



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR

3:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:11 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon announced that per Council Rule 12F, Council President Jones appointed Ms. Turner as a Member Pro Tem of the Education, Environment & Sustainability Committee.

Ms Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Conwell and Turner were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Stephens, Jones and Schron were absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE OCTOBER 4, 2023 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the October 4, 2023 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2023-0279: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$30,000, to the Rid-All Foundation for the Green Partnerships Veterans Training Program from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Keymah Durden, Executive Director of the Rid-All Foundation, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0279. Discussion ensued.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to amend Resolution No. R2023-0279 by adding \$10,000.00 from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell, with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2023-0279 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, as amended.

Committee members Turner, Simon and Conwell requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- b) R2023-0280: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking for the Human Trafficking Education and Training Program for Schools from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Kirsti Mouncey, President & CEO of the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0280. Discussion ensued.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Ms. Turner and approved by unanimous vote to amend Resolution No. R2023-0280 by adding \$5,000.00 from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell, with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2023-0280 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, as amended.

Committee members Simon and Conwell requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- c) R2023-0281: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Shaker Schools Foundation for the Aisha Fraser Fund from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Holly Coughlin, Executive Director of the Shaker Schools Foundation; and Ms. Shante Thomas, Teacher at Woodbury Elementary School, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0281. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Coughlin and Ms. Thomas pertaining to the item which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2023-0281 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Committee members Simon and Conwell requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

6. PRESENTATION

- a) Update on Project Love

Mr. Stuart Muszynksi, President and CEO of Values-in-Action Foundation; Ms. Abby Bell, VIA Workforce Program Director; and Ms. Nya Brooks, VIA Workforce Placement Coordinator, addressed the Committee regarding the budget, student training, mentoring, evaluations and metrics relating to Project Love. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Muszynksi, Ms. Bell and Ms. Brooks pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 4:05 p.m., without objection.