



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

HUMAN RESOURCES, APPOINTMENTS & EQUITY COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
4th FLOOR

MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 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

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 29, 2026 MEETING

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0251: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Kent B. Cicerchi to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council for the term 10/1/2026 – 9/30/2030, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- b) R2026-0264: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Dana Barragate to serve on the Administrative Appeals Board for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2030, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- c) R2026-0265: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Matthew Besser to serve on Administrative Appeals Board for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2029, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

7. ADJOURNMENT

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1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Sweeney asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Committee members Sweeney, Conwell and Turner were in attendance, and a quorum was determined. Committee member Gallagher joined the meeting after the roll call was taken. Committee member Houser was absent. Councilmember Schleper was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 28, 2026 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2026 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0289: A Resolution adopting changes to the Cuyahoga County Non-Bargaining Classification for the position of Administrator, Senior Records Management; 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. R2026-0289. Discussion ensued.

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

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Chris Alvarado, Director of Regional Collaboration, which he answered accordingly. Discussion ensued.

There was no legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2026-0289.

- b) R2026-0244: A Resolution adopting various changes to the Cuyahoga County Non-Bargaining Classification Plan for Exhibits A through D; 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. R2026-0244. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2026-0244 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.

- c) R2026-0245: A Resolution adopting various changes to the Cuyahoga County Non-Bargaining Classification Plan for Exhibits A through T; 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. R2026-0245. 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 Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2026-0245 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.g) was taken out of order and considered before Item No. 5.d)].

- d) R2026-0250: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Kenyetta M. Cloud to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council for the term 10/1/2026 – 9/30/2030, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Alvarado, Director of Regional Collaboration, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0250.

Ms. Kenyetta Cloud addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Sweeney commented on Ms. Cloud's experience, expertise and qualifications. Committee members had no questions.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2026-0250 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) R2026-0251: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Kent B. Cicerchi to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council for the term 10/1/2026 – 9/30/2030, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

There was no legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2026-0251.

- f) R2026-0260: A Resolution approving the appointment of various individuals to serve on the Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Commission Board of Trustees for various terms, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
 - i) Appointment for an unexpired term ending 11/15/2028:
 - a. Robert M. Pence
 - ii) Appointment for an unexpired term ending 4/15-2029:
 - a. Dartanian Warr

Mr. Robert Pence addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Commission Board of Trustees.

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

Mr. Dartanian Warr addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument Commission Board of Trustees.

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

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2026-0260 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.g) was taken out of order and considered before Item No. 5.f)].

- g) R2026-0261: A Resolution adopting various changes to the Cuyahoga County Non-Bargaining Classification Plan; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective; 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. R2026-0261. 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 Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2026-0261 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.

- h) R2026-0264: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Dana Barragate to serve on the Administrative Appeals Board for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2030, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

There was no legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2026-0264.

- i) R2026-0265: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Matthew Besser to serve on Administrative Appeals Board for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2029, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

There was no legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2026-0265.

- j) R2026-0266: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Katherine Hollingsworth to serve on the Administrative Appeals Board for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0266.

Chair Sweeney asked questions of Ms. Sheryl Harris, Director, Cuyahoga County Consumer Affairs, pertaining to the item which she answered accordingly.

Ms. Katherine Hollingsworth addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Administrative Appeals Board.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Hollingsworth pertaining her experience, expertise, qualifications, and the appeals board process, which she answered accordingly. Discussion ensued.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2026-0266 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for second reading.

- k) R2026-0267: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Gabrielle Kelly to serve on the Administrative Appeals Board for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2030, declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0267.

Ms. Gabrielle Kelly addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Administrative Appeals Board.

Committee members had no questions for Ms. Kelly.

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2026-0267 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for second reading.

- l) R2026-0268: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Claire Wade to serve on the Administrative Appeals Board for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2028, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0268.

Ms. Claire Wade addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Administrative Appeals Board.

Committee members had no questions for Ms. Wade.

