

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

February 20, 2025 - 4:00 p.m.

The February 20, 2025, Regular Board Meeting of the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

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

Agenda

To approve the February 20, 2025 meeting agenda:

Motion: 13

Motion: Kevin Albright

Second: Cindy Peters

Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes

To approve the January 16, 2025 meeting minutes:

Motion: 14

Motion: Cindy Peters

Second: Stacy Mangette

Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Reports

To approve the January 2025 financial reports:

Motion: 15

Motion: Stacy Mangette

Second: Kevin Albright

Motion approved unanimously.

Reports

Superintendent:

NOWAC is offering a training on Building Healthy Relationships. The event will be presented by the Center for Child and Family Advocacy. There will be two trainings offered (March 6th and April 3rd). The topics being covered March 6th include sexting and internet danger and then April 3rd will cover the topic of consent. The presentations are scheduled to go from 5:30-7 p.m. We will host an in-person event and join the presentations virtually as a group. Invitations have been sent to individuals served, family members, and providers. The County Board will provide food and refreshments.

Governor DeWine released his final biennium budget. Early Intervention received an increase in state funding. The budget includes a \$7.2 million increase in state funding for Part C Early Intervention in SFY2026 and a \$9 million increase in SFY2027 (as compared to SFY 2025 appropriations). The increase in funding is designed to help support the evaluation and assessment functions performed by County Boards.

DODD also received a substantial increase in state General Revenue Fund (GRF) dollars necessary to maintain the state's current commitment for provider rate increases that were secured in the last biennium. The budget is currently under review by the Ohio General Assembly, with legislative hearings and discussions ongoing. Director Hauck and DODD leadership is provided a virtual budget presentation on February 11 where they gave an overview of DODD portions of the budget and information on the budget timeline.

Renovations on the Williams Street home are underway. They are currently waiting on a gas line to be ran to the house and then the HVAC system will be installed. The flooring is backordered, so once that comes in, flooring will be installed throughout the home.

Megan Sierra (PC Workshop) reached out with an idea for a sensory gym in the old Alco building, which is still available. Although this location was initially considered for the Limitless store, it was too expensive; however, the owners are open to negotiation since the building is still vacant. Megan aims to serve transition-aged students with a sensory gym for the community, featuring private areas for group activities and rentals. She hopes to bring awareness of provider needs and reinvest profits from the business into improving provider retention. I informed her that I would make the board aware of her idea, but we would need to consult the OACB legal team about the

parameters of donating to provider agencies before committing to financial support. I also requested that she submit a business plan outlining costs and fundraising goals for review.

Discussions of a vehicle lease and website redesign were held – no motions made.

Adjournment

To adjourn the February 20, 2025 regular Board meeting at 4:47 p.m.

Motion: 16

Motion: Kevin Albright

Second: Stacy Manette

Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cindy Peters, Secretary