



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

HUMAN RESOURCES, APPOINTMENTS & EQUITY COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 29, 2025—10:00 A.M.

Committee Members

Martin J. Sweeney, Chair | Dist. 3
Michael J. Gallagher, Vice Chair | Dist. 5
Yvonne M. Conwell | Dist. 7
Michael J. Houser, Sr. | Dist. 10
Meredith M. Turner | Dist. 9

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Gallagher asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Gallagher, Conwell and Turner were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Sweeney and Houser were absent. Councilmember Schleper was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 15, 2025 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2025 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0217: A Resolution adopting various changes to the Cuyahoga County Non-Bargaining Classification Plan; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Albert Bouchahine, Manager of Classification and Compensation for the Personnel Review Commission, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0217. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2025-0217 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) R2025-0244: A Resolution adopting various changes to the Cuyahoga County Non-Bargaining Classification Plan; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Bouchahine addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0244. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2025-0244 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.

- c) R2025-0247: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Patti Choby to serve on the Cuyahoga County Monument Commission for the term 9/1/2025 – 8/31/2028; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Alvarado, Director of Regional Collaboration, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0247. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Patti Choby addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Monument Commission. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2025-0247 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.

- d) R2025-0248: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Patrick W. Hewitt to serve on the Cuyahoga County Monument Commission for the term 9/1/2025 – 8/31/2028; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0248. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Patrick W. Hewitt addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Monument Commission. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2025-0248 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.

- e) R2025-0249: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Matthew Rymer to serve on the Cuyahoga County Monument Commission for the term 9/1/2025 – 8/31/2028; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0249. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Matthew Rymer addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Monument Commission. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2025-0249 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.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Mr. Alvarado announced that Ms. Ailady Saucedo, Cleveland Foundation Public Fellow, will be leaving the County on August 15th, as her fellowship with the Department of Regional Collaboration is ending. Mr. Alvarado and the Councilmembers thanked Ms. Saucedo for her contributions to the Human Resources, Appointment & Equity Committee and for her assistance in modernizing the process for board appointments that are referred to this committee. Mr. Alvarado and the Councilmembers wished Ms. Saucedo much success in her next chapter.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 10:30 a.m., without objection.