Mr. Sweeney asked questions of Ms. Sheryl Harris, Director, Cuyahoga County Consumer Affairs, regarding who initiates the appeal process, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2026-0268 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for second reading.

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

- m) R2026-0269: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Paul Herdeg to serve on the Community Benefits Advisory Committee for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2029, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0269.

Mr. Paul Herdeg addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Community Benefits Advisory Committee.

Committee members had no questions for Mr. Herdeg.

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2026-0269 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for second reading.

- n) R2026-0270: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Anthony Scott to serve on the Community Benefits Advisory Committee for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2029, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0270.

Mr. Anthony Scott addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Community Benefits Advisory Committee.

Committee members had no questions for Mr. Scott.

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2026-0270 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for second reading.

- o) R2026-0271: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Michael Chambers to serve on the Community Benefits Advisory Committee for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2029, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0271.

Mr. Michael Chambers addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Community Benefits Advisory Committee.

Committee members had no questions for Mr. Chambers.

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2026-0271 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for second reading.

- p) R2026-0272: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Tania Menesse to serve on the Community Benefits Advisory Committee for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2029, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0272.

Ms. Tania Menesse addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Community Benefits Advisory Committee.

Committee members had no questions for Ms. Menesse.

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2026-0272 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for second reading.

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

- q) R2026-0273: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Sabrina Roberts to serve on the Community Benefits Advisory Committee for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2029, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0273.

Ms. Sabrina Roberts addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Community Benefits Advisory Committee.

Committee members had no questions for Ms. Roberts.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2026-0273 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for second reading.

- r) R2026-0274: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Melanie Knowles to serve on the District One Natural Resources Assistance Council for the term 10/15/2026 – 10/14/2029, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0274.

Ms. Melanie Knowles addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the District One Natural Resources Assistance Council.

Committee members had no questions for Ms. Knowles.

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Ms. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2026-0274 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for second reading.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sweeney adjourned the meeting at 11:18 a.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2026-0251

Sponsored by: County Executive Ronayne	A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Kent Cicerchi to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council for the term 10/1/2026 – 9/30/2030; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the mission of the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council ("HIV Planning Council") is to plan for the comprehensive delivery of HIV/AIDS services and allocation of resources for the Transitional Grant Area of Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties, and to serve as a sounding board and to provide input for the targeted populations at high risk of HIV/AIDS and STI infections to ensure there are no gaps in HIV/AIDS interventions; and

WHEREAS, the Membership and Outreach committee of the HIV Planning Council recommend the nominees based on satisfaction of the Membership guidelines as outlined in the 2009 Ryan White Treatment Extension Act, Section 2602, matching Membership positions that were needed on the Planning Council, and those who acknowledged the time requirements for membership; and

WHEREAS, the HIV Planning Council is a 35-member body serving staggered, four-year terms; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County Charter Section 6.04, entitled Special Boards and Commissions, states that "[w]hen general law or any agreement with another public agency or court order provides for appointment of members of a special board or commission or other agency by the board of county commissioners, such appointment shall be made by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the Council;" and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated Kent Cicerchi to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council for the term 10/1/2026 – 9/30/2030.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the County Executive's appointment of Kent Cicerchi to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council for the term 10/1/2026 – 9/30/2030.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Pursuant to Cuyahoga County Charter Section 3.10(5), provided that this resolution receives the affirmative vote of a majority of members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: September 8, 2026

Committee(s) Assigned: Human Resources, Appointments & Equity

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August 26, 2026

Dale Miller, President
Cuyahoga County Council
2079 E. Ninth Street, 8th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: *Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council*

Dear President Miller,

I am pleased to nominate the following individual for appointment to the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council:

- **Kent Cicerchi , 4-year term, 10/1/2026 - 9/30/2030**
 - o Filling a currently vacant seat
 - o Resides in Brooklyn, Cuyahoga
 - o Currently serves on the following government, private, or non-profit board or commissions:
 - City of Brooklyn Commission on Connecting and Belonging

The Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council is authorized by Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009, Section 2602. The HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council is formed pursuant to Federal Law and serves the Transitional Grant Area comprised of Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain and Medina Counties. The Council strives to identify HIV positive individuals and link them to appropriate care and living situations to improve quality of life and relevant health outcomes.

