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## REGULAR MEETING Minutes September 25, 2025

**Members Present:** Dean Fadel; Katherine Kelly; Michael Underwood; Karen Wilkins

**Members Excused:** Gene Harshaw; Becky Swartz

**Members Virtual:** Marci Straughter

**Staff Present:** Dot Yeager; Angie Franke; Gwynn Kinsel; Larry Macintosh; Amy Magginis; Joe Petrarca; Elizabeth Roberto; Jennifer Schueneman

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The Regular meeting of the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities was called to order by Board President Dean Fadel.

### MINUTES

Ms. Kelly moved to approve the regular meeting minutes held on July 24, 2025, second by Ms. Wilkins. (Vote of Yes: Kelly; Straughter; Wilkins; Fadel; Underwood abstained) Motion carried unanimously.

### Agency Updates by Superintendent/CEO Dot Yeager

#### Budget, Finance and Human Resources

Superintendent/CEO Dot Yeager provided an update on the agency finances for the current reporting periods of July and August, 2025. Through the end of August we are at 90% of revenue for the year, due to the second half of real-estate tax receipts at the end of August. Our expenditures are as expected at 67%. The 2026 Budget has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget, we have had one review session, next it will go to the County Administrator and others. Ultimately, we expect the budget to pass in December, 2025. Our 2023 Cost Report, filed with the State of Ohio is being reviewed by the Auditor of State. Larry Macintosh, Director of Administrative and Support Services and Jennifer Schueneman, Director of Fiscal Services are the lead staff working on the report.

Superintendent Yeager shared the Human Resources report for the month of July and August, 2025. There is a lot of activity especially with School and Transportation Staff during the month of August. Director of HR David Ott announced his plans to retire as of January 2026, after 35 years in the field. He started off at OOD, after working for DODD and Montgomery County, he has been with Franklin County DD for 9 years. We wish David well on his retirement and we are actively recruiting the replacement for the Human Resources Director. Our Combined Charitable Campaign has kicked off; we are grateful for Anne Albrecht being willing to lead that on behalf of the agency. Anne is the Administrative Assistant to Kathy Lawton, Director of Early Childhood Education. Looking forward to fun and interesting activities to encourage folks

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614-451-6418

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1650 Watermark Dr.  
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614-342-5490

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to contribute to the campaign. Negotiations are ongoing with the OAPSE, the union that represents our bus drivers and bus assistants. That contract expires at the end of this year.

## **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT**

### **Advocacy**

#### **Blue Envelope**

Franklin County DD has teamed up with the Southern Ohio Council of Governments (SOCOG) to launch the **Blue Envelope Program** in Franklin County. The program makes it easier for people with developmental disabilities to convey basic information during interactions with law enforcement and emergency personnel. The program packets include the Blue Envelope, Blue Envelope Car Decal, and Blue Envelope Wallet Card. Blue Envelope packets are available during regular business hours at Franklin County DD, 2879 Johnstown Rd, and at Franklin County DD Service Coordination, 1600 Watermark Dr. The program is free at participating county boards to anyone with a developmental disability. Special thanks to Rita Price, Communications Coordinator for getting the word out.

#### **Self-Advocate Advisory Council (SAAC)**

The August 21 meeting of the SAAC featured a presentation by Jake Dowling from the Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) and lots of interactive questions on state and federal legislation. Sean Patterson, Franklin County DD Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Coordinator, presented last week on 'Belonging'. It was very interactive and much appreciated.

#### **Save the Date: Trunk or Treat**

The second annual Trunk or Treat will take place at 2879 Johnstown Road on October 29, 2025. Last year over 500 people attended the "disability friendly" event. Please contact Ryan Phillips, Director of Communications, Advocacy and Community Relations at 614-342-5984 or [ryan.phillips@fcbdd.org](mailto:ryan.phillips@fcbdd.org) with any questions.

### **Community Survey**

The Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities is asking for the community's feedback. Our annual community survey is brief and anonymous, but very important: Responses will help us know how we are doing and identify ways to improve. The survey also helps guide the development of our annual action plan, which will be shared with the public. People receiving services, parents or guardians, direct-service providers and partner agencies are encouraged to take a few minutes to provide their input. The community survey is not intended for Franklin County DD staff, who will receive a separate survey at a later time. The deadline to complete the survey is Oct. 17, 2025. For assistance with language or other accommodations, including to request a printed copy of the survey, community members can contact Ryan Phillips, Director of Communications, Advocacy and Community Relations by email at [ryan.phillips@fcbdd.org](mailto:ryan.phillips@fcbdd.org). So far we have almost 400 responses.

#### **Guardianship Services Board (GSB) update**

GSB Board Vice Chair Bob Ryan and GSB Executive Director Melissa Messina will provide an update on the work of the Guardianship Services Board at the Board Committee meeting on September 25, 2025. Bob Ryan, parent of a person-served, was appointed to the Guardianship Services Board, as Franklin County DD's representative, beginning in January, 2022, succeeding Fred Cloppert, whose term ended in December, 2021.

#### **Provider Fair held on Sept. 2:**

The annual Provider and Resource Fair was held on September 2, 2025 at Kasich Hall at the Ohio State Fairgrounds. In addition to over 100 providers, 50 resource organizations were on hand to

support people served and their families. Hundreds were in attendance. Over 80 Franklin County DD staff supported the event.

