



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3, 2026— 1:30 P.M.

Committee Members

Yvonne M. Conwell, Chair | Dist. 7
Martin J. Sweeney, Vice Chair | Dist. 3
Mark Casselberry | Dist. 4
Michael J. Houser, Sr. | Dist. 10
Robert E. Schleper, Jr. | Dist. 6

1. CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chairman Sweeney called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Sweeney asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Committee members Sweeney, Casselberry, Houser and Schleper were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Chairwoman Conwell was absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Loh addressed the Committee regarding the ongoing construction of the Women's Homeless Shelter located at 2227 Payne Avenue.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 6, 2026 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Casselberry, seconded by Mr. Schleper and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the May 6, 2026 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Schleper and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Chairwoman Yvonne Conwell from the meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0140: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 6178 (fka Contract Nos. 5836, 3272 and 2730) with Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. for Rapid Re-housing and housing stabilization services for the period 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2025 to extend the time period to 12/31/2027, to amend terms, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,842,300.00, effective upon contract 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.

Ms. LeVine Ross, Director of the Office of Homeless Services addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0140. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Sweeney asked questions of Ms. Ross pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

Mr. Houser thanked Emerald Development and Economic Network, Inc. for all of their work and advocacy.

On a motion by Mr. Casselberry with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2026-0140 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) R2026-0141: A Resolution making an award on RQ16099 to The MetroHealth System in the amount not-to-exceed \$3,100,000.00 for comprehensive medical services for children and families involved with the Division of Children and Family Services for the period 1/1/2026-12/31/2027; authorizing the County Executive to execute the Contract No. 5732 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Marcos Cortes, Administrator of the Division of Contracts and Performance for the Department of Health and Human Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0141. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Sweeney asked questions of Mr. Cortes pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Casselberry with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2026-0141 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.

- c) R2026-0148: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$50,000, to the Cleveland Urban Minority Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Outreach Project ("Cleveland UMADAOP") for the renovation and rehabilitation of the Central Intake and Outpatient Services Facility House from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Ronnie Davis, Executive Director of Cleveland UMADAOP, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0148. Discussion ensued.

On a motion by Mr. Casselberry with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2026-0148 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- d) R2026-0151: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Cuyahoga County Division of Senior and Adult Services for the Cuyahoga County Senior Resources Access Hub from the District 10 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Natasha Pietrocola, Director of the Division of Senior and Adult Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0151. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Schleper thanked Ms. Pietrocola and her team for the work they're doing to address the needs and barriers the Senior community faces when attempting to navigate through Government systems to access critical resources.

Mr. Schleper also thanked Committee member Houser for pledging the funding for the Cuyahoga County Senior Resources Access Hub Initiative.

Mr. Houser echoed Mr. Schleper's comments and stated that if we can make it easier for Seniors to access the resources that have already been paid for through their tax dollars we are happy to do our part.

Mr. Casselberry thanked Ms. Pietrocola for the work she is doing and said that he appreciated the presentation she gave and will do whatever he can to help support this Program.

On a motion by Mr. Casselberry with a second by Mr. Houser, Resolution No. R2026-0151 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Committee members Schleper, Houser, Casselberry and Sweeney requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- e) R2026-0153: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Crimson Heights Ministries as fiscal agent for Strategic Resources Consulting, LLC for the Freedom Summer 2026 Project from the District 8 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Trevor McAleer, Legislative Budget Advisor presented a proposed substitute to change the fiscal agent name from Crimson Heights Ministries to Cleveland Clergy Coalition Incorporated, and asked if the Committee would consider adopting the proposed substitute.

A motion was made by Mr. Houser, seconded by Mr. Schleper and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.

Pastor Aaron Phillips, Executive Director of the Cleveland Clergy Coalition and Mr. Kenn Dowell, Owner of Strategic Resources Consulting and the Strategic Moves Media Network, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0153. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Pastor Phillips and Mr. Dowell, pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Sweeney requested to add funds in the amount of \$5,000.00 from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund which will be incorporated into a proposed substitute for consideration at the next Council meeting for second reading.

On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Mr. Casselberry, Resolution No. R2026-0153 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, as substituted.

Committee members Schleper, Houser, Casselberry and Sweeney requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- f) R2026-0157: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 5898 (fka Contract No. 4944) to Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry for joint transition and rapid housing project services in connection with the Youth Homelessness Demonstration Program for the period 1/1/2024-12/31/2025 to extend the time period to 12/31/2026, to amend and replace various terms, and for additional funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,676,083.00, effective 1/1/2026; 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.

Ms. LeVine Ross, Director of the Office of Homeless Services and Ms. Maria Foschia, President and Chief Executive Officer of Lutheran Metropolitan Ministry, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0157. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Ross and Ms. Foschia pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Casselberry with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2026-0157 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.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Sweeney adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m., without objection.