



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

FINANCE & BUDGETING COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 — 1:00 P.M.

Committee Members

Meredith M. Turner, Chair | Dist. 9

Mark Casselberry, Vice Chair | Dist. 4

Michael J. Gallagher | Dist. 5

Michael J. Houser, Sr. | Dist. 10

Pernel Jones, Jr. | Dist. 8

Patrick Kelly | District 1

Robert E. Schleper, Jr. | District 6

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Turner called the meeting to order at 1:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Turner asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Turner, Jones, Houser, Kelly and Schleper were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Gallagher was in attendance after the roll call was taken. Committee member Casselberry was absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 27, 2026 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Schleper and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2026 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0249: A Resolution accepting the revised rates as determined by the Budget Commission; authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Walter Parfejewiec, Director of the Office of Budget and Management; and Mr. Michael Chambers, Fiscal Officer, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0249. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Parfejewiec and Chambers pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Schleper with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2026-0249 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- b) R2026-0256: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 1725 with Clark, Schaefer, Hackett & Co. for annual audits for Calendar Years 2021-2025 for the period 9/30/2021-12/31/2026 to extend the time period to 12/31/2031, to extend the audit years through 2030, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$2,852,000.00, effective upon signatures of all parties; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chambers addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0256. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2026-0256 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Turner adjourned the meeting at 1:29 p.m., without objection.