



CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JULY 15, 2025 — 1:00 P.M.

Committee Members

Michael J. Gallagher, Chair | Dist. 5

Patrick Kelly, Vice Chair | Dist. 1

Yvonne M. Conwell | Dist. 7

Sunny M. Simon | Dist. 11

Meredith M. Turner | Dist. 9

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Mr. Gallagher asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Gallagher, Kelly, Conwell, and Turner were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Simon joined the meeting after the roll call was taken. Council President Miller was also in attendance.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a) JUNE 3, 2025 MEETING

b) JUNE 17, 2025 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Conwell, seconded by Mr. Kelly and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the June 3, 2025 and June 17, 2025 meetings.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2025-0240: A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to enter into agreements with various municipalities in the total amount not-to-exceed \$1,000,000.00, for reimbursement of costs associated with assigned counsel representation to indigent persons charged with violations of the Ordinances of the municipal corporations for a period of one year; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Michael Chambers, Fiscal Officer; and Ms. Domonique Tatum, Manager of Business Services, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0240. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Mr. Chambers and Ms. Tatum pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2025-0240 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.

- b) R2025-0241: A Resolution authorizing a contract with The Centers for Families and Children in the amount not-to-exceed \$7,000,000.00 for capital funding towards the construction of a new Comprehensive Behavioral Healthcare Center with priority for the development of a detoxification unit, effective upon signatures of all parties through 12/31/2026; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 5477 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Brandy Carney, Director of the Department of Public Safety and Justice Services; Mr. Scott Osiecki, Chief Executive Officer of the ADAMHS Board; Mr. Eric Morse, President & CEO of The Centers for Families and Children; and Dr. Elena Yanchar, Chief of Psychiatry for The Centers for Families and Children, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0241. Discussion ensued.

Committee members and Councilmembers asked questions of Ms. Carney, Mr. Osiecki, Mr. Morse and Dr. Yanchar, pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2025-0241 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.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 2:12 p.m., without objection.