

**Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities
Meeting Minutes**

January 16, 2025 - 4:00 p.m.

The January 16, 2025, **Organizational Board meeting** of the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Roll call: Tim Sinn, Marcia Hernandez (absent), Stacy Mangette, Kevin Albright, Lora Lyons, and Cindy Peters.

Election of Officers for 2025

Nominations:

2025 President: Tim Sinn by Cindy Peters

2025 Vice President: Kevin Albright by Tim Sinn

2025 Secretary: Cindy Peters self nominated

To approve slate of Officers as presented.

Motion: 1

Motion: Lora Lyons

Second: Kevin Albright

Motion approved unanimously.

Finance Committee and Ethics Council Appointments

Finance Committee: Stacy Mangette, Tim Sinn, Cindy Peters

Ethics Council: Kevin Albright, Cindy Peters, Lora Lyons

Motion: Tim Sinn

Second: Kevin Albright

Motion approved unanimously.

Board Meeting Time

To set the monthly Board Meeting time of 4:00 p.m. on the 3rd Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted, and to try to hold the meeting on the 4th Thursday if no quorum on the 3rd:

Motion: 2

Motion: Cindy Peters

Second: Stacy Mangette

Motion approved unanimously.

Resolution

To approve the Resolution authorizing the Superintendent to pay Board obligations for 2025:

Motion: 3

Motion: Cindy Peters

Second: Kevin Albright

Motion approved unanimously.

Resolution

To approve the Resolution authorizing the Superintendent and Emmi Johnson, Business Manager, to transfer funds within the 2025 appropriations:

Motion: 4

Motion: Cindy Peters

Second: Kevin Albright

Motion approved unanimously.

Adjournment

To adjourn the January 16, 2025 Organizational Meeting at 4:08p.m.:

Motion: 5

Motion: Kevin Albright

Second: Tim Sinn

Motion approved unanimously.

Regular January 2025 Board Meeting

Call to Order: 4:09 p.m.

Roll call: Tim Sinn, Marcia Hernandez (absent), Stacy Mangette, Kevin Albright, Lora Lyons, and Cindy Peters.

Agenda

To approve the January 16, 2025 meeting agenda:

Motion: 6

Motion: Kevin Albright

Second: Stacy Mangette

Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes

To approve the November 21, 2024 meeting minutes:

Motion: 7

Motion: Stacy Mangette

Second: Kevin Albright

Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Reports

To approve the November 2024 and December 2024 financial reports:

Motion: 8

Motion: Kevin Albright

Second: Cindy Peters

Motion approved unanimously.

Reports

E.I.:

State is pleased and optimistic about referral and enrollment numbers. Working to implement the Young Athletes Program for children of all abilities in the community, age 2 thru 7.

Superintendent:

The renovations on the Williams Street home are set to begin next week. Josh Sinn plans to first start with electrical work due to the projected temperatures/wind chill. Jay Gamble (VWCBDD Maintenance Supervisor) is planning to meet with Josh and home staff the first day to coordinate who should be contacted if work is not able to be completed for a day. Jay will also be the point of contact for Josh and Summit should any unforeseen issues arise. Mighty Cube delivered a storage pod to the house so the contents of the garage can be moved to allow a space for Josh and his crew to work as well as complete the renovations on the inside of the garage. Josh offered to help staff move items into the storage pod. The County Board will cover the cost of the storage pod during the renovations.

Accessible Ohio is a new program through Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD). Shelly Burkhart, is our area rep with Accessible Ohio. Shelly works with businesses, events, and venues to identify areas where they can be more accessible. Accessible Ohio does not have a funding stream to help businesses pay for things that are needed, but they will research grant opportunities, tax incentives, and other funding sources. Shelly stressed that Accessible Ohio is not an enforcement agency, so they require businesses reach out to them for a consultation. There is no cost for this service. The biggest request right now is accessibility for automatic doors, but they have helped with a lot of other things, such as website accessibility, signage, making events sensory-friendly, and paint colors that are more accessible. PCBDD staff acknowledged our lack of accessibility and the need for automatic doors and a preference for an accessible restroom at our end of the building. Shelly provided a consultation to our agency and will give us information on these requests. We also asked Shelly for ideas for making our website more accessible.

Property tax appears to be a top priority for the new session of the Ohio House of Representatives. This has been a big discussion since the property values increased, leading to an increase in property taxes. OACB provided an article that is included for you to review. The focus seems to be on schools with large carryover balances. House Speaker Huffman suggested a policy idea of schools returning money to tax payers when there is a large carryover. Some of the frustration with increased property tax has to do with 'inside millage', which allows tax revenue to increase in conjunction with property tax increases. County Boards do not collect inside millage; our levy collections only increase with new construction. Since County Boards are funded largely through tax levies, this discussion is being monitored.

OACB representatives are continuing to meet with the Speaker and are looking to pull together Superintendents, Business Managers, and Board Members to speak on the how changes to property taxes could impact County Boards.

OACB is offering a training called “Disability Download: Building Allyship Through Understanding and Inclusion” on Thursday, January 30th from 1p-2p via Zoom. This is a free training and will give credit for 1 hour of board member training. Registration is open through OACB.

President-elect Donald Trump has nominated several key positions that, if nominated, will oversee critical programs and policies that have a significant impact on the lives of people with developmental disabilities and their families. Robert F. Kennedy was nominated to oversee Health and Human Services. This position will oversee government agencies with oversight across programs such as Medicaid, Medicare, public health policy, and scientific research. Mehmet Oz was nominated as Administrator of Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. As Administrator, Oz would lead the agency that oversees and manages the nation’s health care coverage through Medicaid, Medicare, and Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP)- including Ohio’s DD waivers through the state-federal Medicaid Program. Lastly, Linda McMahon was nominated to serve as the Secretary of the Department of Education. As Secretary, McMahon will oversee IDEA Part B (preschool) and IDEA Part C (Early Intervention) programs, the Rehabilitation Services Administration, which funds programs through Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities, and many other disability-related programs.

New Business

OACB Annual Dues

To approve payment of the 2025 OACB Membership Dues. (\$8, 110.00)

Motion: 9

Motion: Kevin Albright

Second: Cindy Peters

Motion approved unanimously.

New Hire

To approve the hire of Kaleigh Mapes as part time Early Intervention Coordinator, effective 1/7/25.

Motion: 10

Motion: Kevin Albright

Second: Stacy Mangette

Motion approved unanimously.

Vacation Policy Amendment

To approve an amendment to the vacation policy. PCBDD employees are now able to use vacation leave after 6 months of employment instead of the previous 1 year waiting period – this is modeled after an approved update to the Commissioner’s policy.

Motion: 11

Motion: Cindy Peters

Second: Stacy Mangette

Motion approved unanimously.

Adjournment

To adjourn the January 16, 2025 regular Board meeting at 4:37 p.m.

Motion: 12

Motion: Lora Lyons

Second: Stacy Mangette

Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Peters, Secretary