



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES, APPOINTMENTS & EQUITY COMMITTEE
MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
10:00 AM

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 13, 2012 MEETING**
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
 - a) M2012-0002: A Motion confirming the County Executive's appointment of Edna Fuentes-Casiano to serve on the Cuyahoga County Public Library Board of Trustees, and declaring the necessity that this Motion become immediately effective.
 - b) M2012-0003: A Motion confirming the County Executive's appointment of Barbara J. Thomas to serve on the Office of Homeless Services Advisory Board, and declaring the necessity that this Motion become immediately effective.
- 6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**
- 7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

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MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES, APPOINTMENTS & EQUITY COMMITTEE MEETING

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2012
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
11:30 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Conwell at 11:30 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

The Clerk called the roll. Committee members Conwell and Rogers were present and a quorum was determined. Mr. Gallagher was absent from the meeting. Councilmember Miller was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

The following citizens addressed the Committee regarding issues of concern to them regarding Ordinance No. O2011-0042:

- a) Joseph Jacoby**
- b) Rev. Allen V. Harris**
- c) Rev. Craig W. Hoffman**

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 5, 2012 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2012 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) O2011-0042: An Ordinance providing for adoption of a policy granting health benefits to domestic partners of County employees, and

declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Mr. Majeed Makhoulf, Director of Law; and Ms. Elisa Hara, Director of Human Resources, addressed the committee regarding Ordinance No. O2011-0042. Discussion ensued.

A motion was made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to amend section 11B of Ordinance No. O2011-0042 to include as mandatory supporting documentation, a certificate of marriage or other evidence of a civil union from another state.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Rogers, Ordinance No. O2011-0042 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the Human Resource Commission for review. Should the Human Resource Commission approve the legislation, Ordinance No. O2011-0042 will be referred to the full Council agenda for consideration. If the Human Resource Commission requires additional information, Ordinance No. O2011-0042 will be referred back to the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee and to the Justice Affairs Committee.

- b) O2012-0001: An Ordinance amending Ordinance No. O2011-0016, as amended, which established the organizational structure of the Department of Law.

Mr. Makhoulf addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2012-0001. Discussion ensued.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Makhoulf pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Rogers, Ordinance No. O2012-0001 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for consideration under second reading suspension of the rules at the January 24, 2012 Council meeting.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business

7. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss and on a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Rogers, the meeting was adjourned at 11:40 a.m. without objection.

COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO

MOTION NO. M2012-0002

Sponsored by: Council President Connally

A Motion confirming the County Executive's appointment of Edna Fuentes-Casiano to serve on the Cuyahoga County Public Library Board of Trustees, and declaring the necessity that this Motion become immediately effective.

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Public Library Board of Trustees was created pursuant to the provisions of ORC Section 3375.22; and,

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Public Library Board of Trustees is a separate political subdivision authorized by the State of Ohio to establish policies and develop an annual budget while Board members represent the citizen's interest, promoting the highest level of library service appropriate to the community, in accordance with state law.

WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Public Library Board of Trustees has seven members and the members are appointed by Cuyahoga County; and,

WHEREAS, members of the Cuyahoga County Public Library Board of Trustees shall be appointed to serve a seven (7) year term; and,

WHEREAS, the individual appointed will be appointed to fill a vacancy and shall have a term commencing immediately upon signature of this Motion, and the expiration of said term shall be March 31, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the 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 Edna Fuentes-Casiano, Research Assistant II & III and a Chief Editorial Assistant employed at Case Western Reserve University/University Hospitals Case Medical Center, to serve on the Cuyahoga County Public Library Board of Trustees; and,

WHEREAS, Edna Fuentes-Casiano, has excellent educational credentials as well as extensive civic and community involvement. Ms. Fuentes-Casiano is also

bilingual and is well aware of the need for greater connectivity to Cuyahoga County's Hispanic communities; and,

WHEREAS, this Council by a vote of at least eight (8) members determines that it is necessary that this Motion become immediately effective in order that Charter requirements can be complied with and critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue, and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County Board.

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

SECTION 1. The Council of Cuyahoga County hereby confirms the appointment of Edna Fuentes-Casiano, to serve on the Cuyahoga County Public Library Board of Trustees to fill a vacancy, commencing immediately and with a term expiring March 31, 2015.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Motion become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue, and to continue the usual and daily operation of the County. Provided that this Motion receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Motion shall become immediately effective.

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

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Motion was duly approved.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: January 10, 2012

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

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COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO

MOTION NO. M2012-0003

Sponsored by: Council President Connally

A Motion confirming the County Executive's appointment of Barbara J. Thomas to serve on the Office of Homeless Services Advisory Board, and declaring the necessity that this Motion become immediately effective.

WHEREAS, the Office of Homeless Services Advisory Board was formed pursuant to the provisions of ORC Section 307.15 which allows the County to enter into an Agreement with the City of Cleveland; and,

WHEREAS, the Office of Homeless Services Advisory Board was formed in 1993 pursuant to the Agreement between City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County to address problems associated with homelessness; and,

WHEREAS, the Office of Homeless Services Advisory Board provides awareness and community feedback in an effort to find long and short-term solutions to the various problems associated with homelessness; and,

WHEREAS, the Office of Homeless Services Advisory Board must have at least thirteen members; and,

WHEREAS, members of the Office of Homeless Services Advisory Board shall be appointed to serve a three (3) year term; and,

WHEREAS, the individual appointed shall have a term commencing immediately upon signature of this Motion, and the expiration of said term shall be December 31, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the 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 Barbara J. Thomas, to serve on the Office of Homeless Services Advisory Board; and,

WHEREAS, Barbara J. Thomas, currently serves as the Councilwoman of the City of East Cleveland, has actively worked with neighborhood groups and faith-based organizations to address homelessness in East Cleveland; and,

WHEREAS, this Council by a vote of at least eight (8) members determines that it is necessary that this Motion become immediately effective in order that Charter requirements can be complied with and critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue, and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County Board.

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

SECTION 1. The Council of Cuyahoga County hereby confirms the appointment of Barbara J. Thomas, to serve on the Office of Homeless Services Advisory Board for a term of three years, commencing immediately and with a term expiring December 31, 2014.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Motion become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue, and to continue the usual and daily operation of the County. Provided that this Motion receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Motion shall become immediately effective.

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

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Motion was duly approved.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

Clerk of Council

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