There are no known conflicts of interest for which an advisory opinion has been requested. This board is uncompensated. The nominee's resume and/or bio are attached for your review. There are 2 candidates on file for this position.

Thank you for your consideration of these appointments. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact Christopher Alvarado in my office at 216-348-4239.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Ronayne", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Ronayne
County Executive

Kent Cicerchi holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Applied Mathematics, with minors in Probability and Statistics and in Economics, as well as a Juris Doctorate degree. As demonstrated through his work as Chief Financial Officer and Operations Manager of a federally chartered credit union, he has an ability to analyze, discuss, and explain complex financial issues. Additionally, Kent has first-hand experience serving communities impacted by HIV, having worked at the UCC Coalition for LGBT Concerns. Kent has a strong sense of empathy, high ethical standards, and a willingness to follow through with commitments. Kent serves as an appointed member of the City of Brooklyn Commission on Connecting and Belonging.



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Name	Address
KENT B CICERCHI	[REDACTED]

If you are unable to locate your voter registration information, but believe you are registered to vote, it is recommended that you search again making sure all information provided is accurate. Contact your county board of elections regarding any questions pertaining to your voter registration. [Follow this link for a full listing of Boards of Elections.](#)

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July 7, 2026

Chris Ronayne
Cuyahoga County Executive
Cuyahoga County Administrative Headquarters
2079 East Ninth Street
Cleveland, OH, 44115

The Honorable Chris Ronayne,

The Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Ryan White Planning Council seeks your approval of the following candidates for appointment to the Planning Council:

Candidates for Initial Approval:

1. Kent B. Cicerchi
2. Kenyetta Cloud

The proposed candidates are recommended by majority vote of the current members of the Planning Council. Each candidate demonstrated his/her understanding and support for the community impacted by HIV/AIDS. They each have the qualifications to satisfy the required membership categories for service; have pledged to honor the time commitments; and adhere to the Planning Council's goals and objectives.

Both of these candidates are new appointments who shall fill previously vacant seats rather than replacing previous members. In accordance with the term-limits instituted in the Planning Council Bylaws V.2026_03, these candidates shall be appointed to an initial 4-year term with the option to reapply for a second 4-year term.

The Planning Council respectfully requests your favorable and expeditious consideration of the candidates for appointment to serve on the Planning Council. Each candidate represents key mandatory membership categories that will ensure compliance with Federal law.

Thank you in advance for the expeditious facilitation of the membership process. If you need additional information, please contact Zach Levar at 216.201.2001 extension 1512 or via email at zlevar@ccbh.net.

Sincerely,

Zach Levar

Zachary Levar, MPH
Deputy Director, Population Health
Ryan White Part A Project Director
zlevar@ccbh.net

Chapter 114: Appointment and Confirmation

Section 114.01: Submission of Appointments to County Council

1. The submission of any candidate to the Council for confirmation shall be accompanied by the following:

- 1.1 A letter from the candidate requesting the appointment, if such a letter was submitted to the appointing authority;

See attached July 7, 2026 letter from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health

- 1.2 A copy of the candidate's current résumé or equivalent summary of academic, professional, and experiential qualifications;

Please see attached

- 1.3 A copy of any and all professional licenses or other credentials held by the candidate that are required to be held by the appointee;

2. A letter from the appointing authority providing the following information:

- 2.1 The title of the board, agency, commission, or authority to which the candidate is being appointed;

Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council

- 2.2 Any statutory or other qualifications required to hold the appointed position, plus a statement that the candidate meets such qualifications;

N/A

- 2.3 The specific term of office during which the candidate would serve;

10/1/2026 - 9/30/2030

- 2.4** An indication of whether the candidate is being considered for a new appointment or for reappointment;

New Appointment

- 2.5** For a new appointment: the name of the individual who the candidate would replace;

vacant seat

- 2.6** For a reappointment: the past attendance record of the candidate, if maintained by the board, agency, commission or authority to which the candidate is being appointed;

N/A

- 2.7** A cumulative list of individuals who applied for the position;

Kent Cicerchi, Kenyetta Cloud

- 2.8** The candidate's city and county of residence;

BROOKLYN, CUYAHOGA

- 2.9** An indication of whether the candidate currently serves on any government, private, or non-profit board or commission;

City of Brooklyn Commission on Connecting and Belonging

- 2.10** An indication of whether any opinion was requested or issued from the Inspector General, the Ohio Ethics Commission, or other authority regarding potential conflicts of interest related to the candidate's appointment.

