



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

HUMAN RESOURCES, APPOINTMENTS & EQUITY COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026—10:00 A.M.

Committee Members

Martin J. Sweeney, Chair | Dist. 3
Michael J. Gallagher, Vice Chair | Dist. 5
Yvonne M. Conwell | Dist. 7
Michael J. Houser, Sr. | Dist. 10
Meredith M. Turner | Dist. 9

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Sweeney called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Sweeney asked Clerk Richardson to call the roll. Committee members Sweeney, Gallagher, Conwell and Houser were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Ms. Turner was absent.

Chair Sweeney made a motion, seconded by Ms. Conwell, and approved by unanimous vote to excuse Committee member Meredith Turner from the meeting.

[Clerk's Note: Ms. Turner arrived after the roll call was taken and the motion to excuse Ms. Turner was withdrawn.]

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE JUNE 2, 2026 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Gallagher, seconded by Mr. Houser and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the June, 2, 2026 meeting.

[Clerk's Note: Item No. 5.d) was taken out of order and considered before Item No. 5.c)].

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2026-0174: A Resolution approving the Bylaws of the Advisory Committee on the Persons with Disabilities as amended through February 26, 2026; declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Alvarado, Director of Regional Collaboration, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0174.

Ms. Vanessa Pesec, Chairwoman, Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities, and Mr. Alverado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0174. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Pesec and Mr. Alvarado pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Gallagher, Resolution No. R2026-0174 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Ms. Conwell, Mr. Sweeney, Ms. Turner and Mr. Gallagher requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- b) R2026-0175: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Tenille N. Kaus to serve on the Cuyahoga County Women's Health Commission for the term 5/1/2026 – 4/30/2029, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0175.

Ms. Tenille Kaus addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Women's Health Commission. Discussion ensued.

Committee members commented on Ms. Kaus's experience, expertise and qualifications and asked questions of Ms. Kaus, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2026-0175 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.

Ms. Turner, Ms. Conwell, Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Gallagher, requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- c) R2026-0176: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of Jasmin Santana to serve on the Cuyahoga County Women's Health Commission for the term 5/1/2026 – 4/30/2029, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Chair Sweeney stated that Ms. Jasmin Santana was unable to attend the meeting due to illness, and respectfully asked committee members if they were ok with advancing Resolution No. R2026-0176 to the full Council.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2026-0176 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.

Ms. Turner, Ms. Conwell, Mr. Sweeney and Mr. Gallagher requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- d) R2026-0177: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of the Honorable Mayor Kim Thomas to serve on the Cuyahoga County Women's Health Commission for the term 5/1/2026 – 4/30/2029, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0177.

Mayor Thomas addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga County Women's Health Commission. Discussion ensued.

Committee members commented on Mayor Thomas's experience, expertise and qualifications, and asked questions pertaining to funding and resources, which she answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2026-0177 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.

Ms. Turner, Mr. Sweeney, Ms. Conwell, Mr. Houser and Mr. Gallagher requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The Committee recognized Ms. Agatha Hickerson, Cleveland Foundation Fellow for the Administration, who will be leaving the County next month.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sweeney adjourned the meeting at 10:29 a.m., without objection.