**David Ott Announces Retirement Plans:**

After over 35 years of dedicated service on behalf of people with developmental disabilities, David Ott, Director of Human Resources for Franklin County DD, has announced his retirement, to be effective in January 2026. Before joining Franklin County DD in 2016, David worked for Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) and then with the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities (DODD). The search for the next Director of Human Resources will begin later this month.

**City of Dublin has approved the “All In” Apartments**

The ‘All In’ community will have residents that comprise 25% of individuals with developmental disabilities, 40% older/elderly residents and the rest of the community will be in the work force. Plans are to open in 2027. HUD Section 811 funding would be involved in the units for individuals with disabilities. This is an organization that has been growing for several years. President Dean Fadel interjected that it is a great concept – the key is to get ALL of the residents interacting. It is an ‘intentional’ community.

**RESOLUTIONS**

*(Due to virtual attendance of a board member, it is required to conduct a roll-call vote for each resolution).*

- a. Mr. Underwood moved to ratify bill payments approved by the Superintendent as presented to the Finance Committee on September 25, 2025, second by Ms. Kelly. (Vote of Yes: Kelly; Straughter; Underwood; Wilkins; Fadel) Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Ms. Wilkins moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew agreement with the Epilepsy Alliance Ohio for counseling, referral and counseling services in an amount not to exceed \$32,000 for the period from January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, second by Ms. Straughter. (Vote of Yes: Kelly; Straughter; Underwood; Wilkins; Fadel) Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Ms. Wilkins moved to authorize Superintendent to renew agreement with Best Buddies Citizens program in the amount of \$20,000 for the period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, second by Mr. Underwood. (Vote of Yes: Kelly; Straughter; Underwood; Wilkins; Fadel) Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Mr. Underwood moved to authorize Superintendent to renew agreement with OSU Chabad House for inclusive simulated learning environment at Lifestown, not to exceed \$50,000 for the period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, second by Ms. Kelly. (Vote of Yes: Kelly; Straughter; Underwood; Wilkins; Fadel) Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Ms. Wilkins moved to authorize Superintendent to renew an agreement with OSU Chabad House for opioid education services not to exceed \$17,000 for the period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, second by Ms. Wilkins. (Vote of Yes: Kelly; Straughter; Underwood; Wilkins; Fadel) Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Ms. Wilkins moved to amend the early intervention agreement dated December 30, 2024 with Nationwide Childrens Hospital to extend the agreement until June 30, 2026, and accordingly revise the amount from \$402,300 to \$603,450, second by Ms. Straughter. (Vote of Yes: Kelly; Straughter; Underwood; Wilkins; Fadel) Motion carried unanimously.

- g. Mr. Underwood moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew leases for space with CDCFC (Headstart) at the following locations: Early Childhood Education and Family Center at Johnstown Road (6,540 square feet/ 4 classrooms); Early Childhood Learning Community on Rudy Road (6,540 square feet/ 4 classrooms); and Northeast Center (3 classrooms at \$6.00/ square foot), for a three year period beginning August 1, 2025 and ending on July 31, 2028 at a price of \$6.00 per square foot at Northeast Center and \$2.57 per square foot at ECEFC and ECLC, respectively, on an annual basis, second by Ms. Wilkins. (Vote of Yes: Kelly; Straughter; Underwood; Wilkins; Fadel) Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Ms. Wilkins moved to authorize Superintendent to go to bid for snow removal, second by Mr. Underwood. (Vote of Yes: Kelly; Straughter; Underwood; Wilkins; Fadel) Motion carried unanimously.
- i. Ms. Wilkins moved to approve Megan Middleton, who currently serves as Assistant Director of Home Based and Early Intervention, under the Administrative Specialist License, effective July 1, 2025, second by Ms. Kelly. (Vote of Yes: Kelly; Straughter; Underwood; Wilkins; Fadel) Motion carried unanimously.
- j. Ms. Wilkins moved to approve the hire of Kimberly Pettit to the position of Special Education Coordinator, under the Administrative Specialist License, for an initial two-year period, effective July 1, 2025, second by Mr. Underwood. (Vote of Yes: Kelly; Straughter; Underwood; Wilkins; Fadel) Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS** – none

**NEW BUSINESS** – none

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Board Member Marci Straughter is looking forward to attending the Synergy Conference on October 3-5 at Kalahari. Marci shared she just got a new job at Bath and Body Works.

**HEARING OF THE PUBLIC:** Self-Advocate Christine Brown also is planning to attend Synergy. She is “synergized” and ready to have some fun. Christine shared that the US House and Senate vetoed defunding Special Education programs such as UCCED and DRO. However, this is not done until 110 signed, there is a waiting period. She heard that President Trump wants to defund DEI, there have been 10,000 calls per day to U.S. elected officials. On February 1, 2026, for any individual in a congregate settings, the daily billing unit rate shifts in billing. There will be a change from ODDP and AAI to IntelRAI assessment. Each county will test out the new instrument and how it affects the ‘ranges’ and how it relates to shared living. Any significant range changes need to be evaluated. We will fight to be sure that no one has their services cut drastically due to the new assessment. Christine is hoping to have DODD come and talk about adding the Support Broker to the IO Waiver in January. Maureen Corcoran is retiring in October. Governor DeWine has had to replace 3 Directors (Jeff Davis, Kim Hauck, Maureen Corcoran). Lyndsay Nash is still interim Director of DODD.

Respectfully submitted,

*Karen Wilkins*  
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Secretary

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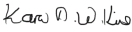
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