



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2026 — 4:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Council President Miller called the meeting to order at 4:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council President Miller asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Councilmembers Kelly, Casselberry, Gallagher, Schleper, Conwell and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmembers Simon, Sweeney, Jones, Turner and Houser were absent.

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a) a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cuyahoga County and American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Ohio Council 8, AFL-CIO, Local 310 ("AFSCME, Local 310"), representing approximately (37) employees in the support staff classifications in the Cuyahoga County Public Defender's Office under the direction of the Chief Public Defender for the period 1/1/2026 - 12/31/2028;
- b) Pending or imminent court action

A motion was made by Mr. Casselberry, seconded by Ms. Conwell, and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a collective bargaining agreement and pending or imminent court action, for no other purpose whatsoever. Executive Session was then called to order by Council President Miller at 4:07 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present Kelly, Casselberry, Gallagher, Schleper, Conwell and Miller.

The following additional attendees were present: Law Director Rick Manoloff; Public Defender Cullen Sweeney; Public Defender Administrator Mark Budzar; Council Chief of Staff Joseph Nanni; Special Counsel Michael King and Research and Policy Analyst Laura Black.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

6. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Council President Miller adjourned the meeting at 4:27 p.m., without objection.