

THE PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF DD
BOARD MEETING AGENDA
April 16, 2025
Sarah A. Winters Building, 601 Senior Drive, New Lexington, Ohio 43764

I. **President Rachel Barnhart called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.**

II. ROLL CALL:	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED	UNEXCUSED
Rachel Barnhart	X			
Kevin Howell	X			
Fritzie Nitschke		X	X	
Linda Whetstone	X			
Denise Dupler	X			
Karen Chennells	X			
Sky Gettys	X			

Others in attendance: David Couch, Chrissy Berkheimer, Caley Boyden, Jessica Stroup, Shelly Lackey, Chuck Davis, Ashley Reed, and Jenny Keister.

III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
Res. 2025-04-01

Sky Gettys moved to approve the April regular board meeting agenda and any additions, as submitted. Denise Dupler seconded the motion.

Discussion: No additions submitted.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

IV. **COMMITTEES:** An Ethics Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 28, 2025, immediately following the Regular May PCBDD Board Meeting.

V. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**
Res. 2025-04-02

Kevin Howell moved to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2025, PCBDD regular board meeting, as presented. Karen Chennells seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by majority vote.

VI. BOARD REPORTS:

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – DAVID COUCH - *Verbal Report*

David's report was included in the packet. Jenny will be presenting MUI training for Board members this evening at the conclusion of the regular board meeting. This is count towards your 4-hours of required annual board member training. We have a Strategic Planning meeting scheduled for August 13th & 14th. We will be developing the strategic plan for 2026-2028. We encourage involvement from any Board member interested in participating, for one or both days. If you are interested please let Chrissy or me know. Jessica shared that the 13th is the most important day if they can attend but we will be happy if you can attend either day or both! Jessica also shared that we will be doing a SWOT survey soon. Jenny's report was included in the packet, but she will be going over this during her training. Caley and David met with Rebecca Princehorn, the levy attorney on March 28th. The House passed HB 28 to eliminate replacement levies prior to this November. The Senate is pushing it along as well. OACB is lobbying in favor of keeping replacement levies, but the sense is this is a losing cause. It was suggested we wait until at least the May Board meeting to determine how we want to proceed. In addition to HB 28 there is also talk of eliminating continuing levies (PCBDD's three levies are all continuing) as well as increasing homestead exemptions and rollbacks. However, rather than the exemption funds being replaced by the state (as is currently done) we would just lose the funds. David shared that he feels we will spend more than the \$5000 projected for Rebecca's services. He will keep the board updated. David has had the pleasure of introducing Caley as the Transitional Assistant Superintendent at some recent meetings. Caley has also got to introduce herself at various meetings. Caley followed up with the Village of Glenford on April 4th to look at their accessibility improvements in their community building, also used by the local elementary school. The Village is also interested in adding an accessible rest room at the ball fields, this project is around \$18,000. We paid the architect for them to get this quote. Junction City contacted us about assisting with access to the Transit Loop stop. It needed concrete access; we assisted with approximately \$1,400 to provide it. Karen asked where the stop was in Junction City, David shared it is behind the old Top Hat restaurant. Lisa Leckrone from Mobility Management came to an SLT to give us an idea of what they can do with transportation. Mobility Management coordinates transportation inside the county as well as connections beyond our borders. They are looking for some match money to go with their grants. David suggested we do \$5000 in 2025 and \$5000 in 2026.

B. CHILDREN'S PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S REPORT – ASHLEY REED

Ashley's report was included in the packet. No discussion.

C.SSA ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR'S REPORT – CHUCK DAVIS

Chuck's report was included in the packet. David shared that SSA Supervisor Carrie Torka has resigned to take a job in another county for family reasons. We wish Carrie nothing but the best.

D. COMMUNITY SUPPORTS DIRECTOR'S REPORT - SHELLY LACKEY

Shelly's report was included in the packet. No discussion.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORTS DIRECTOR'S REPORT – JESSICA STROUP

Jessica's report was included in the packet. Jessica shared that there were copies of the Annual Report available at the Board meeting.

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

Res. 2025-04-03

Sky Gettys moved to approve the expenditures, as presented. Kevin Howell seconded the motion.

Discussion: Caley's report and financials were included in the packet. Caley shared that we received the State Fiscal Year 2023 Medicaid settlement, and it came in a little over what was projected. Sky asked if we received the levy money and Caley shared that we did at the beginning of April so they will see it in her financials in May. We received our quarterly MAC payment. Expenditures were from start-ups and annual licenses that were renewed. No movement in the capital and Reserve funds. David shared that the immediate need waiver that we asked for from the Board last month is on hold, until we can determine that the child's health and safety can be assured. Karen Asked how old the child was, David shared that the child is 15 years of age. Linda questioned where the child was placed, David shared that the child was placed up by Toledo.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: None

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

Res. 2025-04-04

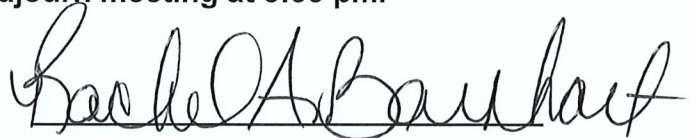
Kevin Howell moved to approve the 2025 PCBDD Succession Plan, as presented. Sky Gettys seconded the motion.

Discussion: Policy #118 directs for the PCBDD Succession Plan to be submitted and approved by the Board annually. Succession Planning is also imbedded in the PCBDD Strategic Plan. Senior Leaders have worked through the details of this plan and provided the necessary updates. We have had this in place for 6-8 years and have used it and will be using it again in 2025.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Sky Gettys moved to adjourn meeting at 5:33 pm.



Rachel Barnhart – Board President



Denise Dupler – Board Secretary