



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES, APPOINTMENTS & EQUITY COMMITTEE MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR

10:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Brown called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Brown asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Johnson to call the roll. Committee members Brown, Gallagher, Miller and Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Jones joined the meeting shortly after the rollcall was taken.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 28, 2020 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Brown, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 28, 2020 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2020-0164: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Janine S. Kaiser to serve on the City of Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board for an unexpired term ending 6/30/2021, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Michele Pomerantz, Director of Regional Collaboration, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0164. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Janine S. Kaiser addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the City of Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Ida Ford, Workforce Development Administrator with the City of Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board; addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0164. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Mr. Jones, Resolution No. R2020-0164 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) R2020-0165: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Verna D. Darby to serve on the Division of Children and Family Services Advisory Board for an unexpired term ending 2/28/2023, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Pomerantz addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0165. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Jennifer Croessmann, Special Projects Coordinator with the Department of Health and Human Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0165. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Verna D. 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. Brown with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2020-0165 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) R2020-0166: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Erika L. Anthony to serve on the Cuyahoga County Public Defender Commission for the term 1/1/2020 - 12/31/2023, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Pomerantz addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0166. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Erika L. Anthony addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Public Defender Commission. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Mark Stanton, Chief Public Defender; addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0166. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2020-0166 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.

- d) R2020-0176: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Grace Gallucci to serve on the City of Cleveland/Cuyahoga County Workforce Development Board for the term 7/1/2020 - 6/30/2023, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Pomerantz addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0176. Discussion ensued.

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

In lieu of her attendance, Ms. Grace Gallucci submitted a written statement to the Committee.

On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2020-0176 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.

- e) R2020-0177: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Jenita McGowan to serve on the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture Board of Trustees for the term 4/1/2020 - 3/31/2023, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Pomerantz addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0177. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Jenita McGowan 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. McGowan pertaining to her experience, expertise, and qualifications, which she answered accordingly.

Ms. Jill Paulsen, Interim Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of Cuyahoga Arts and Culture; addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0177. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2020-0177 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.

- f) R2020-0178: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Marielee Santiago to serve on the Cuyahoga County Division of Children and Family Services Advisory Board for an unexpired term ending 2/28/2023, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Pomerantz addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0178. Discussion ensued.

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

There was no further legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2020-0178.

- g) R2020-0179: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Monica Busam to serve on the Cuyahoga County Natural Resources Assistance Council for the term 10/15/2020 - 10/14/2023, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Pomerantz addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0179. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Monica Busam addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Natural Resources Assistance Council. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2020-0179 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.

- h) R2020-0180: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment or reappointment of various individuals to serve on The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees for various terms, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- i. Appointment:

- a) Brenda Kirk for the term 4/1/2020 - 3/31/2026.
- ii. Reappointments:
 - a) Maureen Dee for an unexpired term ending 3/5/2024.
 - b) Robert Hurwitz for an unexpired term ending 3/1/2026.

Ms. Pomerantz addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0180. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Brenda Kirk addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the MetroHealth System Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Joe Frolik, Senior Vice President of Communications, Government and Community Relations with MetroHealth; addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2020-0180. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Maureen Dee addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the MetroHealth System Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.

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

In lieu of his attendance; Mr. Frolik spoke on behalf of the experience, expertise, and qualifications of Mr. Robert Hurwitz pertaining to his nomination to serve on the MetroHealth System Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.

On a motion by Ms. Brown with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2020-0180 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, Chairwoman Brown adjourned the meeting at 11:51 a.m., without objection.