



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY HUMAN RESOURCES, APPOINTMENTS & EQUITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 21, 2023
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
10:00 AM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Turner called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Turner asked Assistant Deputy Clerk Georgakopoulos to call the roll. Committee members Turner, Gallagher, Miller, Conwell and Sweeney were in attendance and a quorum was determined.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 7, 2023 MEETING

A motion was made by Mr. Sweeney, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the March 7, 2023 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2023-0045: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of various individuals to serve on the Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Advisory Board for the term 3/1/2023 – 2/28/2027, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

- 1) Andrew S. Garner, M.D., Ph.D. F.A.A.P.
- 2) Angela M. Newman-White
- 3) Lakecia Wild

Ms. Zoe Toscos, Special Projects Manager for the County Executive’s Office, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0045. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Jackie Fletcher, Interim Director for the Division of Children and Family Services, on behalf of Andrew S. Garner, M.D., Ph.D. F.A.A.P., addressed the Committee regarding Dr. Garner’s nomination to serve on the Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Advisory Board. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Fletcher pertaining to Dr. Garner’s experience, expertise and qualifications, which she answered accordingly.

Testimony and discussion for the reappointments of Ms. Angela M. Newman-White and Ms. Lakecia Wild was heard at the Human Resources, Appointments & Equity Committee Meeting on March 7, 2023, with no vote taken.

On a motion by Mr. Gallagher with a second by Ms. Conwell, Resolution No. R2023-0045 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) R2023-0056: A Resolution confirming the County Executive’s appointment and reappointment of various individuals to serve on the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture Board of Trustees for the term 4/1/2023 – 3/31/2026, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

Reappointment:

- 1) Michele C. Scott Taylor, PhD

Appointment:

- 2) Dan Blakemore

Ms. Toscos and Ms. Jill Paulsen, Director of the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0056. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Michele C. Scott Taylor, Ph.D., addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Dr. Scott Taylor pertaining to her experience, expertise and qualifications, which she answered accordingly.

Mr. Dan Blakemore addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Cuyahoga Arts and Culture Board of Trustees. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2023-0056 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.

Committee member Conwell and Councilwoman Sunny Simon requested to have their names added as co-sponsors to the legislation.

- c) R2023-0057: A Resolution confirming the County Executive's reappointment of various individuals to serve on the Division of Children and Family Services Advisory Board for the term 3/1/2023 – 2/28/2027, and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective:

Re-appointments:

- 1) M. Gabriella Celeste
- 2) Beverly R. Charles
- 3) David S. Crampton, Ph.D.
- 4) Debra Rex

Ms. Toscos addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0057. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. M. Gabriella Celeste addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Division of Children and Family Services Advisory Board. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Beverly R. Charles addressed the Committee regarding her nomination to serve on the Division of Children and Family Services Advisory Board. Discussion ensued.

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

Mr. David S. Crampton, Ph.D. addressed the Committee regarding his nomination to serve on the Division of Children and Family Services Advisory Board. Discussion ensued.

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

Ms. Turner introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2023-0057, to remove the reappointment of Ms. Debra Rex, who was unable to attend the committee meeting.

A motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Mr. Miller and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.

On a motion by Mr. Miller with a second by Mr. Sweeney, Resolution No. R2023-0057 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, as substituted.

- d) O2023-0006: An Uncodified Ordinance authorizing the County Executive to provide a one-time bonus to certain non-bargaining classified County employees to ensure they receive the entire amount equal to the 6.44% average increase that other non-bargaining classified and unclassified employees received in 2022; and declaring the necessity that this Uncodified Ordinance become immediately effective.

Committee member Martin Sweeney and Ms. Katherine Gallagher, Chief of Operations & Community Innovation for the County Executive's Office, addressed the Committee regarding Ordinance No. O2023-0006. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Mr. Sweeney and Ms. Gallagher pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly. There was no further legislative action taken on Ordinance No. O2023-0006.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairwoman Turner adjourned the meeting at 11:47 a.m., without objection.