



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES, APPOINTMENTS & EQUITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 16, 2021
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
10:00 AM

***Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Cuyahoga County Administration Building is closed for public meetings at this time. As this meeting is being conducted remotely, in accordance with HB 197, interested persons may access the meeting via livestream by using the following link:**
<https://www.youtube.com/CuyahogaCounty>

****Public comment for this meeting may be submitted in writing via email to the Assistant Deputy Clerk of Council at arjohnson@cuyahogacounty.us no later than 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2021**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 2, 2021 MEETING**
- 5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE**
 - a) R2021-0074: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Gordon Friedman to serve on the Cuyahoga County Public Defender Commission for the term 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2024; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
- 6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**
- 7. ADJOURNMENT**



MINUTES

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1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Brown called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Brown asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Johnson to call the roll. Committee members Brown, Gallagher, Miller, Conwell, and Sweeney were in attendance and a quorum was determined.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 16, 2021 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Miller, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the February 16, 2021 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2021-0061: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Charna Sherman to serve on the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture Board of Trustees for the term 4/1/2021 – 3/31/2024; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Jeane Holley, Deputy Director of Regional Collaboration, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0061. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Holley pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

Ms. Jill Paulsen, Interim CEO and Executive Director of Cuyahoga Arts and Culture, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No, R2021-0061. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Paulsen pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

Ms. Charna Sherman addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Sherman pertaining to her experience, expertise, and qualifications, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2021-0061 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- b) R2021-0062: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Suzanne Hamilton to serve on the Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation Board of Trustees for the term 3/10/2021 – 3/9/2024; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Holley addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0062. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Holley pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

Ms. Suzanne Hamilton addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Hamilton pertaining to her experience, expertise, and qualifications, which she answered accordingly.

Mr. Paul Herdeg, Deputy Chief Economic Development Officer with the Department of Development, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0062. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2021-0062 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- c) R2021-0063: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Inajo Davis Chappell to serve on The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees for the term 3/10/2021 – 3/9/2027; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Holley addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0063. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Holley pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

Ms. Inajo Davis Chappell addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Davis Chappell pertaining to her experience, expertise, and qualifications, which she answered accordingly.

Mr. Mike Tobin, Vice President of Communications, Government and Community Relations with The MetroHealth System, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0063. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. James Boyle, Policy Advisor, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0063. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2021-0063 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- d) R2021-0064: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Janet Montoya to serve on the Cuyahoga County Advisory Board on Senior and Adult Services for the term of 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2023; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Holley addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0064. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Holley pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

Ms. Tracey Mason, Chief Administrator with the Department of Senior and Adult Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2021-0064. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Mason pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

Ms. Janet Montoya addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Advisory Board on Senior and Adult Services. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Montoya pertaining to her experience, expertise, and qualifications, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2021-0064 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- e) O2021-0002: An Ordinance providing for modifications to and adoption of the Cuyahoga County Human Resources Personnel Policies and Procedures Manual to be applicable to all County employees; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Councilwoman Conwell made a brief statement regarding Ordinance No. O2021-0002.

Mr. Boyle; Mr. Gregory Huth, Law Director; and Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor, addressed the Committer regarding Ordinance No. O2021-0002. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Boyle, Huth and McAleer pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Brown, Ordinance No. O2021-0002 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m., without objection.

County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2021-0074

Sponsored by: County Executive Budish	A Resolution confirming the County Executive’s reappointment of Gordon Friedman to serve on the Cuyahoga County Public Defender Commission for the term 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2024 and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, the Cuyahoga County Public Defender Commission was created pursuant to the provisions of ORC Section 120.13; and

WHEREAS, the powers and duties of the Cuyahoga County Public Defender Commission are established pursuant to ORC Section 120.14, which include: recommending an annual operating budget of the office of the County Public Defender, establishing operational standards of the office of the County Public Defender, and determining the qualifications and size of the supporting staff of the office in an effort to provide essential legal representation to indigent persons in the County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to ORC Section 120.13, the Cuyahoga County Public Defender Commission shall have five members with a term of office of four years; 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, County Executive Armond Budish has nominated Gordon Friedman to serve on the Cuyahoga County Public Defender Commission for the term 1/1/2021 – 12/31/2024; and

WHEREAS, this Council by a vote of at least eight (8) members determines that it is necessary that this Resolution 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 RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the County Executive's reappointment of Gordon Friedman to serve on the Cuyahoga County Public Defender Commission for the term 1/1/21 – 12/31/2024.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of at least eight members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective.

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

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: March 9, 2021

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

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March 1, 2021

Pernel Jones, Jr., President
Cuyahoga County Council
Cuyahoga County Administration Building
2079 E.9th, 8th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: Cuyahoga County Public Defender Commission

Dear President Jones:

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 120.13, I submit the following nominee for reappointment to the Cuyahoga County Public Defender Commission:

- **Gordon Friedman**, 4-year term, 01/01/2021 - 12/31/2024

Among other duties, the County Public Defender Commission is responsible for the following:

- Appointing the County Public Defender;
- Determining the qualifications and size of the supporting staff and facilities, and other requirements needed to maintain and operate the office of the County Public Defender;
- Recommending an annual budget for the office of the County Public Defender to the County Executive;
- Making an annual report to the County Executive and Ohio Public Defender Commission on the operation of the County Public Defender Office;
- Contracting with municipal corporations within Cuyahoga County for the Public Defender to provide legal representation for indigent persons who are charged with a violation of the ordinances of the municipal corporation

The Public Defender Commission is comprised of five members – three appointed by the County Executive, and two appointed by the presiding judge of the Court of Common Pleas. Public Defender Commission members are uncompensated. Per Ohio Revised Code, at least one member appointed by each of these authorities must be an attorney admitted to practice law in the State of Ohio.

Attached you will find the nominee's resume for your review. There is one additional candidate on file that has applied for this position.

I ask that this appointment be set for confirmation as soon as possible. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact Michele Pomerantz at 216-258-8921. I thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Armond Budish". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "A".

Armond Budish

Gordon S. Friedman, Esq.

<http://www.friedmanandgilbert.com/gordon-s-friedman.html>

1. Current résumé or equivalent summary of academic, professional, and experiential qualifications;

Education: George Washington University, J.D. (1967); Miami University, B.A. (1964)

2. If applicable, a copy of any and all professional licenses or other credentials that are required of members of the Public Defender Commission;

http://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/AttySvcs/AttyReg/Public_AttorneyDetails.asp?ID=0021946

Current Name: Gordon Samuel Friedman

Ohio Admission: 05/04/1968

Discipline and Sanction History: No

Registration Number: 0021946

Bar Admissions:

Ohio (1968)

U.S. District Court, Northern District of Ohio (1969)

U.S. Court of Appeals, 6th Circuit (1968)

3. Past attendance record, if maintained by the Public Defender Commission; **N/A – Note: Since being appointed to the Commission in March 1992, Gordon has attended all commission meetings via in-person, video and/or telephone.**
4. If not noted on your resume, your city and county of residence; and **Shaker Heights, Cuyahoga County**
5. An indication of whether you currently serve on any other government, private, or non-profit board or commission

Professional Associations:

National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

American Civil Liberties Union

Cuyahoga County Public Defender Commission

The Innocence Project

The NORML Legal Committee

Ohio Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

William K. Thomas Inns of Court