWS

76 Calfee Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America* 2023

08.18.2022



Calfee One of 50 U.S. Law Firms Named to 2022 BTI Midsize Client Service Masters List
The BTI Consulting Group, Inc., 04.28.2022

Calfee Ranks Among Top 33% of Law Firms in 2022 BTI Client Service A-Team List; Recognized as One of 59 Most Improved Law Firms
The BTI Consulting Group, Inc., 03.28.2022

Seventy-seven Calfee Attorneys Recognized in *The Best Lawyers in America 2022*
The Best Lawyers in America®, 08.24.2021

Sixty-seven Calfee Attorneys Selected for Inclusion in *The Best Lawyers in America 2021* and Best Lawyers: Ones to Watch Lists; Two Calfee Lawyers Named to Best Lawyers "Lawyer of the Year"
The Best Lawyers in America®, 08.24.2020

ALERTS

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11.09.2022

Ohio House and Senate Primaries Set Stage for November Election
08.03.2022

Ohio Post-Election Report
05.04.2022

New Funding for Ohio Brownfield Redevelopment Program
01.11.2022

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11.03.2021

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January 16, 2024

County Executive Chris Ronayne
Cuyahoga County
2079 East Ninth Street
Cleveland, OH 44115

Dear County Executive Ronayne:

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 12, 2024 regarding our joint appointment for Chair of the Gateway Economic Development Corporation. I concur and am pleased to also support Virginia (GiGi) Benjamin as our joint nominee.

Should you have any questions, please contact Ryan Puente, Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief Government Affairs Officer, at (216) 571-8622 or rpunte@clevelandohio.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Justin M. Bibb".

Justin M. Bibb
Mayor, City of Cleveland