

THE PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF DD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
August 19, 2026
Couch Connections Center, 600 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	X	
Fritzie Nitschke		X	X	
Linda Whetstone	X			
Karen Chennells	X			
Sky Gettys	X			

Others in attendance: Caley Boyden, Chrissy Cameron, Jessica Stroup, Shelly Lackey, Chuck Davis, Kim Foreman, Johnna Nash, and Kaylee Banks.

III. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Res. 2026-08-01

Karen Chennells moved to approve the August 19, 2026, regular Board meeting agenda, and any additions, as submitted. Sky Gettys seconded the motion.

Discussion: Roberts Rules of Order stipulate such a motion for each meeting agenda. A handout motion was given to Board members upon arrival.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

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

Res. 2026-08-02

Linda Whetstone moved to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2026, PCBDD regular Board meeting, as presented. Karen Chennells seconded the motion.

Discussion: None

Motion Passed by majority vote.

V. **BOARD REPORTS:**

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

Jenny's MUI report was included in the packet. July's numbers were more average than the previous month. A draft proposal was introduced to DODD on June 24th with a follow-up meeting involving Region 5 Superintendents, SSA Directors, and Business Managers and DODD leadership held on July 31st. Region 5 and DODD have worked through a basic framework, and both parties are interested in moving forward. There is a motion on the

meeting agenda regarding this project. During the Superintendent conference at the end of July, it was shared that this is the direction the entire State of Ohio is moving towards. While sharing needs with MEORC leadership at our annual meeting with them in June, they offered these services due to our fiscal position and unprecedented succession needs in the next year and a half. We will be meeting with MEORC for the Operational Assessment scoping meeting in August. I plan to update the board at monthly meetings and invite any other feedback or participation from board members. Caley shared that we are seeing more challenges to eligibility determinations for county board eligibility. There have been no changes in assessor or tools, but this is becoming a growing trend. Chuck is putting together a committee so we can keep this in-house. Kaylee B. has already completed the training, and Jenna will complete it this week. PCBDD partnered with Perry County Mobility Management on a transportation grant application through the Ohio DD Council (ODDC) for the purpose of increasing and improving transportation options for people with disabilities. If awarded, PCBDD will be responsible for the local match and Mobility Management will administer the grant. Transportation has long been a barrier to community work and life for people with developmental disabilities, especially in rural communities like Perry County, and is in our current strategic plan. This \$50,000 per year (two years) grant will help to expand options locally. There is a motion on the meeting agenda regarding the match for this grant. We also applied for an advocacy grant but found out we were not awarded it. Sky asked if we had a lot of people affected by the flooding. Caley shared we do and we have some staff that we are assisting too.

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 included in the packet. No discussion.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES:

Res. 2026-08-03

Sky Gettys moved to approve the financials, as presented. Karen Chennells seconded the motion.

Discussion: In the operating fund revenues, we received PCJFS TANF reimbursement for ALA, ODH Home Visiting, and Title XIX TCM – Targeted Case Management for April 2026 and November 2025. In the operating fund expenditures, we had a three-pay month, so salaries and Medicare were more. In the supply line, it included EI E&A (Early Intervention Evaluation and Assessment) Grant Test Kit with Access Keys, and in the Community Services line, the final payment to Muskingum Valley Educational Service Center for workforce development was paid. No activity in the Reserve or Capital funds. No questions about the voucher report.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: None

VIII. NEW BUSINESS:

Res. 2026-08-04

Karen Chennells moved to approve the subgrant agreement between Perry County Job and Family Services and the Perry County Board of DD, for the Academy of Leadership Abilities (ALA), effective August 1, 2026, through July 31, 2027, not to exceed \$15,000, as presented. Linda Whetstone seconded the motion.

Discussion: This is an annual agreement whereby JFS supports our ALA classes at Perry County middle schools. They reimburse us for our costs, up to the stipulated amount. This is a reduction of \$20,000 from the prior year but aligns more closely with our actual billing.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

Res. 2026-08-05

Sky Gettys moved to approve the Perry County Board of DD to participate in the project outlined in the Region 5+ and MEORC Regional Waiver Standardization proposal to DODD, as presented. Denise Dupler seconded the motion.

Discussion: After DODD initiated a similar pilot project with 10 counties in southern Ohio, Region 5 Superintendents worked with MEORC to develop our own proposal to take to DODD. After two productive meetings with DODD, Region 5+ Superintendents and DODD would like to move forward. A formal Letter of Support written by MEORC on behalf of Region 5 Superintendents/Board Members was sent to DODD on 8/3/26 with the understanding that approval from individual county boards is needed to continue this work. The letter of support is also included in your packet.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

Res. 2026-08-06

Karen Chennells moved to approve match payment in the amount of \$5,500 per year for two years for the Expansion of Transportation grant, if awarded to Mobility Management. Linda Whetstone seconded the motion.

Discussion: Information regarding this grant was presented in the Superintendent's Report. This grant opportunity provided by the Ohio DD Council is for the purpose of increasing and improving transportation options for people with disabilities. We plan to use the funding to build greater capacity for transportation services for people with developmental disabilities in Perry County overall but with a focus on "after hours" transportation on evenings and weekends. Sky questioned our part as only \$5,500 and Caley shared that yes that is our "match". Karen asked if this was going to assist for evening travel and weekend travel. Caley shared that yes it is designed to help with after-hours travel.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

Res. 2026-08-07

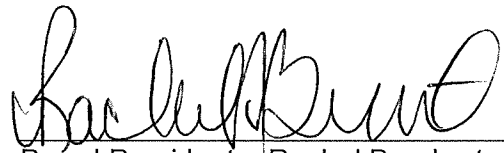
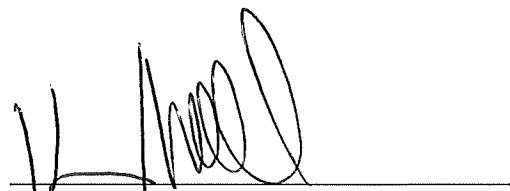
Sky Getty's moved to approve the signing of the Satisfaction of Mortgage for the property at 712 Ridge Avenue, New Lexington, Ohio, 43764 by Superintendent, Caley Boyden, and Board President, Rachel Barnhart. Karen Chennells seconded the motion.

Discussion: This property was purchased primarily with Community Capital Assistance funds from DODD several decades ago. At some point after it was paid in full, ownership of the property was turned over to the resident, a person served by the PCBDD. The person can no longer afford to maintain the home and needs to sell the property. During closing preparations, it was found that PCBDD was on record for having a mortgage on the property, and the property can't be sold until this form is completed. Perry County Prosecutor TJ Rugg reviewed the documents and advised that the Satisfaction of Mortgage be signed by the parties that originally signed the mortgage documents, which were the PCB(MR)DD Superintendent and Board President.

Motion Passed by majority vote.

X. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

XI. **ADJOURNMENT:** Sky Gettys moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:26 pm.


Board President – Rachel Barnhart
Board Secretary – ~~Travis B. B. B.~~