



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING
COMMITTEE MEETING
MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 2021
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Schron called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Schron asked assistant Deputy Clerk Johnson to call the roll. Committee members Schron, Baker, Simon and Stephens were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Tuma joined the meeting shortly after the rollcall was taken. Councilmembers Miller and Sweeney were also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE DECEMBER 14, 2020 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Simon, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2020 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

a) None

There were no matters referred to Committee.

6. PRESENTATION

a) Workforce Connect

Mr. Theodore Carter, Chief Economic Development Officer; Mr. Adam Snyder, Managing Director of Workforce Connect Manufacturing; Ms. Shana Marbury, General Counsel and Senior Vice President of Talent with the Greater Cleveland Partnership and Ms. Cathy Belk, President and CEO of the Deaconess Foundation; addressed the Committee and provided an update on Workforce Connect including; the funding background, organizational makeup, employer led-vision and selected strategies, COVID related pivots, manufacturing sector partnership, recruitment, incumbent worker upskilling, the Ohio to Work program, the equity and inclusion scholarship and communications and advocacy. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Carter, Mr. Snyder, Ms. Marbury, and Ms. Belk pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

b) JumpStart

Mr. Carter, Mr. Ray Leach, Chief Executive Officer of JumpStart, Inc., Ms. Teleange Thomas, Chief Advancement & Relationships Officer for JumpStart, Inc. and Mr. Matthew Miller, Senior Venture Partner with JumpStart, Inc., addressed the Committee and provided the Committee with an update on their partnership with NASA and JumpStart, Inc. Discussion ensued.

Committee Members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Carter, Ms. Thomas and Mr. Miller pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Schron adjourned the meeting at 4:49 p.m., without objection.