

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

November 13, 2025 - 4:00 p.m.

The November 13, 2025, Regular Board meeting of the Paulding County Board of Developmental Disabilities was called to order at 4:25 p.m.

Roll call: Cindy Peters, Tim Sinn, Marcia Hernandez, Shenia Mesker, Lora Lyons, Stacy Mangette, and Kevin Albright.

Guests Present: Emmi Johnson, Business Manager

Agenda

To approve the November 13, 2025 meeting agenda:

Motion: 50

Motion: Lora Lyons

Second: Marcia Hernandez

Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes

To approve the October 16, 2025 meeting minutes:

Motion: 51

Motion: Lora Lyons

Second: Marcia Hernandez

Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Reports

To approve the October 2025 financial reports:

Motion: 52

Motion: Lora Lyons

Second: Stacy Mangette

Motion approved unanimously.

Superintendent Report:

Friday, September 14th, Ohio Senator Rob McColley will be at Henry County Board of DD to meet with County Board Superintendents from Ohio Senate District 1. This meeting was coordinated by Amy Rohdy, NOWAC Executive Director, and OACB as a meet and greet, but also allow an opportunity to discuss threats to the DD system with Senator McColley.

Accreditation Update:

We received 6 citations. We appealed 5 citations and offered a plan of correction for one. Four of the appeals were disapproved, one was rescinded, and our plan of correction was approved. As it stands, we have 5 citations. We were not given the option to appeal again, so we had to submit a plan of correction for the appeals. We are waiting to hear the final accreditation decision.

DODD has allowed short-term authorization of up to 3 months for home delivered meals for individuals on waivers who lost SNAP benefits due to the federal government shutdown. SSAs will identify individuals who lost benefits and have a need for additional food assistance. Home Delivered Meals are typically not available for individuals who receiving regular HPC or Shared Living services.

House Bill 144 – Keith's Law

Governor DeWine signed HB 144 into law on Monday, October 20th. By late January 2026, individuals served and their family members will be able to voluntarily register with the statewide communication disability database to share information about their disability with first responders. This information will then be accessible to local 911 agencies and can help first responders when responding to emergencies

New Business

Summit Housing Addendum

To approve the Addendum to the Contract between Paulding County Board of DD and Summit Housing.

Motion: 53

Motion: Cindy Peters

Second: Shenia Mesker

Motion approved unanimously.

2026 Contract Renewals

To approve the following contract renewals for 2026:

- Shared Superintendent with Van Wert CBDD
- Shared SSA Director with Van Wert CBDD
- Shared Medicaid Services Specialist with Van Wert CBDD
- Shared IEQA Specialist with Van Wert CBDD
- NOWAC Contract for Services
- Speech Language Therapy – Tracy Gunderman

Motion: 54

Motion: Marcia Hernandez

Second: Kevin Albright

Motion approved unanimously.

Program Calendar

To approve the 2026 Program Calendar.

Motion: 55

Motion: Lora Lyons

Second: Stacy Mangette

Motion approved unanimously.

Board Authorization Delegation

To approve the Resolution for Board Authorization Delegation; naming Cody Bowersock, Superintendent, Staci Haney, Executive Assistant/HR, and Emmi Johnson, Business Manager (NOWAC), as authorized signers for Purchase Orders, Vouchers, Payroll, Change of Appropriation Forms, and Change of Estimated Revenue Forms. This authorization stands for one year.

Motion: 56

Motion: Lora Lyons

Second: Marcia Hernandez

Motion approved unanimously.

Executive Session

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

Time: 4:50 p.m.

Motion: 57

Motion: Lora Lyons

Second: Marcia Hernandez

Motion approved unanimously.

Exit

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

Time: 5:00 p.m.

Motion: 58

Motion: Stacy Mangette

Second: Cindy Peters

Motion approved unanimously.

- A. **Motion #59** was made by Lora Lyons and seconded by Marcia Hernandez, to approve a 4% wage increase effective Jan. 1, 2026.

Adjournment

To adjourn the November 15, 2025 regular Board meeting at 5:02 p.m.

Motion: 60

Motion: Lora Lyons

Second: Shenia Mesker

Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Peters,
Recording Secretary