

**NORTHEAST OHIO CONSORTIUM (“NOC”)  
COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
MEETING MINUTES**

September 11, 2020

9:00 AM

Held by Phone Conference

MEMBERS PRESENT:           Commissioner Christian-Bennett  
                                  Commissioner Jim Dvorak  
                                  Commissioner Casey R. Kozlowski

MEMBERS ABSENT:

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE:   Craig Sernik (Area 19 Director), Denise Gehring (Area 19).

Ms. Christian-Bennett called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Mr. Sernik stated this is an emergency meeting of the Commissioners and members of the Northeast Ohio Consortium Council of Governments. The arrangements for the meeting this is an emergency meeting the procedures are as follows, a notice of the meeting was prepared yesterday afternoon and was submitted in the form of an email to all four local papers of record, The Record Courier, The Star Beacon, The Geauga Maple Leaf, and The News Herald. And telephoned all four newspaper agencies speaking to two individuals personally at The Star Beacon and The Geauga Maple Leaf and left voicemail messages for The Record Courier and The News Herald. The meeting notice indicated the call-in instructions with the 1-800 number and conference code and was also available on the NOC COG website and the Geauga Maple Leaf did post notice of the meeting on Facebook last evening. In accordance with the Sunshine Laws and the Public Meetings Records Act we have two commissioners here in-person, Commissioner Kozlowski and Commissioner Christian-Bennett with Commissioner Dvorak on the telephone.

Executive Session

**Mr. Kozlowski moved to go into Executive Session, Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(1), to consider the investigation of charges against a public employee. Mr. Dvorak seconded the motion. Mr. Kozlowski invited Craig Sernik and Jim Wilkins.**

**Roll Call:**

**Mr. Kozlowski – Yes**

**Ms. Christian-Bennett – Yes**

**Mr. Dvorak – Yes**

**The motion passed.**

Public conference call was placed on hold and Executive Session commenced at 9:08 a.m.

Public conference call was removed from hold.

Executive Session concluded at 9:58 a.m. and the Public conference call was unmuted.

**Ms. Christian-Bennett moved to come out of Executive Session. Mr. Dvorak seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**Mr. Kozlowski – Yes.**

**Ms. Christian-Bennett – Yes**

**Mr. Dvorak – Yes**

**The motion passed.**

**Mr. Kozlowski moved to put the NOC COG Fiscal Agent on paid administrative leave pending investigation. Mr. Dvorak seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**Mr. Kozlowski – Yes.**

**Ms. Christian-Bennett – Yes**

**Mr. Dvorak – Yes**

**The motion passed.**

**Mr. Dvorak moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kozlowski seconded the motion.**

**Roll Call:**

**Mr. Kozlowski – Yes.**

**Ms. Christian-Bennett – Yes**

**Mr. Dvorak – Yes**

**The motion passed.**

Meeting concluded at 9:59 a.m.

Minutes prepared by Denise Gehring.