No ethics opinion was requested or issued.

- 2.11** If the candidate is being appointed to a compensated position, the starting annual compensation of the position.

There is no compensation for this position.

- 2.12** In the event that any of the information identified in this Section is not provided to the Council with the submission of an appointment, such omission shall be deemed sufficient grounds for rejection of a candidate's appointment by the Council.

Section 114.02: Notice of Interim Appointments

- 1.** In the event an interim appointment is made pursuant to Section 2.03 (2) of the charter, the county executive or designee shall notify the president of council within five days of making the appointment, including the date the appointment was made, and shall file the interim appointee's oath of office with the clerk of council pursuant to chapter 107 of this code.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2026-0264

Sponsored by: County Executive Ronayne	A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Dana Barragate to serve on the Administrative Appeals Board for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2030; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, The Cuyahoga County Administrative Appeals Board ("Board") was established by Ordinance No. O2026-0006, passed August 4, 2026, and codified at Section 205.11 of the Cuyahoga County Code as an independent adjudicatory body to hear appeals from administrative enforcement actions of County departments and agencies in accordance with the County Code; and

WHEREAS, the Board shall provide fair, impartial and expeditious review of administrative enforcement actions while ensuring due process protections; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County Charter Section 6.04, entitled Special Boards and Commissions, states that "[w]hen general law or any agreement with another public agency or court order provides for appointment of members of a special board or commission or other agency by the board of county commissioners, such appointment shall be made by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by the Council"; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 205.11(C) of the Cuyahoga County Code, the Administrative Appeals Board shall consist of five (5) members, four (4) of whom are appointed by the County Executive subject to confirmation by Council and one (1) member appointed jointly by the County Executive and County Council to serve as Chair; and

WHEREAS, County Executive has nominated Dana Barragate to serve on the Administrative Appeals Board for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2030.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the County Executive's appointment of Dana Barragate to serve on the Administrative Appeals Board for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2030.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, it shall take effect and be in force immediately upon the earliest occurrence of any of the following: (1) its approval by the County Executive through signature, (2) the expiration of the time during which it may be disapproved by the County Executive under Section 3.10(6) of the Cuyahoga County Charter, or (3) its passage by at least eight members of Council after disapproval pursuant to Section 3.10(7) of the Cuyahoga County Charter. Otherwise, it shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: September 22, 2026

Committee(s) Assigned: Human Resources, Appointments & Equity

Journal _____
_____, 20____



September 10, 2026

Dale Miller, President
Cuyahoga County Council
2079 E. Ninth Street, 8th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: *Cuyahoga County Administrative Appeals Board*

Dear President Miller,

I am pleased to nominate the following individual for appointment to the Cuyahoga County Administrative Appeals Board:

- **Dana Barragate , 4-year term, 11/1/2026 - 10/31/2030**
 - o Seat currently vacant due to the establishment of a new committee
 - o Resides in Shaker Hts, Cuyahoga
 - o Currently serves on the following government, private, or non-profit board or commissions:
 - None

The Cuyahoga County Administrative Appeals Board is authorized by Ordinance No. O2026-006. The Cuyahoga County Administrative Appeals Board is an independent adjudicatory body to hear appeals from administrative enforcement actions of County departments and agencies as designated by County Code.

There are no known conflicts of interest for which an advisory opinion has been requested. This board is uncompensated. The nominee's resume and/or bio are attached for your review. There are 6 candidates on file for this position.

