



Cuyahoga County Council – Procedures for Public Comment at Council and Committee Meetings

- Requests to speak must be submitted in writing **prior** to the scheduled meeting start time on the Request Form provided by the Clerk immediately prior to each meeting.*
- Request Forms must be submitted in-person and may not be submitted on behalf of others (one per person).
- A maximum of thirty speakers will be selected at random during the public comment section at each meeting.
- Each speaker will receive two minutes to address the council or committee. A bell will ring to signal that speaking time has ended. Speakers may not yield their time to others.
- In lieu of verbal public comment, written testimony may be submitted to Council or the applicable committee through the Clerk of Council at CouncilPublicComment@cuyahogacounty.us prior to the adjournment of each meeting.
- The Council and committee meeting schedule can be found [on the Council website](#).

** Council chambers will open to the public 30 minutes prior to the scheduled meeting start time.*



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

MEETING AGENDA

TUESDAY, MAY 26, 2026 — 3:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE/CONFIRMATION HEARING:

- a) R2026-0125: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of David Molnar, upon his taking the oath of office, as County Chief Building Official, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

6. ADJOURNMENT

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2026-0125

Sponsored by: County Executive Ronayne	A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of David Molnar, upon his taking the oath of office, as County Chief Building Official, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, pursuant to Article II, Section 2.03(2) of the Charter of Cuyahoga County, the directors of departments are to be appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by Council; and

WHEREAS, the County Building Department was established by Ordinance O2025-0007, passed by this Council on November 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Section 202.11.B of the County Code, the Building Department shall be supervised and managed by the County Chief Building Official appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by Council; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated David Molnar for appointment to the position of County Chief Building Official; and

WHEREAS, the Council conducted a confirmation hearing which was noticed to the public and held in an open meeting on _____, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the Council elects to confirm the County Executive's appointment of David Molnar to the position of County Chief Building Official; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that Charter requirements can be complied with and critical services to be provided by Cuyahoga County can commence, and to provide for the usual, daily operation of County government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the appointment of David Molnar to serve as the County Chief Building Official upon his taking the oath of office.

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, it 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

County Executive

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: May 12, 2026

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

Journal _____
_____, 20____



Cuyahoga County

Chris Ronayne
Cuyahoga County Executive

May 4, 2026

Dale Miller, President
Cuyahoga County Council
Cuyahoga County Administration Building
2079 East Ninth Street, 8th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: Appointment of Chief Building Official

Dear Council President Miller,

Pursuant to Article II, Section 2.03(2) of the Cuyahoga County Charter and Section 202.11(B) of the Cuyahoga County Code, it is my pleasure to nominate David Molnar for appointment as the county's Chief Building Official.

Mr. Molnar will bring a great depth of knowledge and experience as the inaugural building official for Cuyahoga County. He is certified by the Ohio Board of Building Standards as required by county code, holds certifications from the International Code Council, is a registered architect, and has held similar positions – including chief building official – for other Northeast Ohio cities and counties. He has also led large construction projects in several states across the country, gaining critical insights into the practices he will be overseeing.

In addition, Mr. Molnar is active in the professional associations affiliated with his work. He is a member of the boards of directors of both the International Code Council and the Ohio Building Officials Association, as well as several other associations both locally and regionally.

For the reasons listed above and more, I am confident that Mr. Molnar will serve Cuyahoga County and its residents well in this role.

Please also note that, as my team has communicated to you and your colleagues, I am appointing Mr. Molnar in an interim capacity, pursuant to Sec. 2.03(2) of the Charter and Sec. 114.02 of the County Code, effective today. He understands that this is temporary and that his nomination must ultimately be approved by County Council before he can permanently assume the role of Chief Building Official.

Thank you for your consideration of this nomination. Should you or any of your colleagues have any questions, please feel free to contact Chris Alvarado in my office at 216-348-4239.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Chris Ronayne", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Chris Ronayne
County Executive

David Molnar

CAREER SYNOPSIS

Dynamic, critical thinking, self-motivated and detail-oriented Building Official, Plans Examiner and Architect with over thirty-five years of experience in the construction of diverse and complex project types in Ohio, Massachusetts, Texas, Georgia, Florida, Michigan, California, New York, Washington D.C. and Puerto Rico. Involved in the safety and development of the built environment through design, construction and the education and training of others in life safety concepts, procedures, standards and regulations.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Summit County, Akron, OH

Master Plans Examiner, September 2023 – Present

- Responsible for commercial plan reviews as the Master Plans Examiner for compliance with the Ohio Building Code, Ohio Mechanical Code, Ohio Plumbing Code, NFPA 70 (National Electric Code), NFPA 72 (Fire Alarm) and NFPA 13 (Fire Suppression). Coordination with Chief Building Official, Plans Examiners, Code Technicians and Inspectors to deliver results.

The City of Aurora, OH

Chief Building Official, September 2019 – Present

- Responsible for approvals and decisions for both commercial and residential projects in compliance with the Ohio Building Code and Residential Code of Ohio. Assist the department's Director and Assistant Director and coordinate with the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chiefs to mentor the team, provide education on Code updates to preserve and enhance Aurora's character and quality of life.

Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Industrial Compliance, Reynoldsburg, OH

Intermittent Plans Examiner, February 2023 – November 2023

- Responsible for commercial plan reviews for compliance with the Ohio Building Code, Ohio Mechanical Code, NFPA 70 (National Electric Code), NFPA 72 (Fire Alarm) and NFPA 13 (Fire Suppression).

