



**Minutes of the August 6, 2025 meeting of the
NORTHEAST OHIO FIRST SUBURBS CONSORTIUM
Remington College in Maple Heights**

In Attendance:

Ashley Holloway, City of Maple Heights
Geoff Englebrecht, City of Maple Heights
Benjamin Brown, City of Warrensville Heights
Mayor David Weiss, City of Shaker Heights
Howard E. Katz, CSU Law
Council President Tony Cuda, City of Cleveland Heights
Sydney Barnes, City of Maple Heights
Lisa Alessandro, Remington College
David Bell, City of Bedford Heights
Mayor Matt Burke, City of Garfield Heights
Eliseo Cruz, First Federal of Lakewood
Chalana Williams, First Federal of Lakewood
Hilary Schickler, Village of Newburgh Heights
Ricardo León, Cuyahoga Land Bank
Mayor Annette Blackwell, City of Maple Heights
Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail, City of Euclid
Dawn Ford, Cuyahoga County
Victoria Berry, Cuyahoga County
Patrick Grogan-Myers, City of Euclid
Mayor Michel Dylan Brennan, City of University Heights
Renee Overstreet, City of Parma Heights
Mayor Marie Gallo, City of Parma Heights
Jennifer Kuzma, NEO-FSC
Christopher Alvarado, Cuyahoga County
Ailady Saucedo, Cuyahoga County
Agatha Hickerson, Cuyahoga County

Mayor Blackwell opened the meeting at 9:05 AM, welcomed attendees to the meeting and thanked Remington College for hosting the meeting. Remington College Campus President Lisa Alessandro thanked members for coming to Remington College and spoke about the various programs offered including numerous associates degrees and diplomas.

Mayor Blackwell introduced the first speakers Jon Cepak with Cleveland Metroparks and Geoffrey Westerfield with ODNR to discuss deer management strategies. Next the Parma Heights approach to deer management was shared by Mayor Gallo and Public Works Coordinator Renee Overstreet along with sample legislation and public meeting recommendations. Both presentations informed members on ways to address deer

management with numerous partnership opportunities from your neighboring communities to state and regional entities.

Mayor Blackwell then moved the meeting to the first order of business – approval of the May 2025 NEO-FSC meeting minutes. Mayor Blackwell asked those present if any corrections or edits were needed for the minutes as they were presented. Hearing no edits needed, a motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan and seconded by Mayor Matt Burke. All members then unanimously approved the minutes following those motions.

Mayor Blackwell moved the meeting into an update on the First Suburbs Executive Committee which included discussion on preparation for upcoming annual meeting with Conty Executive Ronayne.

In the First Suburbs Housing Committee Report, Jennifer reported on the group's recent meetings including a visit to Circle East and the County Housing Study Release event. Jennifer reminded members that Tony Scott and Sara Parks Jackson would join them at the August Housing Committee meeting to discuss the study in greater detail. Ricardo León also reminded members that the Gap Grant is open and accepting applications.

In Other Business, a number of announcements were made including some discussion on the upcoming launch of the County's effort to support municipal building departments. County Fiscal's Victoria Berry gave an update on the AI chat box launch on the County Treasurer website, online tax billing, the upcoming state forfeiture sale and tax lien sale for non-owner occupied delinquent properties and the launch of the County's Financial Empowerment Center to assist Cuyahoga County residents.

Jennifer reminded members that the next quarterly meeting of the NEO-FSC was scheduled for Wednesday, November 5 at 9 AM and anyone interested in hosting should contact her directly. Mayor Blackwell thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 10:46 AM.