

MINUTES
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2011
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
3:00 PM

CONFIRMATION HEARING FOR EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR OF LAW

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Council President Connally at 3:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll. Councilmembers Connally, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Rogers, Simon, Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana and Gallagher were in attendance and a quorum was determined.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

The Clerk indicated that a letter has been received from the Ohio Supreme Court that confirms that Mr. Makhlouf is, in fact, an attorney of good standing with the Supreme Court of Ohio.

Mr. Kenneth Kraus, President of the Cuyahoga County Law Director's Association;

Ms. Hema Steele, attorney with the United States Department of Labor;

Stephen M. O'Bryan, Esq., Partner-in-Charge of the Cleveland Office of Taft Stettinius & Hollister; and

Mr. Fred Livingstone, representing Taft Stettinius & Hollister, offered testimony in favor of Mr. Makhlouf's appointment.

4. CONFIRMATION HEARING FOR DIRECTOR OF LAW– MAJEED G. MAKHLOUF

Mr. Majeed Makhlouf, nominee for the position of Law Director, was called upon to deliver an opening statement. Mr. Makhlouf provided background into his education, experience and qualifications for the position.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Makhlouf pertaining to his experience, expertise and qualifications, which he answered accordingly.

A motion was made by Mr. Germana, seconded by Mr. Schron and approved by unanimous vote to refer the County Executive's nomination of Mr. Makhlouf as Law Director to the full Council for consideration.

5. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business, on a motion by Mr. Miller and seconded by Ms. Conwell, the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m., without objection.