Richland County, Mansfield, OH

Master Plans Examiner, September 2020 – September 2023

- Responsible for commercial plan reviews as the Master Plans Examiner and as the Backup Building Official for compliance with the Ohio Building Code, Ohio Mechanical Code, NFPA 70 (National Electric Code), NFPA 72 (Fire Alarm) and NFPA 13 (Fire Suppression). Daily activities included: coordinating with permit clerks and inspectors and answering customer and public questions to educate about the Code.

David Molnar

Medina County, Medina, OH

Chief Building Official, December 2019 – August 2020

- Responsible for day-to-day operation of the Medina County Building Department as the head of the department. Coordination with townships and villages for zoning and Fire Department approvals. Lead the department in the refinement of the new online permitting system. Responsible for staffing and team assignments, fiscal and budgeting, and Code implementation and education.

Commercial Plans Examiner, December 2018 – December 2019

- Responsible for commercial plan reviews as a Master Plans Examiner for compliance with the Ohio Building Code, Ohio Mechanical Code, NFPA 70 (National Electric Code), NFPA 72 (Fire Alarm) and NFPA 13 (Fire Suppression). Assist the department in the implementation of the new online permitting system (parcel tracking, electronic plan reviews, online payments, online inspection scheduling and results).

The City of Canton, Canton, OH

Chief Building Official, November 2013 – December 2018

- Responsible for the Building Department, Zoning Department and Code Enforcement (Property Maintenance) responsible for an annual budget of \$9.3 mil and 21 employees in 2018. Daily activities included: mentoring the team as well as staffing, performance reviews and counseling; budgeting, reporting and financial management; legal/regulatory compliance, implementation and adoption of building codes; customer service as well as jurisdictional relationships and department representation to Zoning Board, Construction Board and Board of Appeals.

Creo Design, Inc., Akron, OH

President/Owner, January 2003 – December 2013

- Owner and business manager of a Professional Partnership.
- Full-service Architecture, Planning and Interior Design firm managing projects in federal, state, institutional retail, corporate, industrial and civic markets varying widely in size and scope.
- Code review, constructability, estimates, phase sequencing/construction schedules, business development, contracts, negotiations, presentations, financial administration and human resources.

Independent Consultant, Akron, OH

Architect, January 2013 – November 2013

L + P Architecture, Akron, OH

Architect, March 2013 – August 2013

Payto Architects, Inc., Cleveland, OH

Project Architect, January 2001 – May 2004

Vocon, Cleveland, OH

Senior Project Manager, December 1999 – January 2001

Entasis Incorporated, Beachwood, OH

Project Manager, June 1999 – November 1999

David Molnar

ka architecture, Cleveland, OH

Job Captain, April 1997 – June 1999

Rasmussen Design Group, Akron, OH

Associate, December 1990 – April 1997

- Developed the skill sets to concurrently manage and produce multiple projects of varying sizes and at different phases. Responsible for Project aspects from building code review through construction administration. Responsible for developing and implementing office drafting standards.

EDUCATION and CERTIFICATIONS

International Code Council (ICC), Washington DC

Certified Building Official
Combination Plans Examiner
Electrical Plans Examiner

Account # 5311148
Mechanical Plans Examiner
Plumbing Plans Examiner
Building Plans Examiner

Ohio Board of Building Standards (OBBS), Reynoldsburg, OH

Level 5 Commercial Building Official
Level 4 Combination Plans Examiner
Level 3 Commercial Limited Inspector
Level 2 Residential Code Official

Personnel ID # 4707
Master Plans Examiner
Building Inspector (Interim), Plumbing Inspector (Interim)

Ohio Architects Board, Columbus, OH

Registered Architect

License # 0012706
November 2000

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)

NCARB Certificate

Certificate # 54000574
January 2002

State of California (Cal OES – Governor's Office of Emergency Services)

Safety Assessment Program (SAP)

Personnel ID # 8893

Emergency Management Institute (FEMA)

IS-100, IS-200, IS-700, IS-800, ICS-300 AND ICS-400

June 2014

Baldwin Wallace University, Berea, OH

Project Manager Certification

May 1998

Kent State University, Kent, OH

Bachelor of Architecture

Bachelor of Science

May 1993

May 1993

David Molnar

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, SOCIETY MEMBERSHIPS AND ORGANIZATIONS

International Code Council (ICC)

- *Board of Directors – Section D Director* *October 2025 – Present*
- *Member* *May 2007 – Present*

Ohio Building Officials Association (OBOA)

- *Board of Directors – Immediate Past President* *January 2026 – Present*
- *Board of Directors – President* *January 2025 – December 2025*
- *Board of Directors – Secretary* *January 2024 – December 2024*
- *Board of Directors – Treasurer* *January 2023 – December 2023*
- *Board of Directors – Director At-Large* *January 2018 – Present*
- *Member* *January 2014 – Present*

ICC Midwest Region V

- *Member* *October 2018 – Present*

Five County Building Officials Association (FBOA)

- *Board of Directors – Past President* *January 2023 – December 2023*
- *Board of Directors – President* *January 2018 – December 2022*
- *Board of Directors – Vice President* *January 2017 – December 2017*
- *Board of Directors – Secretary* *January 2016 – December 2016*
- *Board of Directors – Director At-Large* *January 2014 – December 2025*
- *Member* *January 2014 – Present*

Women In Code Enforcement and Development (WICED of OH)

- *Board of Directors* *September 2024 – December 2025*
- *Member* *April 2024 – Present*

Building Officials Council of Northeast Ohio (BOCONEO)

- *Member* *January 2017 – Present*

Copley Fairlawn Athletic Association (CAA)

- *Board of Directors – President* *December 2012 – 2024*
- *Board of Directors – Trustee* *December 2010 – Present*