Thank you for your consideration of these appointments. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact Christopher Alvarado in my office at 216-348-4239.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Ronayne", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Ronayne
County Executive

Dana C. Barragate

Email: [REDACTED]

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

August 1995-October 2024

**Federal Trade Commission, Bureau of Consumer Protection, East Central Region,
Cleveland, Ohio**

Attorney

Litigator supporting the FTC's consumer protection mission

- Handled all aspects of litigation, discovery, and settlement negotiations.
- Lead attorney and team member in cases involving telemarketing fraud, national advertising, unauthorized billing, fraudulent charitable solicitation, deceptive franchise and business opportunities, job scams and schemes involving small businesses.
- Significant cases include:
 - *Dun & Bradstreet* (team lead) - obtained multi-million dollar settlement resolving deceptive and unfair practices; secured new and significant protections to help businesses dispute credit inaccuracies.
 - *Reebok* (team lead) and *Sketchers* (team member) - helped secure then-largest settlement against national advertisers and create a framework for monetary judgements with parallel class actions.

Special Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of Ohio (Cleveland), 2012-2015

- Assisted in criminal inquiry involving potential charges for mail and wire fraud, and for obstruction in underlying FTC proceeding.

International Technical Assistance Program, 2010

- Selected to represent the FTC in a multi-day international technical assistance workshop with consumer protection authorities from the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).
- Assisted with collaborative workshops discussing consumer protection standards for advertising, general marketing practices, complaint handling and outreach.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

January 2025-May 2025; September 2025-May 2026

The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland

Economic Justice Practice Group, Low Income Taxpayer Clinic

- Assisted clients with low income in resolving disputes with the IRS about federal income tax matters.

EDUCATION

1995 JD Cleveland State University College of Law

Magna Cum Laude

1992 B.A. Ohio University

Political Science, *Cum Laude*



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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2026-0265

Sponsored by: County Executive Ronayne	A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Matthew Besser to serve on Administrative Appeals Board for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2029; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, The Cuyahoga County Administrative Appeals Board ("Board") was established by Ordinance No. O2026-0006, passed August 4, 2026, and codified at Section 205.11 of the Cuyahoga County Code as an independent adjudicatory body to hear appeals from administrative enforcement actions of County departments and agencies in accordance with the County Code; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 205.11(C) of the Cuyahoga County Code, the Administrative Appeals Board shall consist of five (5) members, four (4) of whom are appointed by the County Executive subject to confirmation by Council and one (1) member appointed jointly by the County Executive and County Council to serve as Chair; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated Matthew Besser to serve on the Administrative Appeals Board for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2029.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

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SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: September 22, 2026

Committee(s) Assigned: Human Resources, Appointments & Equity

Journal _____
_____, 20____



September 10, 2026

Dale Miller, President
Cuyahoga County Council
2079 E. Ninth Street, 8th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: *Cuyahoga County Administrative Appeals Board*

Dear President Miller,

I am pleased to nominate the following individual for appointment to the Cuyahoga County Administrative Appeals Board:

- **Matthew D Besser , 3-year term, 11/1/2026 - 10/31/2029**
 - o Seat currently vacant due to the establishment of a new committee
 - o Resides in Solon, Cuyahoga
 - o Currently serves on the following government, private, or non-profit board or commissions:
 - Board Member and General Counsel to the ACLU of Ohio.

The Cuyahoga County Administrative Appeals Board is authorized by Ordinance No. O2026-006. The Cuyahoga County Administrative Appeals Board is an independent adjudicatory body to hear appeals from administrative enforcement actions of County departments and agencies as designated by County Code.

There are no known conflicts of interest for which an advisory opinion has been requested. This board is uncompensated. The nominee's resume and/or bio are attached for your review. There are 6 candidates on file for this position.

Thank you for your consideration of these appointments. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact Christopher Alvarado in my office at 216-348-4239.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Ronayne", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Ronayne
County Executive

MATTHEW EMERSON DOUGLAS BESSER

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Monarch Centre, Suite 302
Cleveland, Ohio 44124

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mbesser@bolekbesser.com
www.bbgohio.com

EXPERIENCE

Bolek Besser Glesius LLC, Cleveland, OH.

