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REGULAR MEETING
Minutes
October 23, 2025

Members Present: Dean Fadel; Gene Harshaw; Katherine Kelly; Marci Straughter Becky Swartz

Members Excused: Michael Underwood

Members Virtual: Karen Wilkins

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

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

MINUTES

Ms. Wilkins moved to approve the regular meeting minutes held on September 25, 2025, second by Ms. Straughter. (Vote of Yes: Harshaw; Kelly; Straughter; Swartz; Wilkins; Fadel) 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 period of September 2025. Revenue is at 90% and expenditures are at 71% which is on target for expectations. She reviewed the annual single audit for federal expenditures for Franklin County: with no findings. Currently underway, is the 2023 Cost Report audit conducted by the Auditor of State for the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.

Superintendent Yeager shared the Human Resources report for the month of September, 2025. We are gearing up for open enrollment for health insurance coverage during the month of November. We are in the second year of our 2 year agreement with Med Mutual for the various insurance options without increase in premiums due to multi-year coverage. The agency is participating in the county-wide combined charitable campaign. We are grateful that the campaign coordinator for Franklin County DD is Anne Albrecht from Early Childhood Education.

Table with 6 columns: Early Childhood & Family Center, Early Childhood Learning Community, Intake, Service Coordination, Transportation, West Central School. Each column lists address and phone number.

24-hour abuse, neglect and emergency line: 614 464-2743

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

Advocacy

Self-Advocate Advisory Council (SAAC)

The October 16 meeting of the SAAC featured a well-received presentation by Holly Jones from DODD on wellness.

Trunk or Treat on October 29 at Johnstown Road

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 with any questions. We may be adding to the treat idea, recognizing that SNAP benefits may not be available as of November 1. We may ask for non-perishable food items to be given as well.

Project STIR training, November 4-6

The Ohio Self Determination Association and Franklin County DD invite local residents with developmental disabilities and their allies to attend Project Stir, a three-day training focused on advocacy, leadership and self-empowerment. Led by people with developmental disabilities, the event helps participants learn to speak up for themselves, solve problems, plan for the future and take more control over their lives. Attendees with a disability are urged to bring an ally to participate in the training along with them at no additional cost. An ally can be staff, family or even an SSA, and can support more than one person. Please contact Crystal Schneider by email at Crystal.Schneider@fcbdd.org or by phone at 614-342-5545 with questions.

Synergy was held October 3-5 at Kalahari

The sessions at this conference are the best at having people with developmental disabilities co-present alongside professionals. Franklin County DD Vice President Marci Straughter, Service Coordination Supervisor Annie Rensi, Ryan Phillips and I joined over 900 attendees from across the state. Board Member Gene Harshaw and several other Franklin County self-advocates were there, including Christine Brown, Nick Comstock, Max Damron, Zayne Harshaw, Samantha Perry, Kyle Pigman and Steve Segal. Superintendent Yeager met with a self-advocate this week in conjunction with the Synergy event.

Columbus City Council

Columbus City Council passed a resolution declaring October as Disability Employment Awareness month. Self-Advocate Christine Brown and Superintendent/CEO Dot Yeager attended the meeting.

OACB Annual Convention – November 19-21

The OACB Annual Convention is scheduled from November 19-21 at the Easton Hilton, 3900 Chagrin Drive. Board members can let Amy Magginis know if planning to attend by email at amy.magginis@fcbdd.org or by phone at 614-342-5950. Registration deadline is November 11.

OhioISP

Franklin County DD exceeded expectations for the electronic submission of the OhioISP submitted to the state. To date over 5,900+ (96%) ISPs have been transmitted, which is the highest in the state of Ohio. Director of Service Coordination Lee Childs and Director of Administrative Support Services Larry Macintosh and their staff have put much effort into this project.

ADAMH on ballot

ADAMH will be on the November ballot, asking for a 10 year levy adding \$1.46/month for every \$100,000 of property value.

RESOLUTIONS

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

- a. Ms. Straughter moved to ratify bill payments approved by the Superintendent as presented to the Finance Committee on October 23, 2025, second by Ms. Swartz. (Vote of Yes: Harshaw; Kelly; Straughter; Swartz; Wilkins; Fadel) Motion carried unanimously.
- b. Ms. Straughter moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with the YMCA of Central Ohio for early intervention services, not to exceed the amount of \$200,632, for the period beginning November 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2026, second by Ms. Swartz. (Vote of Yes: Harshaw; Kelly; Straughter; Swartz; Wilkins; Fadel) Motion carried unanimously.
- c. Ms. Wilkins moved to authorize the Superintendent to renew a contract with ARC Industries for adult services participants who are not enrolled on a waiver and for other value-added services for a period beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2026, not to exceed the amount of \$11,295,192, second by Ms. Swartz. (Vote of Yes: Harshaw; Kelly; Straughter; Swartz; Wilkins; Fadel) Motion carried unanimously.
- d. Ms. Wilkins moved to authorize the Superintendent to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) cooperative purchasing program, for a two-year period, second by Ms. Swartz. (Vote of Yes: Harshaw; Kelly; Straughter; Swartz; Wilkins; Fadel) Motion carried unanimously.
- e. Ms. Wilkins moved to approve Board Policy #4.5 - Mentoring, second by Ms. Straughter. (Vote of Yes: Harshaw; Kelly; Straughter; