THE PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF DD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 2026
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:**

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

Others in attendance: Chrissy Cameron, Caley Boyden, Jessica Stroup, Kim Foreman, Chuck Davis, Ashley Reed, Shelly Lackey, and Chase Bennett.

III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
Res. 2026-05-01
Karen Chennells moved to approve the Regular May Board meeting agenda, and any additions, as submitted. Kevin Howell seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by majority vote.

IV. **COMMITTEES:** An Ethics Committee Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 20, 2026, immediately following the Regular May PCBDD Board Meeting.

V. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**:
Res. 2026-05-02
Sky Gettys moved to approve the minutes of the APRIL 22, 2026, PCBDD Regular Board Meeting, as presented. Karen Chennells seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by majority vote. (Denise Dupler abstained)

VI. BOARD REPORTS:

A. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT – CALEY BOYDEN - *Verbal Report*

Caley's report was included in the packet. Jenny's MUI report was included in the packet. Caley shared that a 501(c)(4) organization can operate to promote social welfare and exist in many counties to support county boards. Perry County Prosecutor Rugg agrees formation of such a group would be helpful for Together We Can event sponsorships and other efforts to raise funds in the future. Board members shared they would like her to proceed with this. Included in Caley's report was a page about her philosophy for PCBDD. TPE was discussed. Although we do not have the funds to submit a formal application, Caley shared with the Board that we still use this for process improvements and throughout our work here at PCBDD. Kim and Caley met with Auditor householder and some of his staff to go over our budget. They both felt it was helpful for them to understand how Medicaid waivers work and how we pay them. Overall, they both thought it was a very productive meeting. Caley gave a brief update on Funding the Future. Last month, Caley s shared our budget concerns with the Board. On May 15th, SLT met at Caley's house for a day-long review of their ideas to help balance our budget. Caley is theming the findings. Lastly, not her report was the State coming out with some Medicaid fraud prevention. She shared we are collaborating with providers to help them with any needs or concerns they might have.

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. No discussion.

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 not included in the packet but was handed out at the meeting.

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

Res. 2026-05-03

Sky Getty's moved to approve expenditures, as presented. Denise Dupler seconded the motion.

Discussion: Kim went over the financial statements. Medicaid settlement from fiscal year 2024 was received. ODH sent three months of HV payments. Tech Cred reimbursement was received for $16,590. In expenditures, our yearly transfer to MEORC for FSS was completed. Payment was made to Hocking County Board of DD for the EI Therapy pilot program. In the Capital Reserve fund, a payment was made to the PC Commissioners for our bond interest payment. No change in waiver waiting list.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS: None

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

Res. 2026-05-04

Kevin Howell moved to approve the agreement with the New Lexington School District for transportation services for PCBDD's Summer Camp, as presented. Karen Chennells seconded the motion.

Discussion: As one of the transportation options for Summer Camp, New Lexington School District estimated the cost. The cost will not exceed $20,000.00. Caley shared they have five summer campers that want this service over Transit.

Motion Passed by majority vote. (Rachel Barnhart abstained – Denise Dupler voted against)

Res. 2026-05-05

Karen Chennels moved to approve partnering with Southern Local School District as the primary partner for the 21ST Century grant for the 2026-2027 school year. Sky Gettys seconded the motion.

Discussion: This is the fourth year we have been asked to partner with them on this grant. It has been helpful in building a working relationship. There is no cost for our involvement.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

X. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chase Bennett shared that he saw our annual report and thought it was a great read. The Board thanked him for coming to the meeting and taking an interest in what PCBDD does.

Res. 2026-05-06

Karen Chennells moved to adjourn to Executive Session at 5:24 pm to consider personnel matters. Sky Gettys seconded the motion.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

Return from Executive Session at 6:02 pm.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

ADJOURNMENT: Karen Chennells moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:03 pm.

Rachel Barnhart – Board President

Denise Dupler – Board Secretary