

**COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO**

**MOTION NO. M2011-0034**

**SPONSORED BY: COUNCIL PRESIDENT CONNALLY**

**A Motion confirming the County Executive's appointment of Wade Steen upon his taking the oath of office as the Fiscal Officer of Cuyahoga County, and declaring the necessity that this Motion become immediately effective.**

WHEREAS, Article V of the Charter of Cuyahoga County provides for the appointment of officers of the County, who are appointed by the County Executive, subject to confirmation by Council, and who serve at the pleasure of the County Executive; and,

WHEREAS, Charter Section 5.02 creates the Fiscal Officer as an officer of the County who "shall exercise all powers and perform all duties now or hereafter vested in or imposed by general law upon county auditors and county recorders and the powers and duties of the clerks of the court of common pleas other than those powers and duties related to serving the operation of the courts, and such other powers and duties not inconsistent therewith as provided herein or by ordinance"; and,

WHEREAS, Charter Section 5.02 further provides that the Fiscal Officer, or his or her designee, serve in the place of the county auditor or the county recorder on every board, commission, committee, or any other body upon which a county auditor or county recorder is required or authorized to serve by general law; and,

WHEREAS, Charter Section 5.02 mandates that the Fiscal Officer be a certified public accountant and shall have had at least five years' experience in the management of financial matters of political subdivisions; and,

WHEREAS, County Executive FitzGerald has nominated Wade Steen for appointment as Fiscal Officer after determining that Mr. Wade meets the eligibility requirement contained in Charter Section 5.02 of being a certified public accountant and shall have had at least five years' experience in the management of financial matters of political subdivisions; and,

WHEREAS, the Council conducted a confirmation hearing which was noticed to the public and held in an open meeting on May 10, 2011; and,

WHEREAS, the Council elects to confirm the County Executive's appointment of Wade Steen as Fiscal Officer; and,

WHEREAS, this Council by a vote of at least eight (8) members determines that it is necessary that this Motion become immediately effective in order that Charter requirements can be complied with and critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue, and to provide for the usual, daily operation of a County department.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT APPROVED BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF CUYAHOGA COUNTY, OHIO:**

**SECTION 1.** That the appointment by County Executive FitzGerald of Wade Steen upon his taking the oath of office as the Fiscal Officer is hereby confirmed.

**SECTION 2.** It is necessary that this Motion become immediately effective in order that critical services provided by Cuyahoga County can continue, and to continue the usual and daily operation of the County.

**SECTION 3.** It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the passage of this Motion were passed in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

On a motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Schron, the foregoing Motion was duly approved.

Yeas: Miller, Brady, Germana, Gallagher, Schron, Conwell, Jones, Simon, Greenspan and Connally

Nays: None

Absent: Rogers

  
County Council President

5/25/11  
Date

  
Clerk of Council

5/24/2011  
Date