



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY

COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

Committee Members

Sunny M. Simon, Chair | Dist. 11

Robert E. Schleper, Jr., Vice Chair | Dist. 6

Michael J. Houser, Sr. | Dist. 10

Pernel Jones, Jr. | Dist. 8

Dale Miller | Dist. 2

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026 — 3:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Schleper and Miller were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Jones was in attendance after the roll call was taken. Committee member Houser was absent.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JULY 29, 2026 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Simon, seconded by Mr. Schleper and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 29, 2026 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0228: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to Building Hope in the City for the Embody Youth Academy 2026 Youth Development & Expansion Initiative from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Nicholas Paoletta, Executive Director and Head Coach of Embody Youth Academy, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0228. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2026-0228 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Mr. Miller requested to have his name added as a co-sponsor to the legislation.

- b) R2026-0229: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Cleveland Print Room, Inc. for the Lexington site expansion Project from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

There was no legislative action taken on Resolution No. R2026-0229.

- c) R2026-0231: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$30,000, to the Friends of the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter for the Slow the Flow project from the District 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Susan Kennedy-Kalafatis, Board Secretary of the Friends of the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter; Ms. Carianne Burnley, Chair of the Slow the Flow project; and Ms. Mindy Naticchioni, Administrator of the Cuyahoga County Animal Shelter, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0231. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Kennedy-Kalafatis, Ms. Burnley and Ms. Naticchioni pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Schleper, Resolution No. R2026-0231 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Committee members Miller, Schleper and Jones requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m., without objection.