



MINUTES

CUYAHOGA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES, APPOINTMENTS & EQUITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2022
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
10:00 AM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Baker called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Baker asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Johnson to call the roll. Committee members Baker, Gallagher, Miller, Sweeney and Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 1, 2022 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Sweeney, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2022 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2022-0053: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment or reappointment of various individuals to serve on the Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C) Board of Trustees for various terms; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Appointment:
 - a. Ted Tywang for an unexpired term ending 1/16/2025.
- 2) Reappointment:
 - a. Victor Ruiz for the term 1/18/2022 - 1/17/2027.

Ms. Michele Pomerantz, Director of Regional Collaboration, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0053. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Ted Tywang and Mr. Victor Ruiz addressed the Committee regarding their nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga Community College Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Tywang and Ruiz pertaining to their experience, expertise and qualifications, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2022-0053 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) R2022-0054: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Nancy Mendez to serve on the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture Board of Trustees for the term 4/1/2022 - 3/31/2025; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Pomerantz addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0054. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Nancy Mendez 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. Mendez pertaining to her experience, expertise and qualifications, which she answered accordingly.

Ms. Jill Paulsen, Executive Director of Cuyahoga Arts & Culture, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0054. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Baker with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2022-0054 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) R2022-0055: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of various Mayors to serve on the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission representing various regions for the term 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:
- 1) The Honorable Mayor Justin Bibb representing the Cleveland Region
 - 2) The Honorable Mayor Edward Orcutt representing the Southwest Region

Ms. Pomerantz addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0055. Discussion ensued.

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

In lieu of his attendance, The Honorable Mayor Justin Bibb submitted a written statement to the Committee pertaining to his experience, expertise and qualifications to serve on the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission.

The Honorable Mayor Edward Orcutt addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Planning Commission. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mayor Orcutt pertaining to his experience, expertise and qualifications, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Baker with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2022-0055 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) R2022-0056: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of various individuals to serve on the Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation Board of Trustees for the term 1/2/2022 – 1/1/2025; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Brian Hall
- 2) Michael Obi
- 3) Anthony Tavrell

Ms. Pomerantz addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0056. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Brian Hall, Mr. Michael Obi and Mr. Anthony Tavrell, addressed the Committee regarding their nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation of Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Hall, Obi and Tavrell pertaining to their experience, expertise and qualifications, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Michael May, Economic Development Administrator, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0056. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Baker with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2022-0056 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) R2022-0068: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Sara Parks Jackson to serve on the Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation Board of Trustees for the term 10/16/2020 – 10/15/2023; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Pomerantz addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0068. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. May addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0068. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Sara Parks Jackson addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Community Improvement Corporation of Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Baker with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2022-0068 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) R2022-0069: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Allyn Davies to serve on the Cuyahoga County Public Library Board of Trustees for the term 4/1/2022 – 3/31/2029; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Pomerantz addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0069. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Allyn Davies addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Public Library Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Baker with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2022-0069 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.

- g) R2022-0070: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointments and reappointments of various individuals to serve on the Cuyahoga County Advisory Board on Senior and Adult Services for various terms; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

Appointment for an unexpired term ending 12/31/2023:

- 1) Douglas Bennett

Appointments for the term 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024:

- 2) Chris Hall
- 3) Jennifer Kons
- 4) Heidi Lum
- 5) Emily Lundgard

Reappointments for the term 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024:

- 6) Cheryl Bradas
- 7) Ashley Morrisey

Ms. Pomerantz addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0070. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Douglas Bennett, Mr. Chris Hall, Ms. Jennifer Kons, Ms. Heidi Lum and Ms. Ashley Morrisey, addressed the Committee regarding their nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Advisory Board on Senior and Adult Services. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Bennett, Mr. Hall, Ms. Kons, Ms. Lum and Ms. Morrisey, pertaining to their experience, expertise and qualifications, which they answered accordingly.

Ms. Maridell Couture, Advocacy Coordinator with the Division of Senior and Adult Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0070. Discussion ensued.

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

In lieu of their attendance. Ms. Tracey Mason, Administrator of the Division of Senior and Adult Services, provided a brief background on the experience,

expertise and qualifications for Ms. Emily Lundgard and Ms. Cheryl Bradas to serve on the Cuyahoga County Advisory Board on Senior and Adult Services.

On a motion by Ms. Baker with a second by Mr. Miller, Resolution No. R2022-0070 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) R2022-0071: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Janice Dzigiel to serve on the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging Board of Trustees for the term 1/1/2022 – 12/31/2024; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Pomerantz addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2022-0071. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Janice Dzigiel addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Western Reserve Area Agency on Aging Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Baker with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2022-0071 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.

- i) O2022-0001: An Ordinance making confirmable by Council the appointments of the Directors of Child Support Services, Children and Family Services, Cuyahoga Job and Family Services, the Family and Children First Council, the Fatherhood Initiative, Invest in Children, the Office of Homeless Services, the Office of Reentry, and Senior and Adult Services; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective.

Ms. Baker introduced a proposed substitute to Ordinance No. O2022-0001. Discussion ensued.

A motion was then made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Sweeney and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.

Mr. Brendan Doyle, Counsel for County Council; Mr. James Boyle, Policy Advisor; and Mr. David Merriman, Director of the Department of Health & Human Services, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2022-0001. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Doyle, Boyle and Merriman pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Baker with a second by Mr. Miller, Ordinance No. O2022-0001 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, as substituted.

Mr. Miller and Ms. Baker requested to have their names added as a co-sponsor to Ordinance No. O2022-0001.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Baker adjourned the meeting at 12:02 p.m.