



## CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

### HUMAN RESOURCES, APPOINTMENTS & EQUITY COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
4<sup>th</sup> FLOOR

#### MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2026—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

**Chairman Sweeney called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.**

#### 2. ROLL CALL

**Mr. Sweeney asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Committee members Sweeney, Gallagher, Conwell Houser and Turner were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Robert Schleper was also in attendance.**

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**There were no public comments given.**

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 2, 2025 MEETING

**A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Ms. Turner and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2025 meeting.**

#### 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

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

- a) R2026-0006: 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, Co-Director of the Personnel Review Commission, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0006. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2026-0006 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) R2026-0008: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Jason M. Joyce to serve on the Cuyahoga County Community-Based Correctional Facility Governing Board for an unexpired term ending 12/31/2027, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Chris Alvarado, Director of Regional Collaboration, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0008. Discussion ensued.**

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

**Mr. Jason Joyce addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Community-Based Correctional Facility Governing Board. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2026-0008 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.**

- c) R2026-0009: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Sue Biagianti to serve on the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging Board of Trustees for the term 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Benjamin Schaefer, Legislative Affairs Advisor for the Executive's Office, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0009. Discussion ensued.**

**Ms. Sue Biagianti submitted written correspondence regarding her nomination, experience, expertise and qualifications and expressed her interest to continue to serve on the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging Board of Trustees.**

**Committee members had no questions or comments.**

**On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2026-0009 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.**

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

- d) R2026-0025: 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, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0025. Discussion ensued.**

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2026-0025 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) R2026-0028: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Dennis Roberts to serve on the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the term 2/1/2026 – 1/31/2030, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0028. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Dennis Roberts addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Roberts pertaining to his experience, expertise and qualifications, which he answered accordingly. Discussion ensued. Mrs. Sabrina Roberts addressed Committee members and spoke in support of the nomination of Mr. Roberts.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2026-0028 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, Mr. Gallagher, Ms. Conwell, Mr. Houser, Ms. Turner and Mr. Schleper requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- f) R2026-0029: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Derek Topola to serve on the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities for the term 2/1/2026 – 1/31/2030, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0029.

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

Mr. Derek Topola addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Topola 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. R2026-0029 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, Mr. Gallagher, Ms. Conwell, Mr. Houser, Ms. Turner and Mr. Schleper requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

- g) R2026-0030: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Cielle M. Brady to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council for the term 2/1/2026 – 1/31/2030, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0030. Discussion ensued.**

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

**Ms. Cielle Brady 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. Brady 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. R2026-0030 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, Mr. Gallagher, Ms. Conwell, Mr. Houser, Ms. Turner and Mr. Schleper requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

- h) R2026-0031: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Antonio Elmore to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council for the term 2/1/2026 – 1/31/2030, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0031. Discussion ensued.**

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

**Mr. Antonio Elmore addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Elmore 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. R2026-0031 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, Mr. Gallagher, Ms. Conwell, Mr. Houser, Ms. Turner and Mr. Schleper requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

- i) R2026-0032: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Talib Abdullah Mahdi to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council for the term 2/1/2026 – 1/31/2030, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0032. Discussion ensued.**

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

**Mr. Talib Abdullah Mahdi addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2026-0032 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, Mr. Gallagher, Ms. Conwell, Mr. Houser, Ms. Turner and Mr. Schleper requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

- j) R2026-0033: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Lisa C. Navracruz, MD, to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council for the term 2/1/2026 – 1/31/2030, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0033. Discussion ensued.**

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

**Dr. Lisa Navracruz 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 Dr. Navracruz 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. R2026-0033 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, Mr. Gallagher, Ms. Conwell, Mr. Houser, Ms. Turner and Mr. Schleper requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

- k) R2026-0034: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Kimberlin M. Dennis to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council for the

term 10/28/2023 – 10/27/2027, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0034. Discussion ensued. Committee members asked questions of Mr. Alvarado pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**Ms. Kimberlin Dennis 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. Dennis 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. R2026-0034 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, Mr. Gallagher, Ms. Conwell, Mr. Houser, Ms. Turner and Mr. Schleper requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

- l) R2026-0035: A Resolution confirming the County Executive’s reappointment of Brian C. Kimball to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council for the term 11/1/2023 – 10/31/2027, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.**

**Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0035. Discussion ensued. Committee members asked questions of Mr. Alvarado pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.**

**Mr. Brian Kimball addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2026-0035 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, Mr. Gallagher, Ms. Conwell, Mr. Houser, Ms. Turner and Mr. Schleper requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

- m) R2026-0036: A Resolution confirming the County Executive’s reappointment of Christy L. Nicholls to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council for the term 4/1/2023 – 3/31/2027, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.**

**Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0036. Discussion ensued.**

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

**Ms. Christy Nicholls 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. Nicholls 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. R2026-0036 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, Mr. Gallagher, Ms. Conwell, Mr. Houser, Ms. Turner and Mr. Schleper requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

- n) R2026-0037: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of James L. Stevenson to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council for the term 4/1/2025 – 3/31/2029, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0037. Discussion ensued.**

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

**Mr. James Stevenson addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Stevenson 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. R2026-0037 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, Mr. Gallagher, Ms. Conwell, Mr. Houser, Ms. Turner and Mr. Schleper 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 11:11 a.m., without objection.**