



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2013
CUYAHOGA COUNTY JUSTICE CENTER
COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 1ST FLOOR
1:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Council President Connally at 1:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Council President Connally asked Clerk Schmotzer to call the roll. Councilmembers Jones, Rogers, Greenspan, Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Conwell and Connally were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Councilmember Simon was in attendance after roll call was taken. Councilmember Schron was absent from the meeting.

A motion was then made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Germana and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Mr. Schron from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT RELATED TO THE AGENDA

No public comments were given at this time related to the agenda.

4. ITEMS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) M2013-0009: A Motion confirming the County Executive's appointment of Francis X. Bova upon his taking the oath of office as the Sheriff of Cuyahoga County, and declaring the necessity that this Motion become immediately effective.

Mr. Frank Bova, County Executive FitzGerald's nominee for the position of County Sheriff, was called upon to deliver an opening statement. Mr. Bova provided background into his education, experience and qualifications for the position.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Bova pertaining to his experience and expertise, which he answered accordingly.

On behalf of the County Executive, Mr. James Boyle expressed support for the confirmation of Mr. Bova as County Sheriff. County Prosecutor McGinty also expressed his support for Mr. Bova.

A motion was then made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous vote to refer the County Executive's nomination of Mr. Bova to the full Council with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- b) M2013-0010: A Motion confirming the County Executive's appointment of Mark A. Parks, Jr. upon his taking the oath of office as the Treasurer of Cuyahoga County, and declaring the necessity that this Motion become immediately effective.

Mr. Mark Parks, County Executive FitzGerald's nominee for the position of County Treasurer, was called upon to deliver an opening statement. Mr. Parks provided background into his education, experience and qualifications for the position.

Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Parks pertaining to his experience and expertise, which he answered accordingly.

On behalf of the County Executive, Mr. James Boyle expressed support for the confirmation of Mr. Parks as County Treasurer.

A motion was then made by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous vote to refer the County Executive's nomination of Mr. Parks to the full Council with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

- c) M2013-0011: A Motion confirming the County Executive's appointment of Andrea F. Rocco, Esq. upon her taking the oath of office as the Clerk of Courts of Cuyahoga County, and declaring the necessity that this Motion become immediately effective.

Ms. Andrea Rocco, County Executive FitzGerald's nominee for the position of Clerk of Courts, was called upon to deliver an opening statement. Ms. Rocco provided background into her education, experience and qualifications for the position.

Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Rocco pertaining to her experience and expertise, which she answered accordingly.

On behalf of the County Executive, Mr. James Boyle expressed support for the confirmation of Ms. Rocco as Clerk of Courts. County Prosecutor Timothy McGinty also expressed his support for Ms. Rocco.

Court of Common Pleas Administrative and Presiding Judge Nancy Fuerst addressed Council regarding issues of concern to her and the Court about the appointment process. Several concerns raised included the lack of input the Court had into the appointment of the nominee, under whose direction the Clerk will

work and a possible conflict pertaining to Ms. Rocco's current position as Prosecutor for the City of Westlake.

Council President Connally then stated that Ms. Rocco must submit a letter to Council verifying her resignation as Prosecutor for the City of Westlake upon her confirmation.

A motion was made by Mr. Greenspan, seconded by Mr. Jones and approved by unanimous vote to refer the County Executive's nomination of Ms. Rocco to the full Council with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

6. OTHER PUBLIC COMMENT

No other public comments were given.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 3:17 p.m., without objection.