



Committee Minutes

COMMITTEE: Finance
CHAIRPERSON: Jay Edwards
DATE: March 29, 2023
TIME: 9:00 AM
ROOM: Room 313

Chairman Edwards called the meeting of the House Finance Committee to order at 9:11am. Attendance was taken and a quorum was present. The minutes from the February 28th, 2023, committee meeting were approved without objection.

Chairman Edwards called up Am. H.B. 31 for its first hearing. Chairman Edwards called upon Representative Brian Lampton to provide sponsor testimony on the bill. Chairman Edwards recognized Representative Callender for a motion. Representative Callender moved to favorably report Am. H.B. 31 and recommend its passage. Roll was taken and with a vote of 27 yays and 0 nays, Am. H.B. 31 was favorably reported.

Chairman Edwards next called up H.B. 32 for its first hearing. Chairman Edwards called upon Representative Brian Lampton to provide sponsor testimony on the bill. Chairman Edwards recognized Representative Callender for a motion. Representative Callender moved to favorably report H.B. 32 and recommend its passage. Roll was taken and with a vote of 28 yays and 0 nays, H.B. 32 was favorably reported.

Chairman Edwards next called up H.B. 33 for its second hearing. Chairman Edwards first called upon Lisa Followway, CEO of Adaptive Sports Ohio; Abby Lapole, Jackson Polar Bear Wheelchair Basketball Team Member; and Ryan Hannan, Wooster Generals Wheelchair Basketball Team Member, to provide proponent testimony. Ms. Followway fielded questions from the committee.

Chairman Edwards next called upon Michelle Madden, CEO of Independence of Portage County, to provide interested party testimony. Ms. Madden fielded questions from the committee.

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Chairman Edwards then called upon Taylor Abbott, County Treasurer and Land Bank Chair at Monroe County Land Bank, and Shawn Carvin, Executive Director of the Ohio Land Bank Association, to provide interested party testimony.

Mr. Abbott and Mr. Carvin fielded questions from the committee.

Chairman Edwards then called upon Alexis Weber, Food Service Director at Austintown Local Schools; Doug Hale, Superintendent at Chesapeake Union; Andrew Platz, student at Chesapeake High School, to provide interested party testimony.

Ms. Weber, Mr. Hale, and Mr. Platz fielded questions from the committee.

Chairman Edwards then called upon Megan Wilson, Chief of Staff and Director of Public Policy & Government Relations at The Cleveland Foundation, Dr. Michele Scott Taylor, Chief Program Officer at College Now Greater Cleveland; Kristina Scott, Public Policy and Advocacy Director at the United Way of Greater Cincinnati; Tim Opsitnick, Board Chair for the Council of Smaller Enterprises; and Bob Savage, Founder and President of Toledo Tomorrow to provide proponent testimony.

Dr. Scott Taylor, Ms. Scott, Mr. Opsitnick, and Mr. Savage fielded questions from the committee.

Committee stood in recess at 12:06pm.

Committee came back to order at 3:20pm.

Chairman Edwards then called upon Dustin Holfinger, Director of State Government Relations at the American Heart Association; Gail Hogan, Owner of GMH Media; and Tony Lindeman, Volunteer Advocate for the American Heart Association, to provide interested party testimony.

Mr. Holfinger and Mr. Lindeman fielded questions from the committee.

Chairman Edwards next called upon Codeye Woody, Director of State Government Affairs for Code.org; Kelly Gaier Evans, Director of the Ohio STEM Learning Network; John Dutton, President of the Computer Science Teachers Association of Ohio; Dr. Debbie Jackson, Vice Provost for Instructional Excellence at Cleveland State University; and Dr. Lena Furci, Founder and Executive Director of HER Academy, to provide proponent testimony.

Ms. Gaier Evans and Mr. Dutton fielded questions from the committee.

Chairman Edwards then called upon Michael Hanlan, Superintendent of the Chardon Local Schools; Ryan Pendleton, Executive Director of North Coast Shared Services Alliance; and Jared Bunting, Treasurer and CFO of the Jackson City School District, to provide proponent testimony.

Mr. Hanlan, Mr. Pendleton, and Mr. Bunting fielded questions from the committee.

Chairman Edwards next called upon Thomas Stuber, President of the Ohio Alliance of Recovery Providers to provide interested party testimony.

Mr. Stuber fielded questions from the committee.

Chairman Edwards finally called upon Linda Janes, President of the Ohio Community

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Corrections Association, to provide proponent testimony.
Ms. Janes fielded questions from the committee.

With no further business, the House Finance Committee adjourned at 6:06pm.

Jay Edwards, Chair

Committee Secretary

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