



AGENDA
CUYAHOGA COUNTY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 10, 2018
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
1:30 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

4. ITEM REFERRED TO COMMITTEE / CONFIRMATION HEARING:

- a) R2018-0121: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Michele Pomerantz, upon her taking the oath of office, as Director of the Department of Regional Collaboration; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

5. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

6. ADJOURNMENT

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County Council of Cuyahoga County, Ohio

Resolution No. R2018-0121

Sponsored by: County Executive Budish Co-sponsored by: Councilmember Miller	A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Michele Pomerantz, upon her taking the oath of office, as Director of the Department of Regional Collaboration; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.
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WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. O2011-0009, the County Council established the Cuyahoga County Department of Regional Collaboration; and

WHEREAS, Cuyahoga County Code Section 202.13 provides that specific goals, duties and activities of the Department of Regional Collaboration shall be further determined by the County Executive who shall employ and supervise a Director and such number of deputies, assistants and employees as shall be reasonably necessary to assist the County Executive in carrying out the duties of the Department of Regional Collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the County Executive has nominated Michele Pomerantz for the appointment to the position of Director of the Department of Regional Collaboration; and

WHEREAS, the Council conducted a confirmation hearing which was noticed to the public and held in an open meeting on July 10, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Council elects to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Michele Pomerantz to the position of Director of the Department of Regional Collaboration; and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective in order that Charter requirements can be complied with and critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue, and to provide for the usual, daily operation of County government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:

SECTION 1. That the Cuyahoga County Council hereby confirms the appointment of Michele Pomerantz to serve as the Director of the Department of Regional Collaboration upon her taking the oath of office.

SECTION 2. It is necessary that this Resolution become immediately effective for the usual daily operation of the County; the preservation of public peace, health, or safety in the County; and any additional reasons set forth in the preamble. Provided that this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members of Council, this Resolution shall become immediately effective.

SECTION 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted.

Yeas:

Nays:

County Council President

Date

Clerk of Council

Date

First Reading/Referred to Committee: June 12, 2018

Committee(s) Assigned: Committee of the Whole

Additional Sponsorship Requested on the Floor: June 12, 2018

Journal _____
_____, 2018



Cuyahoga County
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Armond Budish
Cuyahoga County Executive

June 5, 2018

Dan Brady, President
Cuyahoga County Council
2079 E. 9th Street, 8th Floor
Cleveland, OH 44115

Re: Cuyahoga County Director of Regional Collaboration


Dear Council President Brady:

The Director of Regional Collaboration is an extremely important role within the newly created Cuyahoga County charter government. With responsibilities to work closely with elected officials and staff at the 59 local government entities within our county, to support economic development strategies throughout the region, and to encourage collaboration among local governments on a wide variety of urgent issue areas, the position touches on many of the highest priorities for citizens of the County. My nominee for this position, Michele Pomerantz, is eminently qualified and well positioned to serve with great effectiveness as the next Director of Regional Collaboration for Cuyahoga County.

In her current role as Policy and Labor Liaison at the Cleveland Metropolitan School District, Ms. Pomerantz has frequently served in a liaison role for the District, from working with local community leaders and elected officials to advocating for school policies and building relationships with state and federal legislators. Michele is a well-known community leader who will excel at understanding the concerns of our local government partners and collaborating with them on how to improve the quality of life in our County.

I am proud to nominate Michele Pomerantz to serve as the County's Director of Regional Collaboration, because of her experience with community collaboration, her commitment to community service, and her ability to get things done. I ask that this nomination be addressed as soon as Council's schedule allows. I would be happy to answer questions or provide further information about this nomination – please contact my Executive Assistant, Laura Roche, at 216-443-7181 as needed.

Sincerely,


Armond Budish
Cuyahoga County Executive

Michele Pomerantz



Profile

- **High-achieving executive with a variety of leadership experience, relationship and influential expertise.**
- **Skilled communicator who transforms visionary plans into workable solutions using execution and communication abilities that create a connectedness within large organizations.**
- **Extensive policy development proficiency on a variety of topics including Medicaid, finance, education, facilities and transportation.**

Work Experience

Cleveland Metropolitan School District-Cleveland, Ohio

Policy and Labor Liaison, January 2013-present

- **Analyzed, developed, and influenced state wide policies on education, finance, facilities and transportation**
- **Presented at the Forum on Sino-U.S. Education Leadership at Southwestern University in Chongqing**
- **Served as a delegate representing Ohio at the Education Fellowship Policy Program in China**
- **Presented at Harvard University at the Strategic Data Project Convening on the topic of federal education reform policy**
- **Designed and managed a communication piece with all stakeholders specific to CMSD positions**
- **Strengthened relationships with a variety of stakeholders within and around the city to support the District**
- **Acted as liaison for the CEO at district, local, and national meetings**
- **Presented reports and presentations to residents, parents, and leaders on federal and local issues**
- **Acted as government liaison to all state and national legislators including Cleveland City Council**
- **Prepared briefings and background materials for CEO to ensure strategic follow-up**
- **Organized and directed staff across departments to provide support for the CEO**
- **Co-leader of the Issue 4 campaign and Issue 108 campaign for CMSD resulting in the passage of a \$200 million bond levy to build up to 22 new schools and continue operations for 100 plus schools for the next 4 years**

American Federation of Teachers-Washington, D.C.

Deputy Manager Office of the President, April 2012-January 2013

- **Created and organized briefing and background materials for travel and speaking engagements**
- **Liaised with coalition organizations, affiliates, political organizations, and other stakeholders and people on behalf of the President of the American Federation of Teachers (AFT)**
- **Facilitated relations between AFT President, AFT state federations and locals, the AFL-CIO and other labor organizations**
- **Coordinated trips, staff, and events for the president and maintained political, strategic, and affiliate follow-up**

- **Organized and directed staff across departments to support the President's initiatives cutting through bureaucracy**

**Cleveland Teachers Union-Cleveland, OH
Director of Political Action and Trustee, 2005-2012**

- **Developed and implemented presidential, gubernatorial, and collective bargaining campaigns**
- **Reorganized a strategy to educate, message, and motivate members around negotiations and political issues**
- **Built strategic alliances with political, community, and coalition stakeholders**
- **Mobilized 50% of membership to volunteer on campaigns and managed 2,500 volunteers**
- **Increased Committee of Political Action funds by 119% and increased the amount of members contributing by 32%**
- **Utilized enhanced communication tools including social media to educate both members and the community at large**

**Cleveland Municipal School District - Cleveland, Ohio
Teacher, 1990 – 2012**

- **Planned, implemented, monitored, and assessed a progressive program to increase student attendance that resulted in 18% class wide improvement**
- **Earned positive verbal/written feedback from parents and administrators and students regarding classroom Instruction and community engagement**
- **Presented monthly industry conferences to audiences of 100+ educators and district leaders on reading acquisition**
- **Provided workshops for parents, community leaders, and other educators around managing behavior**
- **Modified the general education curriculum for special-needs students based upon research-based instructional techniques and technologies**
- **Consistently provided leadership and constructive feedback to colleagues and parents to resolve conflicting educational priorities and issues**

Education

Cleveland State University, 1997
Cleveland, Ohio
Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction

Cleveland State University, 1990
Cleveland, Ohio
Bachelors of Science in Elementary Education

Cleveland State University, 2016
Education Policy and Leadership Program

Awards and Other Affiliations

Ohio Federation of Teachers, Outstanding Service Award, 2012
Cuyahoga County, Transition Team Director of Operations. 2015
Boys and Girls Clubs of America, Board Member since 2014