



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES, APPOINTMENTS & EQUITY  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2025  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
10:00 AM**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Vice Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

**In accordance with Rule 12F of the County Council Rules, Council President Miller appointed Councilmember Pat Kelly as a Member Pro Tem of the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.**

**Mr. Gallagher asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Gallagher, Conwell, Turner and Committee member Pro Tem Kelly were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Houser arrived after the roll call was taken. Committee Chairman Sweeney was absent.**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**There were no public comments given.**

### **4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 18, 2025 MEETING**

**A motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the February 18, 2025 meeting.**

**[Clerk's Note: Item Nos. 5.b) through 5.f) were taken out of order and considered before Item No. 5.a)]**

## 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0084: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Tanisha Warren to represent Cuyahoga County on the Child Abuse and Child Neglect Regional Prevention Council for the Great Lakes Region for the term 1/24/2025 – 1/23/2027, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Ben Schaefer, Legislative Liaison for the Executive's Office, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0084. Discussion ensued.**

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

**Ms. Tanisha Warren addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to represent Cuyahoga County on the Child Abuse and Child Neglect Regional Prevention Council for the Great Lakes Region. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Warren pertaining to her experience, expertise and qualifications, which she answered accordingly. Discussion ensued.**

**On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2025-0084 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.**

- b) R2025-0085: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of the Honorable Judge Donna Congeni Fitzsimmons to serve on the Cuyahoga County Diversion Board for the term 3/1/2025 – 2/29/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Schaefer addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0085. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2025-0085 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) R2025-0086: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Chief Dorothy A. Todd to serve on the Cuyahoga County Diversion Board for the term 3/1/2025 – 2/29/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Schaefer addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0086. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2025-0086 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.**

- d) R2025-0087: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Xiomara Merced to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council for the term 2/1/2025 – 1/31/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Schaefer addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0087. Discussion ensued.**

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

**Ms. Xiomara Merced addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Merced pertaining to her experience, expertise and qualifications, which she answered accordingly. Discussion ensued.**

**On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2025-0087 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) R2025-0088: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Sahara Rivera to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council for the term 4/1/2025 –

3/31/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Schaefer addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0088. Discussion ensued.**

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

**Ms. Sahara Rivera addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Rivera pertaining to her experience, expertise and qualifications, which she answered accordingly. Discussion ensued.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2025-0088 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) R2025-0089: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Adam G. Jacobs, to serve on The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees for the term 3/6/2024 – 3/5/2030, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Schaefer addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0089. Discussion ensued.**

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

**Mr. Adam G. Jacobs addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Jacobs pertaining to his experience, expertise and qualifications, which he answered accordingly. Discussion ensued.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2025-0089 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

**Vice Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m., without objection.**