Managing Principal, 2011–present

- Represent individuals in civil rights and employment matters under Ohio and federal law, including: negotiation; complex litigation; trial; and, appeal.
- Manage the business of a “Tier 1” Cleveland employment law firm as named by *U.S. News – Best Lawyers*.

American Arbitration Association

Arbitrator, 2019–present

- Exercise statutory authority to preside over and rule on employment-law disputes, including discrimination, harassment, and overtime-pay claims.

United States District Court for the District of Columbia

Special Master, 2023–present

- Appointed by Hon. Christopher R. Cooper in *Estate of Christopher Brook Fishbeck, et al. v. The Islamic Republic of Iran, et al.*; Case No. 1:18-cv-02248, to report and recommend liability and damages claims in a class action brought on behalf of more than 1,400 U.S. servicemembers and contractors injured in Iraq by Iran-backed terrorist attacks between 2003 and 2011.

Case Western Reserve University School of Law, Cleveland, OH.

Adjunct Professor of Law, 2008–09, 2016–19

- Taught appellate advocacy, using a mixture of Socratic lecture, practical exercises, and one-on-one writing and oral advocacy instruction.

Cathleen Bolek LLC, Cleveland, OH.

Of Counsel, 2009–10

- Served as counsel for individuals in employment matters under Ohio and federal law.

Vorys Sater Seymour and Pease LLP, Cleveland, OH.

Associate, 2005–09

- Represented large and small corporate clients in a range of matters in labor and employment law.

Hon. Richard L. Nygaard, U.S. Court of Appeals, Third Circuit, Erie, PA.

Law Clerk, 2004–05

- Researched legal issues, recommended the disposition of cases, and drafted opinions of the Court.

Hon. Solomon Oliver, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio, Cleveland, OH.

Judicial Extern, Summer 2002

- Researched legal issues and helped draft orders under supervision of the Court and staff.

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE & AFFILIATIONS

- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association.
 - Immediate Past President, June 2025–26;
 - President, June 2024–25;
 - President-Elect, June 2023–24;
 - Board of Directors, 2019–22;
 - Executive Committee, 2020–21 & June 2023–present;
 - Certified Grievance Committee, 2014–23; Chair, 2019–20; Vice-Chair, 2017–19.
 - Judicial Selection Committee, 2012–23.
 - Unauthorized Practice of Law Committee, 2011–14.
- ACLU of Ohio.
 - General Counsel, 2021–present.
 - Board of Directors, 2019–present.
- Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Foundation, Fellow, 2018–present.
- Ohio State Bar Association, Member.
 - Council of Delegates, 2012–2018.
 - Leadership Academy, 2011.
- TIME'S UP Legal Defense Fund, National Women's Law Center, Member.
- Cleveland Employment Inn of Court, Member, 2006–present.
- Ohio Employment Lawyers Association, Member, 2009–present.
- Ohio Association for Justice, Member, 2009–present.
- Northeast Ohio Chapter of the American Constitution Society, Executive

- Committee Member, 2009–13.
- Admitted to practice in: Ohio, the United States Courts of Appeals for the Third and Sixth Circuits, and the United States District Court for the Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio.

PROFESSIONAL HONORS

- Distinguished Pro Bono Service Award, Federal Bar Association, Northern District of Ohio Chapter, 2022.
- Best Ohio Supreme Court Brief Award, Ohio State Bar Association, 2020.
- “AV Preeminent” rating from Martindale-Hubbell.
- Cleveland “Lawyer of the Year,” Employment Law – Individuals, *Best Lawyers in America*, 2022.
 - “Best Lawyers” list for Cleveland Employment Law, 2016–present.
- Employment “Super Lawyer,” *Ohio Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2014–present.
 - “Top 100” attorneys in Ohio & “Top 50” in Cleveland lists, 2025.
- Employment Law “Rising Star,” *Ohio Super Lawyers Magazine*, 2009, 2012–13.
- Ohio State Bar Foundation, 2013 Community Service Award for Attorneys 40 & Under, District 12.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

- Employment Leave Policies & Practices: The Intersection (and Clash) of Employer and Employee Expectations, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, January 2023.
- Did You Say “Sale” or “Sail?” Why Miscommunication Derails Negotiations, *Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal*, September 2022.
- Avoiding the Coin Flip: How to Pick a Winning Jury, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Annual Labor & Employment Seminar, April 2021.
- The Art of Persuasion, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, New Lawyer Bootcamp, 2021.
- Attorney Discipline: If You’re Not Scared, You Should Be!, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Annual Professional Conduct Seminar, 2019.
- The Toll of Pregnancy Discrimination in The Workplace, National Council for Jewish Women, 2019.
- Investigating and Reporting Grievances, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Certified Grievance Committee Training Seminar, 2018.
- Elite Appellate Writing for the Rest of Us: Using the Techniques of Top Supreme Court Advocates in Your Practice, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, 2017.
- When Can You (or your Opponent) Appeal That Horrible (or Great) Order

- Compelling Discovery? *Cleveland Academy of Trial Lawyers Newsletter*, 2017.
- Quick But Wrong: How Instincts Cause Lawyers to Make Bad Decisions, Ohio State Bar Association, Midwest Labor & Employment Law Conference, 2016; Ohio Association for Justice, Winter Convention, 2016.
 - The Claims You're Missing, Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association, Annual Labor & Employment Seminar, 2015; Ohio State Bar Association, Midwest Labor & Employment Law Conference, October 2015.
 - Seven Mistakes Plaintiffs' Lawyers Hope You Make, Ohio State Bar Association, Annual Convention, 2015.
 - How to Lose Your Ticket: Mishandling Client Funds, Case Western Reserve University School of Law, New Lawyer Training Seminar, 2014, 2015.
 - Social Media for the Federal Employment Litigator, Federal Bar Association Northern District of Ohio Chapter, Federal Labor & Employment Law Seminar, 2013.
 - Social Media at Trial, Ohio State Bar Association, Midwest Labor & Employment Law Conference, 2013; Ohio State Bar Association, Annual Convention, 2012.
 - Emerging Issues in FMLA Litigation, Ohio Association for Justice, Annual Convention, 2013.
 - Discovery of Social Media, Ohio Association for Justice, Annual Convention, 2012.
 - Why Social Media is a Nightmare for Attorneys and What to do About it, Ohio Employment Lawyers Association, Annual Seminar, 2012.
 - Prop 8 and the Future of Same-Sex Marriage, Panel Moderator, Cleveland-Marshall College of Law, 2011.
 - Google Mistrials: What the Legal System Can do to Keep the Internet Out of the Jury Box, *Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Journal*, November 2010.
 - Recent Developments in Employment Discrimination, Dayton Bar Association, 2010.
 - The Use of Sex-Stereotyping Claims by LGBT Employees in Ohio, *Ohio Lawyer Magazine*, January 2010.
 - May I Be Recused? The Tension Between Judicial Campaign Speech and Recusal After *Republican Party of Minnesota v. White*, *Ohio State Law Journal*, 64 Ohio St. L.J. 1197 (2003).

EDUCATION

The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

- Juris Doctor, *summa cum laude*, Order of the Coif, 3rd of 208 students, 2004.
- *Ohio State Law Journal*, Associate Editor, 2003–04; Staff Member, 2002–03.

Honors and Awards

- Donald S. Teller Memorial Award for the Student Note Contributing Most Significantly to the *Ohio State Law Journal*, 2002–03.
- Judge Joseph H. Harter Award for Outstanding Performance in Trial Practice.
- CALI Awards for Excellence in: Evidence; Civil Law Practicum; and, Disability Discrimination.

The George Washington University

- Bachelor of Arts, History, May 2001.

Northwestern University School of Professional Studies

- Certificate in Mediation, May 2022.

PERSONAL

- Raised in Shaker Heights. Resides in Solon with wife and two young sons. Long-suffering Cleveland sports fan, and avid fly fisherman.



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