



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & AGING COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026— 1:00 P.M.

Committee Members

Yvonne M. Conwell, Chair | Dist. 7
Martin J. Sweeney, Vice Chair | Dist. 3
Mark Casselberry | Dist. 4
Michael J. Houser, Sr. | Dist. 10
Robert E. Schleper, Jr. | Dist. 6

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Conwell called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Conwell asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Committee members Conwell, Sweeney, Casselberry and Schleper were in attendance and a quorum was determined. 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 Mr. Schleper, seconded by Mr. Casselberry and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 29, 2026 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0238: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to the Journey Center for Safety and Healing for operational support from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund, effective 7/1/2026; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Anne Face, Chief Executive Officer, of the Journey Center for Safety and Healing, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0238. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Sweeney requested to add funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund which will be incorporated into a proposed substitute for consideration at the next Council meeting for second reading.

On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Mr. Casselberry, Resolution No. R2026-0238 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- b) R2026-0239: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$5,000, to the Sante Foundation for the Bishop Pilla Family Center Food-as-Medicine Project from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Ken Counihan, President of the Sante Foundation, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0239. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. Sweeney requested to add funds in the amount of \$17,335.18 from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund which will be incorporated into a proposed substitute for consideration at the next Council meeting for second reading.

On a motion by Mr. Sweeney with a second by Mr. Casselberry, Resolution No. R2026-0239 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Conwell adjourned the meeting at 1:41 p.m., without objection.