



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

HUMAN RESOURCES, APPOINTMENTS & EQUITY COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 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 10:08 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Sweeney asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Committee members Sweeney, Gallagher and Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Turner was absent.

Clerk's Note: Committee member Houser joined the meeting after the roll call was taken].

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 3, 2026 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Committee member Meredith Turner from the meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Ms. Conwell, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2026 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0050: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Veranda Rodgers to serve on the Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Advisory Board for the term 3/1/2026 – 2/28/2030, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Alvarado, Director of Regional Collaboration, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0050. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Veranda Rodgers addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Advisory Board. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2026-0050 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 and Ms. Conwell requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- b) R2026-0051: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Lisa S. Weitzman to serve on the Cuyahoga County Advisory Board on Senior and Adult Services for the term 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0051. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Lisa Weitzman addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Advisory Board on Senior and Adult Services. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Mr. Houser, Resolution No. R2026-0051 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 requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

- c) R2026-0052: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Mara Layne to serve on the Cuyahoga County Advisory Board on Senior and Adult Services for the term 1/1/2026 – 12/31/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0052. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Mara Layne addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Advisory Board on Senior and Adult Services. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2026-0052 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 10:32 a.m., without objection.