



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL
PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2026 — 1:00 P.M.

Committee Members

Michael J. Gallagher, Chair | Dist. 5
Patrick Kelly, Vice Chair | Dist. 1
Yvonne M. Conwell | Dist. 7
Sunny M. Simon | Dist. 11
Meredith M. Turner | Dist. 9

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Gallagher asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Gallagher, Kelly, Conwell and Simon were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Turner was in attendance after the roll call was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

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

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

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) None

There were no matters referred to Committee.

6. DISCUSSION

- a) Update from Medical Examiner

Dr. Thomas Gilson, Medical Examiner, provided the Committee with an update on deaths occurring in Cuyahoga County within the last five years relating to homicides, suicides, accidents and overdoses. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Dr. Gilson pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

- b) Update regarding overtime for Sheriff's Department

Mr. Harold Pretel, Sheriff; Ms. Laura Black, Research & Policy Analyst; Mr. Chris Costin, Business Services Manager; and Mr. Nestor Rivera, Chief Deputy of Corrections, addressed Council regarding staffing levels, overtime usage, vehicles, ancillary costs, and emergency room runs for the Sheriff's Department. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Sheriff Pretel, Ms. Black, Mr. Costin and Chief Rivera pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 2:23 p.m., without objection.