CUYAHOGA COUNTY COUNCIL

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS

4th FLOOR

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

MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025 — 1:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Gallagher called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2025 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Ms. Conwell, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the September 16, 2025 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

   a) R2025-0287: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed $25,000, to R.O.A.D. GOLD, Inc. for the Recidivism on a Decline Program from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Dale Snyder, representing R.O.A.D. GOLD, Inc., addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0287. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2025-0287 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

Ms. Turner and Ms. Simon requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

b) R2025-0297: A Resolution authorizing a contract with Signature Health Inc. in the amount not-to-exceed $760,753.00 for the Adult Drug Court Expansion Project to provide case management and counseling services to offenders with serious mental health conditions and substance use disorders for the period 10/1/2024 – 9/29/2029; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 5632 and all other documents consistent with said award and this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Meghan Patton, Administrator of the Corrections Planning Board, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0297. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Turner with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2025-0297 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.

c) R2025-0298: A Resolution making an award on RQ16156 to Mental Health Services for Homeless Persons Inc., dba Frontline Service in the amount not-to-exceed $1,110,000.00 for the Children Exposed to Violence Program for the period 12/1/2025 – 11/30/2027; authorizing the County Executive to execute Contract No. 5628 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; and Ms. Jill Smialek, Deputy Director, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0298. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Carney and Ms. Smialek pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Mr. Kelly with a second by Ms. Simon, Resolution No. R2025-0298 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.

d) R2025-0299: A Resolution authorizing an amendment to Contract No. 3970 (fka Contract No. 288) with The MetroHealth System for Correctional Health Care Services for the Cuyahoga County Jail System for the period 5/9/2019 – 10/31/2025 to extend the time period to 3/31/2026, for additional funds in the amount of $12,656,572.00, for a total amount not-to-exceed $140,821,683.00; authorizing the County Executive to execute the amendment and all other documents consistent with this Resolution; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Mr. Chris Costin, Business Services Manager; and Mr. Greg Huth, Senior Counsel, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2025-0299. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Messrs. Costin and Huth pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with a second by Mr. Kelly, Resolution No. R2025-0299 was considered and approved by majority vote to be referred to the full Council agenda with a recommendation for passage under second reading suspension of the rules, with Ms. Conwell casting a dissenting vote.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Ms. Simon thanked Sheriff Harold Pretel for working to revise the pursuit policy.

Sheriff Pretel thanked Council for their support and announced that the Downtown Safety Patrol has been renamed and will be known as the Community Support Unit.

Ms. Conwell requested that the Sheriff provide Council with a report at the end of the year detailing the activities, functions and cities served by the Unit.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairman Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m., without objection.