

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

April 16, 2026 - 4:00 p.m.

The April 16, 2026, Regular 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 Manette (absent), Kevin Albright, Andrew Parker, Lora Lyons, Shenia Mesker.

Agenda

To approve the April 16, 2026 meeting agenda:

Motion: 22

Motion: Shenia Mesker

Second: Marcia Hernandez

Motion approved unanimously.

Minutes

To approve the March 21, 2026 meeting minutes:

Motion: 23

Motion: Kevin Albright

Second: Marcia Hernandez

Motion approved unanimously.

Financial Reports

To approve the March 2026 financial reports:

Motion: 24

Motion: Lora Lyons

Second: Andrew Parker

Motion approved unanimously.

Reports

Early Intervention:

- In March, we had 1 referral, which is going through the enrollment process.
- Early Intervention continues to host a monthly playgroup open to all families in our community with children under the age of 5.
- Our Service Coordinator Grant was submitted, we are waiting on the approval.

Superintendent:

1. Emergency funding was requested for a capital project on the Williams Street home for the installation of a new sewer line and clean out. The existing clay tile collapsed so a new line and clean out is needed to restore proper drainage. Summit requested \$6,235 for the project and was approved. This project is finished except for the concrete work that will complete when the weather allows.
2. I am finalizing information on property taxes that will be shared across social media. This is Q&A document was shared at our March board meeting. The document discusses local DD services and our reliance on property taxes. Adam Herman, OACB Executive Director, represents County Boards of DD on the steering committee Coalition to Protect Essential Public Services. They are aiming for a mid-April launch of a website, custom campaign materials, and video describing the negative impact of property tax elimination. We will know by July if there are enough signatures for the initiative to go on the ballots this November.
3. Legislative Updates
 - a. Senate Bill 35: Received its first hearing in the House Children and Human Services Committee. This bill seeks to establish formal and documented supported decision-making plans as a less restrictive alternative to guardianship. Bill sponsors said the legislation promotes independence for people with developmental disabilities by allowing them to make decisions about employment, finances and other aspects of their lives with support from trusted individuals. Instead of a court appointing someone guardian to make decisions for a person, the individual can choose trusted supporters, get help understanding decisions, and still make their own final decisions. Unlike guardianship, supported decision-making is voluntary and can be ended at any time. The bill awaits a second hearing for proponent testimony.
 - b. House Bill 141: Received its third hearing for opponent testimony. If approved this bill seeks to establish prescribed pediatric extended care centers (PPEC) to serve children with significant medical or technological

- needs, require license and oversight by Ohio Department of Health, and allow services to be covered by Medicaid, if federal approval is also granted. A PPEC is a specialized daycare-style center for kids with serious medical needs. These would allow children to get nursing care, early education and social interactions, which are often missed when kids are at home or in hospitals. The bill now awaits committee vote and consideration by the full Senate.
- c. House Bill 359: Received its third hearing for opponent testimony; none was provided. This bill would expand Ohio's Missing Persons Alert system to include immediate alerts for missing children with autism and developmental disabilities. The bill now awaits committee vote and consideration by the full Senate.
 4. OACB Spring Conference is May 21-22 at Hilton Columbus Downtown. Registration is now open. The Schedule-At-A-Glance is included with the hybrid options highlighted for anyone interested in attending. Please let me know if you would like to attend in person, or virtually, let me know and I can get you registered.

New Business

Mandate for Change Resolution

To approve Resolution 03-2026-01: A Mandate for Change/Funding the Future.

Motion: 25

Motion: Lora Lyons

Second: Marcia Hernandez

Motion approved unanimously.

Adjournment

To adjourn the April 16, 2026 regular Board meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Motion: 26

Motion: Lora Lyons

Second: Kevin Albright

Motion approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lora Lyons, Secretary