

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

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

The October 16, 2025, Regular Board meeting of the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

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

Guests Present: None

Agenda

To approve the October 16, 2025 meeting agenda:

Motion: 43

Motion: Cindy Peters

Second: Shenia Mesker

Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes

To approve the September 18, 2025 meeting minutes:

Motion: 44

Motion: Cindy Peters

Second: Shenia Mesker

Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Reports

To approve the September 2025 financial reports:

Motion: 45

Motion: Lora Lyons

Second: Cindy Peters

Motion approved unanimously.

Reports

Early Intervention:

- In September, we had 4 referrals. Two of those children are in the evaluation process; one was a transfer from another county, and the last one would not return phone calls/text messages.
- We are co-hosting a resource fair on October 27. The flyer is attached. (It was rescheduled in Sept due to illness at the location)
- We recently had our state consultant visit. We went over our yearly goals. (Continue to work on quality assurance measures, provide staff trainings to increase knowledge base, increase referrals, and increase parent participation in meetings when their child's progress is being discussed)

Superintendent:

- October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. This month focuses on skills, talents, and diversity people with disabilities bring to the work force. We have been using social media to recognize individuals working in the community and their employers. We have a billboard featuring four individuals working in the community. The billboard is located on Williams Street, near Brookside North Drive Thru.
- Registration is now open for the OACB Annual Convention, being held November 19-21. Board members are welcome to attend in person or join virtually for the hybrid sessions. A schedule of virtual options is included with this report.
- Accreditation was held September 24th and 25th. We received 6 total citations; we submitted appeals and a plan of correction. Once the appeals are reviewed, we will be notified of the final determination.
- The Ohio Senate voted 21-11 to override Governor DeWine's veto on replacement levies. Replacement levies have long been a tool for requesting property tax dollars from voters to fund developmental disability services. Since 2005, boards have placed 60 replacement levies on the

ballot, with 87% approved by voters. That option will be eliminated starting January 1, 2026. However, any replacement levy on the ballot before Jan. 1 will remain there and is not affected by the veto override.

- The property tax workgroup convened by Governor Mike DeWine has formally announced its recommendations. Some of the recommendations include limiting carry over balances to 100%, reforming ballot language so it is easier to understand, tax deferral program for qualifying seniors, formation of a working group to analyze efficiencies of various levels of government, and consideration of an expansion of Homestead Exemptions and/or implementation of a property tax circuit breaker.
- While the legislature is not required to consider any of the work group's proposals, the recommendations can provide a framework for property tax policy as the legislature continues its own discussions. Some of the recommendations may allow for county boards to work with the legislature in providing property tax relief while ensuring that services for people with developmental disabilities are securely funded.
- Ohio Provider Resource Association (OPRA) held a Fall Partnership Forum at the end of September. This forum brought together county boards, providers, individuals served, OACB, and DODD staff to discuss sustainability of the DD system. Discussions throughout the day focused on the future of our system with topics including: access, case management, sustainability, quality and accountability, and efficiency. Conversations will continue among all parties as we work on identifying and advocating for the future of services for individuals served and county boards of DD.
- A Property Tax Summit is being held on Monday, November 17th at 6:30pm. This is being held by the Paulding County Township Association. This summit is geared toward taxing entities and is open to our staff and board members.

New Business

OACB Delegate

To appoint Cody Bowersock, Supt., as the OACB Assembly Delegate.

Motion: 46

Motion: Cindy Peters

Second: Shenia Mesker

Motion approved unanimously.

Summit Housing Payments

To authorize the Superintendent to approve expenses/payment to Summit Housing Development Corp.

Motion: 47

Motion: Lora Lyons

Second: Shenia Mesker

Motion approved unanimously.

Executive Session

To adjourn into Executive Session to discuss the evaluation and compensation of public employee(s) and personnel matters.

Time: 4:55 p.m.

Motion: 48

Motion: Cindy Peters

Second: Lora Lyons

Motion approved unanimously.

Exit

To come out of Executive Session and declaring no action taken.

Time: 5:09 p.m.

Motion: 49

Motion: Lora Lyons

Second: Cindy Peters

Motion approved unanimously.

No motion made.

Adjournment

To adjourn the October 16, 2025 regular Board meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Motion: 50

Motion: Lora Lyons

Second: Shenia Mesker

Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Peters, Recording Secretary