



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2023
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
2:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Committee members Gallagher, Tuma, Kelly and Simon were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Conwell was absent from the meeting. Councilmembers Jones, Miller and Stephens were also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. Leah Winsberg addressed the Committee regarding the bindover process for Juvenile Court.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER 21, 2023 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Tuma, seconded by b Mr. Kelly and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the November 21, 2023 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) None

There were no matters referred to Committee.

6. DISCUSSION

- a) Presentation from Juvenile Court

The Honorable Judge Thomas O'Malley, Administrative and Presiding Judge of Juvenile Court, The Honorable Judge Jennifer O'Malley, Juvenile Court Judge; Mr. Cullen Sweeney, Public Defender; and Ms. Sarah Cigic, Deputy Court Administrator and Chief Legal Counsel for Juvenile Court, addressed the Committee regarding the bindover process and indigent defense systems. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Administrative Judge O'Malley, Judge O'Malley, Mr. Sweeney and Ms. Cigic pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

Mr. Gallagher announced that an Ad Hoc Committee will be created and chaired by The Honorable Christine McMonagle (retired Judge from the Ohio Eighth District Court of Appeals) and more details will be shared in the future.

7. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

8. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m., without objection.