



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
JUVENILE COURT ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE**

MONDAY, JULY 1, 2024

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
COMMITTEE ROOM A – 4TH FLOOR
9:00 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Deputy Clerk Carter called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Deputy Clerk Carter called the roll. Committee members Adrine, McClelland, Gibbons, Cross and Yarham were in attendance and a quorum was determined.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The following citizens addressed the Committee regarding the scope of the Committee:

- a) Ms. Cyan Blackwell**
- b) Ms. Ginger Van Wagenen**

4. INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Committee members briefly introduced themselves and remarked on their desire to serve:

**Mr. Marvin Cross, retired City of Cleveland Police Department officer and currently Executive Officer for the Village of North Randall Police Department
Ms. Jennifer Blumhagen Yarham, Executive Director of Applewood Centers
Ms. Bridget Gibbons, Deputy Court Administrator for Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas Juvenile Court Division**

**The Honorable Robert McClelland, retired Judge of Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas General Division and current Court mediator
The Honorable Ronald Adrine, retired Administrative Judge of Cleveland Municipal Court.**

5. INTRODUCTION OF COUNCIL STAFF

Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor for County Council, then thanked the Committee for their commitment to serve and introduced the following Council staff, Councilmembers and County Executive staff:

Ms. Janine Carter, Deputy Clerk of County Council

Mr. Joseph Nanni, Chief of Staff of County Council

Ms. Devyn Giannetti, Communications Specialist for County Council

Mr. Chris Alvarado, Director of the Department of Regional Collaboration

Ms. Rachel Mancuso, Cleveland Foundation Fellow

The Honorable Michael Gallagher, Cuyahoga County Councilmember and Chair of the Public Safety & Justice Affairs Committee

The Honorable Meredith Turner, Cuyahoga County Councilmember

6. EXPLANATION AND PURPOSE OF SUBCOMMITTEE

Councilman Gallagher thanked the Committee members for volunteering and explained the purpose of the Subcommittee. Discussion ensued.

Committee members Adrine and Cross asked questions regarding the role of the Subcommittee and commitment from Juvenile Court. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Gibbons answered questions regarding the commitment from Juvenile Court and utilizing feedback from the community. Discussion ensued.

7. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. McAleer explained the process and Councilman Gallagher conducted the election for the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee.

a) Chair

A motion was made by Judge McClelland and seconded by Mr. Cross to nominate Judge Adrine as Chair. The motion was unanimously approved.

b) Vice-Chair

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Ms. Gibbons to nominate Ms. Yarham as Vice-Chair. The motion was unanimously approved.

Councilman Gallagher then congratulated the newly elected officers and then turned the meeting over to Chair Adrine.

8. DISCUSSION OF MEETING SCHEDULE

Chair Adrine proposed scheduling the next meeting and outlined possible upcoming agenda items. Discussion ensued.

Mr. McAleer responded to questions from Chair Adrine regarding the Open Meetings Act, Ohio Sunshine Law and virtual meetings. Discussion ensued.

9. DISCUSSION OF DESIRED SUBCOMMITTEE OUTCOMES, GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The following recommendations were made by Committee members as potential issues for the Committee to research:

Ms. Gibbons: programming, diversion and root causes of detention

Mr. Cross: process and bindovers

Judge McClelland: assigned counsel and probation

Ms. Yarham: early intervention and diversion programs

Chair Adrine asked questions regarding the scope of work for the Committee and Ms. Gibbons discussed providing data, visual maps and other resources from the Court to the Committee. Discussion ensued.

10. PLANNING FOR NEXT MEETING

Chair Adrine suggested that meetings should be held around the same time and the Committee agreed to schedule the next meeting for Monday, July 29, 2024 at 9:00 a.m.

11. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Chair Adrine responded to questions from Ms. Ginger Van Wagenen regarding the ability of citizens to provide information to the Committee.

12. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Judge McClelland with a second by Mr. Cross, the meeting was adjourned at 10:24 a.m., without objection.