



*"The mission of the Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to:
Inspire, empower, and support individuals and their families."*

ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

4405 Galloway Road, Sandusky, Ohio 44870

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

July 17, 2025

PRESENT

Board Members: David Danhoff, Mark Harrington, Katelyn Miller, Mary Peters, and Stacie Schmid.

ECBDD Staff: Carrie Beier, Rachel Malone, and Michelle Kelley.

VISITORS SIGNED IN

Jennifer Kinney, Felicia Zendejas, and Mike Riggle.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The July 17, 2025, Board Meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. by Vice President, Mr. David Danhoff.

II. ROLL CALL

Roll Call was taken. Eric Kibler was absent excused. All other Board Members were present.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no Public Comment.

V. APPROVAL OF JUNE 26, 2025, MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Katelyn Miller made a motion to approve the June 26, 2025, Board Meeting minutes as submitted. Mrs. Mary Peters seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

VI. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

A. **Ethics Committee Report:** The Ethics Committee did not meet.

B. Finance Committee

1. Finance Committee Report

The June financials were received and reviewed by the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee discussed the following:

- 5 year fiscal forecast and the need for an additional levy in the future
- Then & Now Resolution to the Treasurer State of Ohio
- Transfer of funds to Waiver Fund to cover waiver match

2. Fiscal Report

The Fiscal Report for Month Ending June 30, 2025, was provided for review and approval (handout). Mr. David Danhoff made a motion to approve the June Fiscal Report as submitted. Mr. Mark Harrington seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

3. Treasurer State of Ohio- Then & Now Resolution Resolution #: 07-05-2025

The Erie County Commissioners require a Board **THEN and NOW resolution** for expenses that are being submitted for payment without a previously encumbered purchase order. This **THEN and NOW resolution** confirms that the DD Board had insufficient money in the budget at year end **2024** (THEN) and has sufficient money in the expense line item in **2025** (NOW) to pay this invoice.

RESOLUTION OF THE ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF DD FOR THE PURPOSE OF AUTHORIZING PAYMENT TO TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO.

The Erie County Board of DD met this **17th DAY OF JULY 2025**

Mr. Mark Harrington introduced the following resolution and moved its adoption:

WHEREAS, TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO (reimbursement of July 2024 to June 2025 services (Inv #ERIE FY25 SUP WAV) requires payment for goods and/or services provided; NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE ERIE COUNTY BOARD OF DD:

THAT TREASURER, STATE OF OHIO is herewith approved for payment in the amount of \$577,988.00 (Five hundred, Seventy-Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred and Eighty-Eight dollars and 00/100 Cents) provided for the Erie County Board of DD out of appropriation account #20140-6500-531000 Residential Waiver Services Line.

THAT the Erie County Board of DD hereby finds and determines that all formal actions relative to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board; and that all deliberations of this Board and of its committees, if any, which result in formal action, were taken in meetings open to the public, in full compliance with the applicable legal requirements of the Revised Code.

Mrs. Katelyn Miller seconded the motion for the adoption of said resolution; and the roll being called upon its adoption, the vote resulted as follows:

David Danhoff	AYE
Mark Harrington	AYE
Katelyn Miller	AYE
Mary Peters	AYE
Stacie Schmid	AYE

Adopted: YES

C. Policy Committee Report:

Mrs. Katelyn Miller reported that the Policy Committee reviewed the following policies in July:

- Title XX Policy (reviewed, no revisions)
- Help Me Grow Home Visiting Policy (reviewed and revised)
- Family Directed Resources Policy (reviewed and revised)

The Title XX Policy was reviewed only and does not require Board approval.

The Help Me Grow Home Visiting Policy and the Family Directed Resources Policy were revised, and the Policy Committee recommended Board approval. Mrs. Katelyn Miller made a motion to approve these policies as revised. Mrs. Stacie Schmid seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

VII. DEPARTMENT REPORTS

A. Strategic Plan Report Mid-Year 2025

The Strategic Plan Report mid-year for 2025 was distributed and Carrie Beier reviewed the report (handout).

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. State of Ohio Budget Update- Legislative Update

See Superintendent Report for information reported.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Kiwanis/Aktion Club Donation

Mr. Mark Harrington made a motion to approve the Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities use donated funds to support the Sandusky Kiwanis Aktion Club up to the amount of \$2,500.00. These funds would be used for Aktion Club program needs and other related expenses, upon receipt of request by the Sandusky Kiwanis Aktion Club. Mrs. Stacie Schmid seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

B. Clark Scholarship Program Donation

Mrs. Katelyn Miller made a motion to approve the Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities use donated funds to make a donation to the Clark Scholarship Program at Firelands BGSU up to the amount of \$5,000.00, earmarked for Erie County resident program needs, upon receipt of request by Firelands BGSU.

Mrs. Mary Peters seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

C. August Board Meeting

Mr. Mark Harrington made a motion to cancel the August 21, 2025, Board Meeting. Mr. David Danhoff seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed.

X. SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

- Carrie Beier attended the following in-person/virtual/remote meetings, training, and activities: Ohio Provider Resource Association Provider Friday Five's virtual meeting, Erie County FCFC Executive Committee meeting, Blue Ribbon Final Community Meeting, Adults Intensive Care Needs Supt. Committee, OACB System Funding meeting, Superintendent Exec. Assoc. Meeting, and SEC Superintendent OACB Committee.
- **Media/Public Relations:**
 - Sandusky Register (handout):
 - *Fourth of July celebration was a hit*- July 5-6, 2025
 - *A fulfilling day with the self-advocates*- July 16, 2025
- **Personnel:** We are still looking for candidates for our EI Speech and Language Pathologist position. We are reviewing candidates for our open SSA position.
- **Blue Ribbon Commission of Erie County:** Attached (see handout) you will find the final Blue Ribbon Commission Report. If interested, the Report Appendices can be found on the website:
<https://www.eriecounty.oh.gov/BlueRibbonCommission.aspx>
- **OACB: Legislative Update:**

Governor Mike DeWine announced the formation of the Property Tax Reform Working Group on Thursday morning. The members, who will serve as co-chairs, are former-legislators **Pat Tiberi**, a former Congressman and current President of the Ohio Business Roundtable, and **Bill Seitz**, who retired from the General Assembly at the end of last year.

Governor DeWine explicitly called out services provided by county boards of DD as a necessary function that needs to be adequately funded, while acknowledging the impact rising property taxes have had on Ohio families.

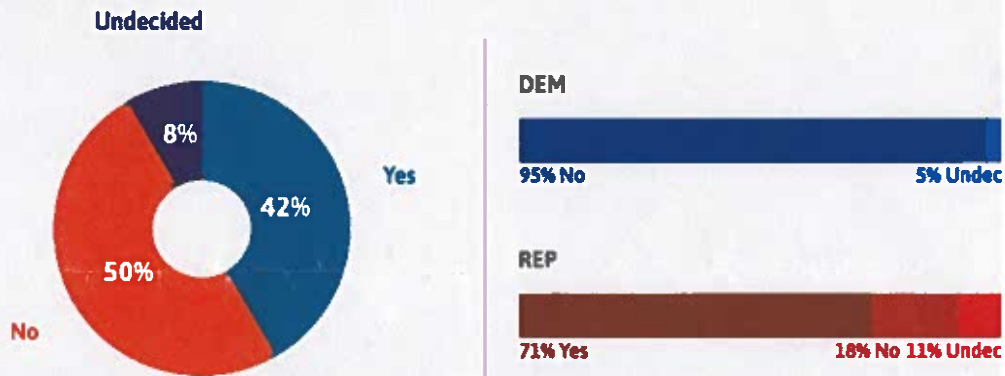
The governor's working group will meet to discuss how to provide property relief to taxpayers while also making sure to appropriately fund necessary local entities. The group must issue a report with concrete proposals by September 30, 2025.

There is an upcoming special meeting of the state legislature on July 21st overriding of the Governors' vetoes in the State Biennium Budget. I will be reaching out again to all our legislators to ask them **not to override** Veto # 55-Section 5705.32.35: Empowering County board budget commissions (CBC's) to reduce millage on any voter-approved tax levy aside from a debt levy if the commissioners find it "reasonable and necessary or prudent" to "avoid

unnecessary, excessive, or unneeded property tax collections.” OACB has provided information and talking points.

Question 1

Will you vote to override the governor's line-item vetoes on property tax-related items?



Source: Gongwer-Werth Legislative Opinion Poll, based on 48 respondents from 07/08/25 to 07/09/25

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LEGISLATIVE OPINION POLL

A recent Gongwer-Werth Legislative Opinion Poll showed that 48 responding lawmakers are split on overriding the governor's vetoes on property tax items. 50% claim they will vote "No" to override the veto, 42% claim they will vote "Yes" and 8% claim to be "Undecided."

Notably, 95% of Democrat respondents expressed they would vote "No" to the override, whereas only 71% Republican respondents stated they would vote "Yes." 18% of Republican respondents claimed they will vote "No" and 11% are still "Undecided." These margins express the importance of county board advocacy with legislators over the next few weeks, as the House needs 60 votes to override the governor's veto. The Senate needs 20 votes.

County boards remain opposed to measures that would result in a reduction of services for people with developmental disabilities and their families. OACB will provide an update to superintendents on how to engage with legislators and reinforce the importance of sustaining the governor's vetoes.

- **DODD:** On June 6th, Lindsey Nash, was named the Interim Director of the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities. We hope the Governor will be appointing the next Director soon.

- **Misc:**

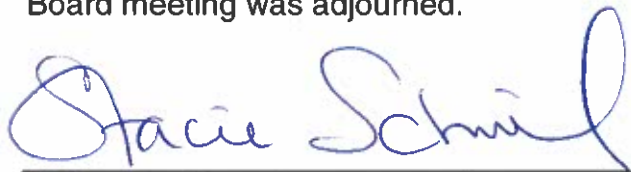
- Board Member Information Sessions: Carrie will continue to hold Board Member informational sessions throughout the year to educate and inform those who may want to support the Board and its mission by serving as a board member. We had one attendee at the July session. Next sessions are scheduled for 8/12 and 9/16.
- ECBDD Staff will be volunteering at the Ironman event on July 20, 2025, in downtown Sandusky. We are partnering with Erie Co. JFS to staff the bike transition area.
- Felicia Zendejas has been appointed to the State Workforce Committee. The first meeting was held the week of 7/14/25.

XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

There was no Executive Session.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mark Harrington made a motion to adjourn the Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. Mrs. Katelyn Miller seconded the motion. With all members in favor, the motion passed and the July Board meeting was adjourned.



Recording Secretary



Date