



MINUTES

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Turner called the meeting to order at 10:14 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 16, 2024 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the January 16, 2024 meeting.

[Clerk's Note: Item No. 5.e) was taken out of order and considered before Item Nos. 5.b), 5.c), and 5.d)]

4. 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

Ms. Zoe Toscos, Special Project Manager for the Executive's Office, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0318. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Jenice Contreras addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Citizens' Advisory Council on Equity. Discussion ensued.

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

Resolution No. R2023-0318 was held in the Committee, pending testimony from Heidi Gullett, MD, who was unable to attend the meeting.

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

- 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:

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

Ms. Toscos addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0016. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Debbie Berry addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Michael Chambers addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Sara Parks Jackson addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2024-0016 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, Ms. Turner, Ms. Conwell, Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Miller requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- 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.

Ms. Toscos addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0041. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Berry addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2024-0041 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.

- 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.

Ms. Toscos addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0042. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Bryce Sylvester addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Sylvester 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. R2024-0042 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.

- 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.

Ms. Toscos addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0043. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Virginia Benjamin addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Gateway Economic Development Corporation of Greater Cleveland Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2024-0043 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 requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Turner adjourned the meeting at 11:37 a.m., without objection.