



**Minutes of the November 6, 2024 meeting of the
NORTHEAST OHIO FIRST SUBURBS CONSORTIUM
Ellenwood Center in Bedford**

In Attendance:

Kamla Lewis, CCLRC
Mayor Kirsten Gail, City of Euclid
Sara Parks Jackson, Cuyahoga County
Christopher Alvarado, Cuyahoga County
Mayor Ron Van Kirk, City of Brooklyn
Matt Madzy, City of Berea
Mason Kahl, City of Berea
Tom Ott, Cott Media
Mayor Annette Blackwell, City of Maple Heights
Geoff Englebrecht, City of Maple Heights
Markell Davis, City of University Heights
Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan, City of University Heights
Michael Love, City of South Euclid
Ashley Holloway, City of South Euclid
Nicole Harris, City of Warrensville Heights
Raymon Turner, City of Warrensville Heights
Paul Marnecheck, City of Brook Park
Laura Englehart, City of Shaker Heights
Howard Katz, CSU College of Law
Kyle Krewson, City of Shaker Heights
Treasurer Brad Cromes, Cuyahoga County
Victoria Berry, Cuyahoga County
Doug Sawyer, Cuyahoga Land Bank
Chalana Williams, First Federal of Lakewood
Eliseo Cruz, First Federal of Lakewood
David Bell, City of Bedford Heights
Mayor Phil Stevens, City of Bedford Heights
Charmane Martin, City of Bedford Heights
Wendy Grant, City of Bedford Heights
Mayor Tim DeGeeter, City of Parma
Jennifer Kuzma, NEO-FSC
Mike Mallis, City of Bedford
Mayor Stan Koci, City of Bedford
Mike Callahan, City of Bedford
Mayor Georgine Welo, City of South Euclid
Mayor Matt Burke, City of Garfield Heights

Mayor DeGeeter opened the meeting at 9:09 AM, welcomed attendees to the meeting and thanked Mayor Koci and the team from Bedford for hosting at the Ellenwood Center. Mayor Koci thanked everyone for coming to Bedford and offered the Ellenwood Center whenever First Suburbs needs it for meetings.

Mayor DeGeeter then moved the meeting to the first order of business – approval of the May 2024 NEO-FSC meeting minutes. Mayor DeGeeter asked those present if any corrections or edits were needed for the minutes as they were presented. Hearing no edits needed, the minutes of the May 2024 NEO-FSC meeting were then unanimously approved.

Mayor DeGeeter then opened the discussion on the proposed 2025 NEO-FSC operating budget. Jennifer provided a review of the proposed budget provided to members in the meeting materials sent directly to them. After some discussion, Mayor DeGeeter asked for a motion to approve the proposed budget as presented. Mayor Brennan made the motion to approve the proposed 2025 NEO-FSC budget and Mayor Koci seconded the motion. All members present were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

Mayor DeGeeter asked Jennifer to give the report on 2025 leadership nominations. Jennifer reminded those present that the opportunity to self-nominate or nominate others was made available via email. Jennifer then provided the following nominations:

Chair: Mayor Tim DeGeeter
Vice-Chair: Mayor Annette Blackwell
Members: Mayor Kirsten Holzheimer Gail, Mayor Matthew Burke, Mayor Marie Gallo, Mayor Michael Dylan Brennan, Mayor David Weiss

Jennifer asked if there were any additional nominations to be considered and none were given. Mayor DeGeeter thanked Jennifer for the report and asked if there was a motion to approve the slate as presented. Mayor Koci made a motion to approve the slate as presented. Paul Marnecheck seconded that motion, and all members present unanimously approved the motion approving the slate as presented. Mayor DeGeeter then asked for a motion to vote the slate into office. Mayor Van Kirk made the motion voting the approved slate into office. Mayor Blackwell seconded that motion and all members present unanimously approved the 2025 slate into office. Mayor DeGeeter thanked the membership for their support and welcomed the returning members to their positions on the Executive Committee.

In the First Suburbs Housing Committee Report, Jennifer reported on the grant funds made available by the County to help fund first year Citizenserve costs for new user communities. Jennifer is working to identify those cities and will begin awarding funds by the end of the year.

In the First Suburbs Development Council Report, Jennifer shared that the FSDC will be electing a new chair and thanked Matt Madzy for his years of service to the organization. Jennifer reported that the need for small business programs continues to be a focus of conversation among members and they looked forward to working with the County's new Office of Small Business.

In the Staff Report Jennifer thanked the members who attended the recent Ken Montlack Award luncheon honoring Gus Frangos and the Land Bank staff. Jennifer reported that

the Ken Montlack Scholarship at CSU was recently fully funded, and she will work with members of Ken's family to launch that scholarship in 2025. To wrap up her report, Jennifer informed members that the 2025 meeting schedule was listed at the bottom of the meeting agenda and asked members to share any potential conflicts for those dates.

Jennifer reminded members that the next quarterly meeting of the NEO-FSC was scheduled for Wednesday, February 5 at 9 AM and anyone interested in hosting should contact Jennifer directly. Mayor DeGeeter thanked County Executive Ronayne and members of his team for joining First Suburbs at today's meeting. The meeting adjourned at 10:56 AM.