



## **CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **HUMAN RESOURCES, APPOINTMENTS & EQUITY COMMITTEE**

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

#### **MEETING AGENDA MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026—10:00 A.M.**

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#### **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 10:13 a.m.**

#### 2. ROLL CALL

**In accordance with Rule 12F of the County Council Rules, Council President Miller appointed Councilmember Robert Schleper as a Member Pro Tem of the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee.**

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

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

**[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 MARCH 31, 2026 MEETING

**A motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Gallagher and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the March 31, 2026 meeting.**

#### 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0099: A Resolution adopting various changes to the Cuyahoga County Non-Bargaining Classification Plan; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Verona Blonde, Classification and Compensation Specialist, for the Personnel Review Commission, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0099. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Blonde pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2026-0099 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

- b) R2026-0102: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Maya Simek to serve on the Commission on Human Rights for the term 3/1/2026 – 2/28/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Chris Alvarado, Director of Regional Collaboration, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0102.**

**Ms. Maya Simek addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Commission on Human Rights. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members had no questions.**

**On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2026-0102 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) R2026-0103: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Kevin Clayton to serve on the Cuyahoga Community College Board of Trustees for an unexpired term ending 1/16/2030, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Chris Alvarado, Director of Regional Collaboration, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0103.**

**Mr. Kevin Clayton addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga Community College Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2026-0103 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.**

**Mr. Sweeney, Ms. Turner, Mr. Houser and Mr. Gallagher requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

- d) R2026-0104: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Rudy Stralka to serve on the Cuyahoga Community College Board of Trustees for the term 6/23/2026 – 6/22/2031, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Chair Sweeney requested an amendment to change the end date of the term from 6/22/2031 to 6/22/2028. A motion was then made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Gallagher and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed amendment.**

**Mr. Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0104.**

**Mr. Rudy Stralka addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga Community College Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.**

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

**On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2026-0104 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda as amended, for second reading.**

**Mr. Sweeney, Ms. Turner, and Mr. Gallagher requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

- e) R2026-0105: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Helen Forbes Fields to serve on the Cuyahoga Community College Board of Trustees for the term 1/17/2025 – 1/16/2030, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0105.**

**Ms. Helen Forbes-Fields addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga Community College Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Forbes-Fields and commented on her experience, expertise and qualifications.**

**On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2026-0105 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, Mr. Houser and Mr. Schleper requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

- f) R2026-0106: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Geralyn Presti to serve on the Cuyahoga Community College Board of Trustees for the term 6/23/2026 – 6/22/2031, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0106.**

**Ms. Geralyn Presti addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga Community College Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Ms. Presti and commented on her experience, expertise and qualifications.**

**On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2026-0106 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for second reading.**

**Mr. Sweeney, Ms. Turner, Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Schleper requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

- g) R2026-0107: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of John R. Corlett to serve on The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees for the term 4/1/2026 – 3/31/2032, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0107.**

**Mr. John Corlett addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Corlett and commented on his experience, expertise and qualifications.**

**Mr. Gallagher acknowledged Mr. Riley Alton, the new Director of Local Government Affairs for the MetroHealth Hospital System.**

**On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2026-0107 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. Schleper requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.**

- h) R2026-0108: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Michael P. Summers to serve on The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees for the term 3/2/2026 – 3/1/2032, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Mr. Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0108.**

**Mr. Michael Summers addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Mr. Summers and commented on his experience, expertise and qualifications.**

**On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2026-0108 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. 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 11:14 a.m., without objection.**