



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 2022
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 3:05 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Turner, Jones and Stephens were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Schron was absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 19, 2022 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Stephens, seconded by Ms. Turner and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the January 19, 2022 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) **R2022-0048: A Resolution authorizing a contract with Family Connections of Northeast Ohio in the amount not-to-exceed \$1,028,000.00 for program administration services and direct services for the Supporting Partnerships to Assure Ready Kids (SPARK) Program**

for Invest in Children for the period 2/1/2022 – 12/31/2023; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 2182 and all other documents consistent with said Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Dr. Rebekah Dorman, Director of the Office of Early Childhood Invest in Children, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0048. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Dr. Dorman pertaining to the item, which she answered accordingly.

Committee members Simon, Jones, Turner and Stephens requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2022-0048 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

Ms. Anna Zaremba, Plastic Bag Outreach Specialist; and Ms. Valerie Katz, Deputy Director of the Department of Sustainability, addressed the Committee regarding outreach initiatives relating to the ban of single use plastic bags. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Zaremba and Ms. Katz pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Ms. Simon announced that the Committee will be discussing institutional loan forgiveness and the implementation of the plastic bag ban at future meetings.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 3:23 p.m., without objection.