



## MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2021

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR

3:00 PM

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**Council President Jones called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.**

### 2. ROLL CALL

**Council President Jones asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Councilmembers, Baker, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Brown and Jones were in attendance and a quorum was determined.**

**[Clerk's Note: Councilmembers Stephens and Simon were in attendance after the roll-call was taken to move to Executive Session.]**

### 3. PUBLIC COMMENT

**There were no public comments given.**

### 4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a) Collective bargaining matters, including:

- 1) approving a Collective Bargaining Agreement between Cuyahoga County and Communication Workers of America, Local 4340, Sheriff's Department Bargaining Unit, representing approximately 44 employees in various classifications at the Sheriff's Department for the period 1/1/2021 - 12/31/2023.

**A motion was made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous roll-call vote to move to Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a collective bargaining matter and for no other purpose whatsoever. Executive Session was then**

called to order by Council President Jones at 3:06 p.m. The following Councilmembers were present: Baker, Miller, Sweeney, Tuma, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Brown and Jones.

[Clerk's Note: Councilmembers Simon was in attendance after the roll-call was taken to move to Executive Session.]

The following additional attendees were present: Law Director Gregory Huth, Assistant Law Director Sarah Nemastil, Director of Human Resources Jesse Drucker, County Sheriff Christopher Viland, Captain Donald Gerome, Deputy Sheriff, Council Chief of Staff Joseph Nanni, Legislative Budget Advisor Trevor McAleer, Special Counsel Brendan Doyle and Research and Policy Analyst James Boyle.

At 3:30 p.m., Executive Session was adjourned without objection and Council President Jones then reconvened the meeting.

5. ITEM REFERRED TO COMMITTEE/CONFIRMATION HEARING:

- a) R2021-0209: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Lenora M. Lockett, upon her taking the oath of office, as Director of the Department of Equity and Inclusion; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Council President Jones made a brief statement regarding the confirmation hearing process.

Ms. Lenora M. Lockett County Executive Budish's nominee for the position of Director of the Department of Equity and Inclusion, was then called upon to deliver an opening statement. Ms. Lockett provided background into her education, experience and qualifications for the position.

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

On a motion by Mr. Jones with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2021-0209 was considered and approved by unanimous roll-call 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, Council President Jones adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m., without objection.**