

THE PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF DD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
June 18, 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
Denise Dupler	X			
Rachel Barnhart	X			
Kevin Howell	X			
Fritzie Nitschke		X	X	
Linda Whetstone	X			
Karen Chennells	X			
Sky Gettys	X			

Others in attendance: David Couch, Chrissy Berkheimer, Kim Foreman, Shelly Lackey, Ashley Reed, and Chuck Davis

III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Res. 2025-06-01

Karen Chennells moved to approve the June regular board meeting agenda, and any additions, as submitted. Kevin Howell seconded the motion.

Discussion: No additions submitted.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

IV. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Res. 2025-06-02

Sky Gettys moved to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2025, PCBDD regular board meeting, as presented. Denise Dupler seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by majority vote.

V. **BOARD REPORTS:**

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

David's report was included in the packet. David introduced the new Finance Director, Kim Foreman to the board. David shared that Director Kim Hauck announced her retirement. We are not sure who will be taking her position. David's only worry is someone that thinks Medicaid

waivers are the answers will come in and blow everything up. David reminded Board members about the Strategic Planning meetings in August. Chrissy let Board members know that she will send out a reminder email at the beginning of August. Our next open board seat will need to be filled with a Board member that is eligible for services. This came into effect on July 1st.

Community Supports has been collaborating with members of Pioneering Possibilities to learn about opportunities in a board membership role. Shelly shared they have a board themselves and went through the regular process of interviews, voting, etc. This was not done for the purpose of training someone to come onto our board, but the timing worked out well. Jenny's MUI report was included in the packet. New Lexington schools are out for the summer and David is trying to reach them and will keep the board updated. David shared that a private company is renovating the former Roseville school into housing and other amenities. They want to include housing for people with disabilities. We are working with our housing provider Options for Supported Housing, to determine how this can happen, including seeking Community Capital Assistance (CCA) -funds from DODD. It is outside of the traditional model, but I am hoping DODD will be ready to work with us. David and Shelly met with Kim from LOL in Nature. Although there was no immediate resolution, expectations are being drawn up and a meeting will take place when she comes back from vacation. Now that Kim is on board, Caley can move on to the next step. She is getting her vacations out of the way so she can spend all her time practicing being a superintendent. I am confident in her ability and the great team around her. Together they will work through the transition time and guide PCBDD through the opportunities (not challenges) developing around the DD system. The Commissioners approved the Board's request by requesting information from the Auditor. The process hit a snag due to a discrepancy between what our attorney prepared and what the Auditor expected. Caley worked through that, and the process continues within the timeline. Of greater concern for me is what is being done to property taxes. I spoke with 3 Senator's offices (I am not important enough to get through to the Senator's themselves) about my concerns of the damage this will do to a county board's ability to sustain services. Karen asked if there was any type of plan to put money towards schools, DD programs, etc. and David shared that there is not so far. David shared that we can just share the message in a positive way of all we do to service Perry County.

B. CHILDREN'S PROGRAM DIRECTOR REPORT – ASHLEY REED

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

C. SSA ADMINISTRATION DIRECTOR REPORT – CHUCK DAVIS

Chuck's report and Vikki's reports were included in the packet. No discussion.

D. COMMUNITY SUPPORTS DIRECTOR REPORT - SHELLY LACKEY

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

E. ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORTS DIRECTOR REPORT – JESSICA STROUP

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

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

Res. 2025-06-03

Sky Gettys moved to approve expenditures, as presented. Denise Dupler seconded the motion.

Discussion: Caley's reports were included in the packet. David reported on the finances in Caley's absence. There were corrections from the Auditor's Office from April noted in Caley's report. We received our levy rollbacks. The training line was higher due to the OACB Spring Conference and the in-house training for PCBDD staff with John Hanson.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

VII. OLD BUSINESS:

Draft minutes of the Ethics Committee Meeting from May 28, 2025. Rachel noted that she only has 1 child receiving services. Chrissy will update minutes from the May 28, 2025, Ethics meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Res. 2025-06-04

Kevin Howell moved to authorize the Superintendent to sign the necessary agreements with Perry County Job and Family Services (JFS) for funding the Help Me Grow and Summer Camp Programs, providing there are no significant changes, when/if received. Karen Chennells seconded the motion.

Discussion: These agreements are renewals from year to year. JFS has provided funding for these services for several years using federal TANF dollars.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

Res. 2025-06-05

Karen Chennells moved to approve the contract between Perry County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Perry County Transit (PCT) in the amount of \$60,000 for 2025 Summer Camp transportation services, as presented. Sky Gettys seconded the motion.

Discussion: The cost has increased this year from \$2.90 to \$3.24 per mile. The wait time has also increased from \$36.76 to \$42.93. Rates are billed to PCBDD, and any increases are based on their actual cost to provide the service. Transit also provides transportation for camp outings. We are billed for the actual cost.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

Res. 2025-06-06

Kevin Howell moved to approve the agreement between Perry County Board of Developmental Disabilities and Elizabeth Fuchs for cleaning services at the SAW and CCC buildings for a period of one year. Sky Gettys seconded the motion.

Discussion: Liz has been cleaning the buildings since April 2023. We are quite happy with her work: she is thorough, flexible, and dependable and is willing to accommodate special requests when we ask. She is asking for an increase from \$24,000 per year to \$26,400 per year. There are no other changes.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

Res. 2025-06-07

Karen Chennells moved to approve the Training Plan for the Transitional Assistant Superintendent, as presented. Linda Whetstone seconded the motion.

Discussion: The plan will support Caley becoming comfortable with the responsibilities of a superintendent, as comfortable as one can get in that role.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

Res. 2025-06-07


Kevin Howell moved to approve one Individual Options Waiver for an individual served by PCBDD and Perry County Children Services Board, with match cost to be divided evenly between the two agencies until the person turns 21. Karen Chennells seconded the motion.

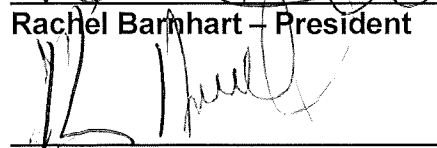
Discussion: Karen questioned if Children's Services was still a board. She asked if the child had moved yet, David shared that he had not. David shared that the child does well if it is a structured environment. We have shared costs in the same manner a number of times with CSB. We are currently spending approximately \$500 per day for services. This will reduce our cost to around \$100-200 per day projected with the waiver. This will allow us to begin the process to put the waiver in place. Once we have a better idea of the waiver cost we will bring an agreement to you for approval.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

IX. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

X. ADJOURNMENT: Sky Gettys moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:38 pm.



Rachel Barnhart – President

Kevin Howell – Vice President