



October 1, 2025
Special Meeting
For General Purposes
9:30 AM

Cleveland Heights City Hall
Council Chambers
40 Severance Cir
Cleveland Heights, Ohio

MEETING MINUTES

1) Meeting called to order by Council President

Start: 9:30 AM

2) Roll Call of Council Members

Present: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch

Excused: None

Also present: Acting Law Director Heltzel, Clerk Balester

3) Excuse absent members

- None

4) Report of Clerk of Council

Certified Results from Board of Elections

- At or around 8:04 AM this morning the office of the Clerk of Council received a copy of the certification for the Cleveland Heights Mayoral Recall election held on 9/9/2025. The Cuyahoga County Board of Elections officially certified the issue on 9/25/2025, and on 9/30/2025 the deadline passed without any request for recount. In the matter of Issue 2. Mayoral Recall Election there were 6, 926 votes for the Recall of Kahlil Seren, and 1,502 votes against the Recall of Kahlil Seren

ORDINANCE NO. 190-2025(COTW): First Reading. An Ordinance declaring a vacancy in the office of Mayor, confirming that pursuant to the City Charter, Council President Tony Cuda shall thereupon become Mayor and cease to be a member of Council; and declaring the necessity that this Ordinance become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Introduced by Council Vice President Russell

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Craig Cobb

Yes: Craig Cobb, Tony Cuda, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

5) Swearing-In of Tony Cuda as Mayor

- Acting Law Director Heltzel swore Tony Cuda in as Mayor.

6) Mayor's Comments

- The new Mayor made remarks about his goals over the next three months of being in the office of Mayor.

8) Discussion of Appointment of City Administrator

- a. **RESOLUTION NO. 191-2025(AS): First Reading.** A Resolution confirming the Mayor's appointment of a City Administrator for the City of Cleveland Heights; and declaring the necessity that this legislation become immediately effective as an emergency measure.

Motion to adopt: Anthony Mattox Jr.

Seconded: Gail Larson

Yes: Craig Cobb, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: None

LEGISLATION PASSED

7) Discussion of Election of New Council President

Motion to appoint Councilmember Gail Larson as President of Council:

Jim Posch

Seconded: Craig Cobb

Yes: Craig Cobb, Gail Larson, Anthony Mattox Jr., Davida Russell, Jim Petras, Jim Posch

No: None

Abstain: None

- Acting Director Heltzel swore in Gail Larson as President of Council

9) Discussion of Council Vacancy Application and Appointment Process

Applications Open Oct. 1 - Oct. 10

- General discussion about when Council will meet next to discuss applications.

10) Adjournment

End: 10:07 AM

NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL: OCTOBER 6, 2025

MINUTES APPROVED: December 1, 2025



Gail Larson
President of Council



Addie Balester
Clerk of Council