

Cuyahoga County Council



Committee Minutes

Joint Meeting

of

Human Resources, Appointments, & Equity

Yvonne Conwell, Chair

Julian Rogers, Vice chair

and Health, Human Services & Aging

Dan Brady, Chair

Yvonne Conwell, Vice Chair

Thursday, June 2, 2011

10:00 AM

Council Chambers

I. Call to Order at 10:00 am

II. Roll Call: HRAE: Members Present: Yvonne Conwell, Michael Gallagher, Julian Rogers

HHSA : Members Present - Dan Brady, Yvonne Conwell, Michael Gallagher

III. Public comment (none)

IV. Approval of HRAE Minutes of May 26, 2011 – Upon motion by Mr. Rogers, seconded by Mr. Gallagher, the HRAE minutes of May 26 were unanimously approved as submitted.

V. Agenda Items: Matters referred to Committee

- a) **M2011-0032: A Motion confirming the County Executive's appointment of Vanessa L. Whiting, Esq. to serve on The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees.**

Sponsor: Council President Connally

Ms. Whiting VW expressed her gratitude for Council's consideration of her appointment. She described MetroHealth as a critical county institution. The provision of health care regardless of ability to pay is important to our community, particularly given the increase in poverty. Ms. Whiting described her educational background, her legal career, and her volunteer and other business activities. She believes her background in community and economic development, finance and public law as well as her community service activities give her a good background for Metro's board. She believes Metro must maintain its core mission of quality care for the indigent while acknowledging the obligation to enhance revenue streams.

Ms. Whiting responded to several questions about the role of a trustee, noting that she had not prejudged anything about Metro and that she understood her responsibility to ask questions. She responded to questions about the role of a trustee, and the obligation to ask hard questions when necessary. Ms. Whiting acknowledged Metro's history and the unique role of public hospitals.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, M2011-0032 was unanimously passed by the joint committee . It was noted that the motion itself includes immediately effective language and that the clerk would change the caption to reflect that fact.

VI. Miscellaneous business – HR Director Elise Hara introduced Joyce Edwards, new Deputy Director for Labor and Employment and explained Ms. Edwards role. Ms. Edwards briefly addressed the committee.

VII. Adjournment at 10:40 a.m.