



**Minutes of the February 1, 2023 meeting of the  
NORTHEAST OHIO FIRST SUBURBS CONSORTIUM  
Shaker Heights Public Library**

**In Attendance:**

Joe Duffy, City of Maple Heights  
Mayor Annette Blackwell, City of Maple Heights  
Mayor Marie Gallo, City of Parma Heights  
Mayor Matthew Burke, City of Garfield Heights  
Ricardo Leon, Cuyahoga Land Bank  
Doug Sawyer, Cuyahoga Land Bank  
Ken Montlack, NEO-FSC  
Mayor Brad Sellers, City of Warrensville Heights  
Michael Love, City of South Euclid  
Coral Troxell, City of South Euclid  
Paul Marnecheck, City of Brook Park  
Mary Kay Costello, City of Fairview Park  
Mayor Patrick Cooney, City of Fairview Park  
Mayor Georgine Welo, City of South Euclid  
Katie Gallagher, Cuyahoga County  
Mayor Ron Van Kirk, City of Brooklyn  
Patrick Lang, City of Brooklyn  
Sara Parks Jackson, Cuyahoga County  
Mayor Stan Koci, City of Bedford  
Jennifer Kuzma, NEO-FSC  
Mayor David Weiss, City of Shaker Heights  
Geoff Englebrecht, City of University Heights  
Mayor Michael Brennan, City of University Heights  
Callie Cripps, City of Euclid  
Patrick Grogan-Myers, City of Euclid  
Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail, City of Euclid  
Benjamin Brown, City of Warrensville Heights  
Raymon Turner, City of Warrensville Heights

Mayor Koci opened the meeting at 9:18 AM, welcomed attendees to the meeting and thanked Mayor Weiss for hosting at the Shaker Heights Library. Mayor Weiss gave some details of the recently completed renovation and welcomed the group to Shaker Heights. Brief introductions were made following the opening remarks.

Mayor Koci then passed the meeting to the County Fiscal Officer Michael Chambers to talk about the 2023 reappraisal process. Team members of the Fiscal Office attended with Mr. Chambers and provided details as questions were asked throughout the presentation. Members were encouraged to reach out and schedule public information sessions.

Jennifer will share the presentation given so members have the details of the reappraisal timeline. Mr. Chambers and his staff agreed to join First Suburbs again at key points throughout the reappraisal process.

Mayor Koci then moved the meeting to the first order of business – approval of the November 2022 NEO-FSC meeting minutes. Mayor Koci asked those present if any corrections or edits were needed to the minutes as they were presented. Hearing no edits needed, the minutes of the November 2022 NEO-FSC meeting were then unanimously approved with a motion made by Paul Marnecheck which was seconded by Mayor Blackwell.

Discussion then turned to the 2023 Executive Committee Election. A vacancy on the Executive Committee needs to be filled as former Mayor Katie Gallagher stepped down as Brooklyn mayor upon accepting a new position with Cuyahoga County. Jennifer reported that Mayor Gail agreed to serve in the role as Vice-Chair, the seat Mayor Gallagher formerly held on the First Suburbs Executive Committee. Jennifer put out a call for nominations for the vacant member seat on the committee and Mayor Burke and Mayor Gallo expressed interest in running for the seat. Highest ranking members of each member community were given a ballot and Jennifer collected those as they were completed. By the end of the meeting, Jennifer was able to announce that Mayor Burke won the vacant seat and will begin participating in the Executive Committee functions as the newest member.

In the First Suburbs Executive Committee Report, Mayor Koci thanked mayors for their participation in the December Mayor and Superintendent symposium at CSU. This event was organized by CSU Fellows and former First Suburbs mayors Earl Leiken and Mike Summers. Mayor Koci also reported that the 2022 year-end financial statement and report had been filed with the State Auditor's Hinkle system.

In her reported on the First Suburbs Housing Committee, Jennifer provided an update on the Single-Family Housing Zoning Code Initiative including a reminder of the March 3 initiative's final presentation at the County Administration Building and upcoming marketing efforts following that meeting. Discussion was then held on the County's Tax Assistance Program to help Cuyahoga County senior citizens. Jennifer also announced that Sara will join the Housing Committee members at their next meeting on February 9.

Jennifer reported that upcoming meetings of the First Suburbs Development Council will include presentations from Mike Foley on the County Microgrid Program, US Department of Commerce Office of International Trade and County GIS to talk about the newly launched County Fiscal Hub site. Jennifer will also complete the 2022 Hinkle filing for the Northeast Ohio Advanced Energy District and prepare for the upcoming 2021-2022 audit of the energy special improvement district.

In Other Business, it was reported that the cities of Bedford and Brooklyn are seeking to share a fulltime commissioner of building. A posting was made public in late-January and resumes are currently being accepted. Mayor Welo and Mike Love discussed the Lakeland Community College program they are using to get inspectors certified. Discussion was also held on the County Council Community Reinvestment Advisory Subcommittee and the importance of this year as the County's banking contract will be awarded in 2023 to start in 2024.

Jennifer reminded members that the next quarterly meeting of the NEO-FSC has been scheduled for Wednesday, May 3 at 9 AM (but was since rescheduled twice to avoid conflict with two regional events). Anyone interested in hosting should contact Jennifer. The meeting adjourned at 10:48 AM.