

**THE PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF DD
ORGANIZATIONAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2026**

Couch Connections Center, 600 Senior Drive, New Lexington, Ohio 43764

I. Meeting called to order by Rachel Barnhart at 5:00 pm.

II. ROLL CALL: PRESENT ABSENT EXCUSED UNEXCUSED

Kevin Howell	X – Arrived at 5:04pm
Fritzie Nitschke	X
Rachel Barnhart	X
Karen Chennells	X
Denise Dupler	X
Sky Gettys	X
Linda Whetstone	X

Others in attendance: Caley Boyden, Chrissy Cameron, Chuck Davis, Jessica Stroup, Ashley Reed, Kim Foreman, and Rae Taylor.

III. Res. O-2026-01-01

Sky Gettys moved to approve the January Organizational Meeting agenda and any additions, as submitted. Linda Whetstone seconded the motion.

Discussion: Roberts Rules of Order stipulate such a motion for each meeting agenda.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

IV. NOMINATIONS FOR THE OFFICES OF:

PRESIDENT: Rachel Barnhart By: Karen Chennells

VICE PRESIDENT: Kevin Howell By: Sky Gettys

SECRETARY : Denise Dupler By: Fritzie Nitschke

V. NEW BUSINESS:

Res. O-2026-01-02

Karen Chennells moved to elect Rachel Barnhart to hold the office of the President for 2026. Fritzie Nitschke seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by majority vote.

Res. O-2026-01-03

Sky Gettys moved to elect Kevin Howell to hold the office of the Vice President for 2026. Karen Chennells seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by majority vote.

Res. O-2026-01-04

Karen Chennells moved to elect Denise Dupler to hold the office of the secretary for 2026. Sky Gettys seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by majority vote.

Res. O-2026-01-05

Linda Whetstone moved to authorize the Superintendent to review, revise, and develop procedures, as necessary to implement policies. Fritzie Nitschke seconded the motion.

Discussion: This is currently the practice but should have Board approval annually.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

Res. O-2026-01-06

Sky Gettys moved to authorize the Superintendent to enter into agreements and contracts on behalf of the Board during the calendar year 2026, not exceeding five thousand dollars (\$5,000.00) and to approve contributions and dues not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), for which funding is available in the approved annual budget. Karen Chennells seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by majority vote.

Res. O-2026-01-07

Kevin Howell moved to approve the Perry County Board of Developmental Disabilities 2026 meeting schedule. Denise Dupler seconded the motion.

Discussion: Dates and times of the Board's meetings are at the discretion of the members. The Board is required to meet 10 times per year. You can select what is best for current members.

FEBRUARY 2026: Wednesday, February 18, 2026

MARCH 2026: Wednesday, March 18, 2026

APRIL 2026: Wednesday, April 22, 2026

MAY 2026: Wednesday, May 20, 2026

JUNE 2026: Wednesday, June 17, 2026

JULY 2026: Wednesday, July 15, 2026

AUGUST 2026: Wednesday, August 19, 2026

SEPTEMBER 2026: Wednesday, September 23, 2026

OCTOBER 2026: Wednesday, October 21, 2026

NOVEMBER 2026: Wednesday, November 18, 2026

Motion Passed by majority vote.

VI. APPOINTMENT OF ETHICS COMMITTEE

Res. O-2026-01-08

Sky Gettys moved to approve the Perry County Board of Developmental Disabilities 2026 Ethics Committee. Karen Chennells seconded the motion.

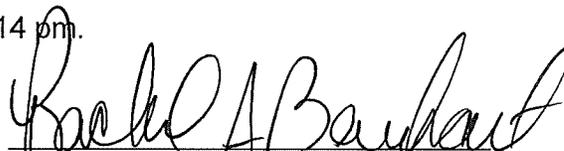
Discussion: The Board President appoints the following members to the Ethics Committee:

Sky Gettys
Kevin Howell
Fritzie Nitschke

Motion Passed by majority vote.

VII. ADJOURNMENT:

Kevin Howell moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:14 pm.


Rachel Barnhart – Board President


Denise Dupler – Board Secretary