CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

HUMAN RESOURCES, APPOINTMENTS & EQUITY COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 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 10:07 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Gallagher and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the September 29, 2026 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

a) R2026-0251: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Kent B. Cicerchi to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council for the term 10/1/2026 – 9/30/2030, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Alvarado, Director of Regional Collaboration, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0251.

Mr. Kent Cicerchi addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Cicerchi pertaining to his experience, expertise, and qualifications, which he answered accordingly. Committee members thanked Mr. Cicerchi for his commitment and his willingness to serve on the Cuyahoga Regional HIV Prevention and Care Planning Council.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2026-0251 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.

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

b) R2026-0264: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Dana Barragate to serve on the Administrative Appeals Board for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2030, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0264.

Ms. Dana Barragate addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Administrative Appeals Board.

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

Ms. Conwell asked questions of Mr. Alverado pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2026-0264 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.

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

c) R2026-0265: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's appointment of Matthew Besser to serve on Administrative Appeals Board for the term 11/1/2026 – 10/31/2029, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Alvarado addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2026-0265, and stated that the Administration will be bringing forth a proposed substitute to the Legislation to reflect that Mr. Besser be appointed to serve as Chair of the Administrative Appeals Board, as this Board requires the Chair to be a joint appointment between the County Executive and County Council.

Mr. Matthew Besser addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Administrative Appeals Board.

Chairman Sweeney asked questions of Mr. Alverado pertaining to the item, which he answered accordingly.

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

On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Ms. Turner, Resolution No. R2026-0265 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.

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

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Sweeney adjourned the meeting at 10:32 a.m., without objection.