



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2017
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
COMMITTEE ROOM A – 4TH FLOOR
1:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Miller asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Miller, Conwell, Feliciano, Richardson-Scott and Mitterholzer were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Gallucci, Singh and Osbey were absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Eric Johnson addressed the Committee regarding a proposal to require disbursements from the State of Ohio's Rainy Day Fund.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 12, 2017 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Feliciano and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2017 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) None

There were no matters referred to Committee.

6. DISCUSSION

- a) Update on state budget

Mr. Miller provided the Committee with an update on the state budget and reported that a temporary agreement was previously reached regarding transition funding for the loss of Medicaid sales tax revenue. Discussion ensued.

- b) RTA funding alternatives

Mr. Eric Johnson, representing the Greater Cleveland Regional Transit Authority, addressed the Committee regarding potentially increasing the sales tax as a funding alternative. Discussion ensued.

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

- c) Federal advocacy

Mr. Kahlil Seren, Research & Policy Analyst, addressed the Committee regarding current advocacy efforts relating to public transportation. Discussion ensued.

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

- d) Public transportation advocacy successor organization

Mr. Miller reported that he recently met with County Executive Budish regarding creating a successor organization and housing the new group within an existing organization. Discussion ensued.

- e) Update on Committee's final report

Mr. Miller reported that the outline was previously distributed and the draft report will be sent out in mid-November.

- f) Presentation regarding commuter assistance

Mr. Miller postponed the presentation regarding commuter assistance.

- g) Next steps for Committee

Mr. Miller announced that the Committee will not meet on Thursday, November 12th, but will meet on Thursday, November 30, 2017 and on Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 1:00 p.m.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Ms. Conwell proposed that the Committee contact gubernatorial candidates and include recommendations for advocating for public transportation. Discussion ensued.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT UNRELATED TO THE AGENDA

Mr. Eric Johnson addressed the Committee regarding potentially increasing the sales tax and receiving disbursements from the State of Ohio's Rainy Day fund in order to fund public transportation.

9. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting at 1:56 p.m., without objection.