



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2023
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Jones called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

[Clerk's Note: Councilmember Simon joined the meeting shortly after the roll call was taken.]

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

- a) Kareem Henton, Cuyahoga County Jail Coalition, addressed Council regarding the new Jail proposal.**
- g) Josiah Quarles, Northeast Ohio Coalition for Homelessness, addressed Council regarding the collaborative County and City strategic planning initiatives regarding unsheltered homelessness for residents in Cuyahoga County.**

4. ITEM REFERRED TO COMMITTEE / CONFIRMATION HEARING:

- a) R2023-0241: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Christopher Alvarado as Director of the Department of Regional Collaboration, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.**

Council President Jones made a brief statement regarding the confirmation hearing process for Resolution No. R2023-0241.

Mr. Christopher Alvarado, County Executive Ronayne’s nominee for the position of Director of the Department of Regional Collaboration, was called upon to deliver an opening statement. He provided background into his education, experience and qualifications for the position.

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

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2023-0241 was considered and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Councilmembers Conwell, Stephens, Turner, Sweeney and Jones requested their names be added as sponsors to the legislation.

5. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) Collective bargaining matters, including:
 - i) a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Ohio Council 8, representing approximately 19 employees in various classifications for the period 9/26/2023-9/25/2026.
- b) Pending or imminent court action

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Sweeney and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to move to Executive Session for the purposes of discussing a collective bargaining matter and pending or imminent court action and for no other purpose whatsoever. Executive Session was then called to order by Council President Jones at 3:53p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Stephens, Simon, Kelly, Miller, Sweeney and Jones.

The following additional attendees were present: Law Director Rick Manoloff; Assistant Law Director Greg Huth; Assistant Law Director Melisa Fisco; Mr. Jon Reiss, Executive Director of the Veterans Services Commission; Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Brendan Healy; Craig Morice, Attorney, Civil Division, Prosecutor’s Office; Council Chief of Staff Joseph Nanni, Legislative Budget Advisor Trevor McAleer, Special Counsel Michael King and Policy Analyst James Boyle.

At 4:19 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 4:19 p.m., without objection.