



## CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING COMMITTEE  
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS  
4<sup>th</sup> FLOOR

### MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17, 2026— 1:00 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

**Chairwoman Conwell called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.**

#### 2. ROLL CALL

**Ms. Conwell asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Conwell, Sweeney, Schleper and Houser were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Casselberry was absent. Council President Miller was also in attendance.**

#### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**Loh addressed the Committee regarding public comment procedures.**

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 3, 2026 MEETING

**A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Mr. Schleper and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2026 meeting.**

#### 5. MATTER REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0165: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$7,230, to the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center for the Growing Community Awareness of Sexual Violence Project from the District 7 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

**Ms. Nicole McKinney Johnson, President & CEO of The Cleveland Rape Crisis Center; and Mr. Andrew DeFratis, Sr. Director of Public Affairs for The Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0165. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. McKinney Johnson and Mr. DeFratis pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

**On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2026-0165 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.**

#### 6. PRESENTATION

a) Update on House Resolution H.R. 1 –

Director David Merriman, Department of Health, Human Services  
Director Kevin Gowan, Cuyahoga Job and Family Services

**Mr. David Merriman, Director of the Department of Health & Human Services; and Mr. Kevin Gowan, Director of Job and Family Services, provided the Committee with an update on H.R. 1 and the impact on County programs and services. Discussion ensued.**

**Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Merriman and Gowan pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.**

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

**Ms. Conwell announced that Lutheran Metropolitan Ministries is hosting a “Public Official Immersive Experience” on Friday, July 31, 2026 at 9:00 a.m.**

8. ADJOURNMENT

**With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m., without objections.**