

MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES, APPOINTMENTS & EQUITY

COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, APRIL 15, 2025

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR

10:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sweeney called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Sweeney asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Sweeney and Gallagher were in attendance and a quorum was not determined.

In accordance with Rule 12F of the County Council Rules, Council President Miller appointed himself as a Member Pro Tem of the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee. A quorum was established.

Committee members Conwell, Turner and Houser arrived after the roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 1, 2025 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the April 1, 2025 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

a) R2025-0123: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Alan K. Nevel to serve on the City of Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board for an unexpired term ending 6/30/2026, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Alvarado, Director of Regional Collaboration, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0123. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Alan K. Nevel addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the City of Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Houser, Resolution No. R2025-0123 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.

b) R2025-0134: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Norman A. Bliss to serve on the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County for the term 7/1/2025 – 6/30/2029, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Alvarado introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2025-0134. Discussion ensued.

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

A motion was then made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Gallagher and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.

Mr. Norman A. Bliss 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 and Councilmember asked questions of Mr. Bliss pertaining to his experience, expertise and qualifications, which he answered accordingly. Discussion ensued.

On a motion by Ms. Gallagher with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2025-0134 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.

Ms. Turner requested to have her name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

c) R2025-0135: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Hallie R. Israel to serve on the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County for the term 7/1/2024 – 6/30/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0135. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Hallie R. Israel addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Ms. Israel 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. R2025-0135 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, Ms. Conwell and Mr. Sweeney requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

d) R2025-0136: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Richard C. Perry to serve on the Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation Board of Trustees for the term 1/2/2023 – 1/1/2026, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0136. Discussion ensued.

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

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

Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Mr. Perry 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. R2025-0136 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.

e) R2025-0137: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Brian E. Hall to serve on the Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation Board of Trustees for the term 1/2/2025 – 1/1/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0137. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Brian E. Hall addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued. Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Mr. Hall pertaining to his experience, expertise and qualifications, which he answered accordingly. Discussion ensued.

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2025-0137 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. Miller, Mr. Houser, Ms. Conwell and Mr. Gallagher requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

f) R2025-0138: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Anthony G. Tavrell to serve on the Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation Board of Trustees for the term 1/2/2025 – 1/1/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Anthony G. Tavrell was not in attendance. There was no legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2025-0138.

g) R2025-0139: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Donna Williams - Alexander to serve on the Cuyahoga County Debarment Review Board for the term 2/1/2022 – 1/31/2027, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0139. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Donna Williams-Alexander addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Debarment Review Board. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmember asked questions of Ms. Williams-Alexander 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. R2025-0139 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, and Ms. Conwell requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sweeney adjourned the meeting at 10:51 a.m., without objection.