



## **MINUTES**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023**

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS**

**C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**

**2:30 PM**

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

**Council President Jones called the meeting to order at 2:36 p.m.**

### **2. ROLL CALL**

**Council President Jones asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Councilmembers Sweeney, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Kelly, Miller and Jones were in attendance and a quorum was determined.**

**[Clerk's Note: Councilmembers Turner and Simon entered the meeting after the roll-call was taken.]**

### **3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

**There were no public comments given.**

### **4. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION:**

- a) Airica Steed, President and Chief Executive Officer, The MetroHealth System

**Council President Pernel Jones welcomed Dr. Airica Steed, President and Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Geoff Himes, Interim Chief Financial Officer from The MetroHealth System. He stated that Ms. Steed would be providing County Council with an update on the operations of the hospital and assure the County and the public that Health and Human Service Levy funds will be used appropriately.**

**Council President Jones said that MetroHealth is a critical part of the county's safety-net for those most in need. Cuyahoga County has had a long, positive partnership with MetroHealth, and it is vital that this productive relationship continue for many years to**

come. Mr. Jones also said he hopes that we can reinforce and build on these partnerships, as they are not only important for intergovernmental cooperation, but also for the long-term viability and success of the hospital system, and the health and wellbeing of county residents in need.

Dr. Steed provided an update on the operations, since assuming her new role, and detailed the hospital's future objectives, priorities and policy changes, including addressing health equity and disparities, community outreach and engagement, independent audits, creating a culture of ethics and integrity, suspension of the Supplemental Bonus Program and how they will work to restore, maintain and add trust of County officials and the public.

Councilmembers asked questions of Dr. Steed and Mr. Himes pertaining to the presentation, which they answered accordingly.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

a) Collective bargaining matters, including:

- 1) a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cuyahoga County and the International Union, United Automobile, Aerospace and Agricultural Implement Workers of America, UAW, Region 2-B, Local Number 70 ("UAW"), representing approximately six (6) employees in the classification of Court Security Officers in the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department for the period 1/1/2022-12/31/2024.

b) Pending or imminent litigation.

**A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Ms. Simon, and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a collective bargaining matter and pending or imminent litigation and for no other purpose whatsoever. Executive Session was then called to order by Council President Jones at 4:11 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: Kelly, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Turner, Stephens, Simon and Jones.**

**The following additional attendees were present: Law Director Gregory Huth; Civil Assistant Law Director Wesley Kretch; Assistant Law Director Rebecca Divoky; Division Chief David Lambert; Chief Prosecuting Attorney Michael O'Malley; Assistant Prosecutor Brendan Healy; Corrections Administrator Ronda Gibson; Captain Donald Jerome; Human Resources Administrator, Sheriff's Department, Sarah Nemastil; Interim Sheriff Joseph Greiner and Warden Kevin O'Donnell; Council Chief of Staff Joseph Nanni; Legislative Budget Advisor Trevor McAleer; Special Counsel Michael King and Policy Analyst James Boyle.**

**At 5:09 p.m., Executive Session was adjourned without objection and Council President Jones then reconvened the meeting.**

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**There was no miscellaneous business.**

7. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Council President Jones adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m., without objection.**