



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES, APPOINTMENTS & EQUITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
10:00 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Turner called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Turner asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Turner, Gallagher and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee members Conwell and Sweeney were absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MAY 21, 2024 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Gallagher and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the May 21, 2024 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

[Clerk's Note: Item No. 5.g) was taken out of order and considered before Item Nos. 5.a) through 5.f)]

- a) R2024-0154: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Dr. Barbara Gripshover to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council for the term 4/1/2024 – 3/31/2027, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Zoe Toscos, Special Projects Manager for the Executive's Office, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0154. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Billy Gayheart, Jr., Chair of the Membership Committee of the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council, read a prepared statement from Dr. Barbara Gripshover, who was unable to attend the meeting. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Gayheart, Jr. pertaining to Dr. Gripshover's experience, expertise and qualifications, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2024-0154 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) R2024-0179: A Resolution adopting various changes to the Cuyahoga County Non-Bargaining Classification Plan; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Albert Bouchahine, Manager of Classification and Compensation for the Personnel Review Commission, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0179. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2024-0179 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) R2024-0212: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Dorothy Todd to serve on the Cuyahoga County Diversion Board for an unexpired term ending 2/28/2025, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Toscos addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0212. Discussion ensued.

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

Chief Dorothy Todd addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Diversion Board. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Chief Todd pertaining to her experience, expertise and qualifications, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2024-0212 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.

Mr. Miller, Ms. Turner and Mr. Gallagher requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- d) R2024-0213: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Bianca Crawford to serve on the Division of Children and Family Services Advisory Board for the term 3/1/2023 – 2/28/2027, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Toscos addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0213. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Bianca Crawford addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Division of Children and Family Services Advisory Board. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Crawford pertaining to her experience, expertise and qualifications, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2024-0213 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.

Mr. Miller and Ms. Turner requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- e) R2024-0214: A Resolution confirming County Executive's appointment of Daniel Smith to serve on the Division of Children and Family Services Advisory Board for the term 3/1/2023 – 2/28/2027, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

There was no legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2024-0214.

- f) R2024-0215: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Verna Darby to serve on the Division of Children and Family Services Advisory Board for the term 3/1/2023 – 2/28/2027, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Toscos addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0215. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Verna Darby addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Division of Children and Family Services Advisory Board. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Darby pertaining to her experience, expertise and qualifications, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2024-0215 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.

Mr. Miller and Ms. Turner requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- g) R2024-0216: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of various individuals to serve on the District One Public Works Integrating Committee for the term 6/22/2024 - 6/21/2027, confirming the reappointment of various alternates, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Reappointments:
 - a. Michael W. Dever
 - b. Nichole L. English

- 2) Reappointments as alternates:
 - a. Thomas Sotak to Michael W. Dever
 - b. Christopher A. George to Nichole L. English

Ms. Toscos introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2024-0216, to change the reappointment of Christopher A. George to the appointment of Eric Mack as an alternate to Nichole L. English.

A motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Gallagher and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.

Ms. Toscos addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0216. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Michael W. Dever, Ms. Nichole L. English, Mr. Thomas Sotak and Mr. Eric Mack addressed the Committee regarding their nominations to serve on the District One Public Works Integrating Committee. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Dever, Ms. English, Mr. Sotak and Mr. Mack pertaining to their experience, expertise and qualifications, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2024-0216 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, as substituted.

- h) R2024-0217: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Gina Vernaci to serve on the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture Board of Trustees for an unexpired term ending 3/31/2025, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Toscos addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2024-0217. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Gina Vernaci addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Vernaci pertaining to her experience, expertise and qualifications, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2024-0217 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

Chairwoman Turner adjourned the meeting at 11:02 a.m., without objection.