

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

**January 15, 2026 - 4:00 p.m.**

The January 15, 2026, **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, Stacy Mangette, Kevin Albright, Lora Lyons, and Sheniah Mesker.

**Election of Officers for 2026**

Nominations:

**2026 President: Tim Sinn by Lora Lyons**

**2026 Vice President: Kevin Albright by Tim Sinn**

**2026 Secretary: Lora Lyons by Stacy Mangette**

To approve slate of Officers as presented.

**Motion: 1**

**Motion: Stacy Mangette**

**Second: Marcia Hernandez**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**Finance Committee and Ethics Council Appointments**

**Finance Committee:** Stacy Mangette, Tim Sinn, Marcia Hernandez

**Ethics Council:** Kevin Albright, Sheniah Mesker, 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month unless otherwise noted. May meeting to be held May 14<sup>th</sup>, and June meeting to be held June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion: 2**

**Motion: Kevin Albright**

**Second: Marcia Hernandez**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

**Resolution**

To approve the following authorizations for the Superintendent, Cody Bowersock, for 2026:

1. Appoint Superintendent or designee as PCBDD purchasing agent to approve purchases up to \$25,000.
2. Authorize Superintendent or designee to approve expenses/payment to Summit Housing Development Corp.
3. Authorize Superintendent to sign salary notices following employment or salary schedule adoption.
4. Authorize Superintendent to approve staff member attendance at professional meetings.
5. Authorize Superintendent to represent PCBDD at appropriately called meetings of various educational entities or governmental agencies.
6. Authorize Superintendent or designee to approve use of Board vehicles.
7. Designate Superintendent as authorized representative for all grant funds for 2026.
8. Authorize Superintendent to employ temporary personnel on an as needed basis for emergency situations.
9. Designate Superintendent to approve cooperative agreements with other agencies as needed.

**Motion: 3**

**Motion: Stacy Mangette**

**Second: Lora Lyons**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

### **Resolution**

To approve the Resolution authorizing the Superintendent and Emmi Johnson, Business Manager, to transfer funds within the 2026 appropriations:

**Motion: 4**

**Motion: Lora Lyons**

**Second: Marcia Hernandez**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

### **Adjournment**

To adjourn the January 15, 2026 Organizational Meeting at 4:22p.m.:

**Motion: 5**

**Motion: Lora Lyons**

**Second: Stacy Mangette**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

### **Regular January 2025 Board Meeting**

**Call to Order:** 4:23 p.m.

**Roll call:** Tim Sinn, Marcia Hernandez, Stacy Mangette, Kevin Albright, Lora Lyons, and Sheniah Mesker.

### **Agenda**

To approve the January 15, 2026 meeting agenda:

**Motion: 6**

**Motion: Stacy Mangette**

**Second: Marcia Hernandez**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

### **Minutes**

To approve the November 13, 2025 meeting minutes:

**Motion: 7**

**Motion: Lora Lyons**

**Second: Marcia Hernandez**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

### **Financial Reports**

To approve the November 2025 and December 2025 financial reports:

**Motion: 8**

**Motion: Lora Lyons**

**Second: Sheniah Mesker**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

### **Reports**

#### **E.I.:**

Numbers are steady – State Rep. is coming to assist with any needs and questions. Denise attended the first series of the Executive Development Program in Columbus.

#### **Superintendent:**

1. The purchase of the home on Copeland Street is complete. We need to pause renovations on this home due to all of the capital housing funds for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 being awarded. We will have everything ready to submit for renovations early July 2026. The Community Capital Assistance Program awarded \$25 million in FY 25-26 to purchase, build and renovate homes across the state.
2. We recently received information on a non-emergency medical transportation option for our area called LifeLine Pilots. This program offers free non-emergency medical transportation flights to individuals needing to travel typically between 100-1000 miles. The pilots donate their time as well as cost of the flights. We requested some brochures be sent to our office and our SSAs have the information to share when needed.
3. The Ohio legislature passed four bills (HB 309, HB 129, HB 186, HB 335) aimed at slowing the growth of property tax increases and changing how property taxes are collected. HB 309 allows county budget

commissions to reduce voter-approved levies they determine to be 'excessive' or 'unnecessary'. The other three bills primarily affect school districts and inside-millage levies by limiting revenue growth and capping tax increases tied to inflation. These initiatives show a continued emphasis on property tax reform going into 2026.

4. Ohio Senate President Rob McColley has been selected as the lieutenant governor running mate for Vivek Ramaswamy. Senator McColley currently serves Ohio Senate District 1, which includes Paulding County. County Board Superintendents from Senate District 1 met with Senator McColley in November to discuss the importance of services provided by County Boards of DD as well as threats to the DD system. Democratic front runner Amy Acton, announced David Pepper as her running mate. Pepper is a former Hamilton County Commissioner, Cincinnati Councilman, and the former chair of the Ohio Democratic Party. OACB has coordinated meetings with both governor candidates. Meetings have included an individual receiving services and a family member. These meetings have allowed individuals and families to share their stories, urging the importance of localized services that meet unique needs.
5. NOWAC is hosting a live webinar presentation on Special Needs Planning presented by Attorney Derek Graham of Philipps & Graham, LLC. This free program will cover strategies to help plan for the future of a loved one with a disability. The presentation is being held over Zoom on Tuesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm. This has been shared over our county board social media page.
6. NOWAC annual board member training is being held at Defiance College on Wednesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:30pm, with doors opening at 5pm for dinner. Adam Herman with OACB is going to present on a funding the future initiative, discussing threats to the DD system as well as necessary steps to make the system sustainable for the future. If you would like to attend the training, please let me know before February 15<sup>th</sup>. Attending will give you 2 hours of the required annual training.

#### **New Business**

##### **OACB Annual Dues**

To approve payment of the 2026 OACB Membership Dues. (\$8, 110.00)

**Motion: 9**

**Motion: Stacy Mangette**

**Second: Shenia Mesker**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

##### **Adjournment**

To adjourn the January 15, 2026 regular Board meeting at 4:40 p.m.

**Motion: 10**

**Motion: Lora Lyons**

**Second: Shenia Mesker**

**Motion approved unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lora Lyons, Secretary