



MINUTES

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY EDUCATION, ENVIRONMENT & SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023
CUYAHOGA COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS
C. ELLEN CONNALLY COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 4TH FLOOR
3:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairwoman Simon called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

Ms. Simon asked Deputy Clerk Carter to call the roll. Committee members Simon, Stephens, Schron and Conwell were in attendance and a quorum was determined. Committee member Jones was absent from the meeting.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments given.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE APRIL 19, 2023 MEETING

A motion was made by Ms. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Schron and appointed by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the April 19, 2023 meeting.

5. MATTERS REFERRED TO COMMITTEE

- a) R2023-0097: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$10,000, to The Literacy Cooperative for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library from the District 9 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Simon introduced a proposed substitute to Resolution No. R2023-0097. Discussion ensued.

A motion was then made by Mr. Schron, seconded by Ms. Conwell and approved by unanimous vote to accept the proposed substitute.

Ms. McKenae Bartels, Resource Development Manager for The Literacy Cooperative; and Ms. Joan Spoerl, Director of The Literacy Cooperative for the Imagination Library; addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0097. Discussion ensued.

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

On a motion by Ms. Stephens with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2023-0097 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading, as substituted.

- b) R2023-0110: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$25,000, to Global Cleveland for the Welcoming Workforce Project from the District 3 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Allison Retter, Director of Development of Global Cleveland; and Mr. Joseph Cimperman, Executive Director of Global Cleveland, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0110. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Retter and Mr. Cimperman pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Conwell with a second by Mr. Schron, Resolution No. R2023-0110 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

- c) R2023-0112: A Resolution awarding a total sum, not to exceed \$35,000, to the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio for the Stronger Together Project from the District 9 & 11 ARPA Community Grant Fund; and declaring the necessity that this Resolution become immediately effective.

Ms. Peggy Zone Fisher, President and CEO of the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio; and Ms. Brenda Saradakis, Director of Development of the Diversity Center of Northeast Ohio, addressed the Committee regarding Resolution No. R2023-0112. Discussion ensued.

Committee members asked questions of Ms. Zone Fisher and Ms. Saradakis pertaining to the item, which they answered accordingly.

On a motion by Ms. Simon with second by Ms. Stephens, Resolution No. R2023-0112 was considered and approved by unanimous vote to be referred to the full Council agenda for second reading.

6. MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

There was no miscellaneous business.

7. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Chairwoman Simon adjourned the meeting at 4:14 p.m., without objection.