



## **MINUTES**

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES, APPOINTMENTS & EQUITY  
COMMITTEE MEETING  
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR  
10:00 AM

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

**Chairman Sweeney called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

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

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**There were no public comments given.**

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

**A motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Gallagher and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the March 4, 2025 meeting.**

### **5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**

- a) R2025-0103: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Gina M. Vernaci to serve on the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture Board of Trustees for the term 4/1/2025 – 3/31/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Chris Alvarado, Director of Regional Collaboration, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0103. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2025-0103 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) R2025-0104: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Mary Jo Tipping to serve on the Cuyahoga County Public Defender Commission for the term 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0104. Discussion ensued.**

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

**Ms. Mary Jo Tipping addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Public Defender Commission. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Tipping 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. R2025-0104 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. Sweeney requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

- c) R2025-0105: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Gordon Friedman to serve on the Cuyahoga County Public Defender Commission for the term 1/1/2025 – 12/31/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0105. Discussion ensued.**

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

Mr. Gordon Friedman addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Public Defender Commission. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2025-0105 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, Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Houser requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- d) R2025-0106: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Robert S. Chaloupka to serve on the Commission on Human Rights for the term 3/1/2025 – 2/28/2027, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0106. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Robert S. Chaloupka addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Commission on Human Rights. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Chaloupka 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. R2025-0106 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) R2025-0112: A Resolution making an award on RQ14216 to CaremarkPCS Health, L.L.C. in the amount not-to-exceed \$123,742,902.80 for pharmacy benefit management services for County employees and their eligible dependents for the period 1/1/2025 –

12/31/2027; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 5093 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; Mr. Gloria Langford, Director of Benefits and Mr. Stephen Witt, Business Services Manager for the Department of Human Resources, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0112. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2025-0112 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**

**Chairman Sweeney adjourned the meeting at 10:59 a.m., without objection.**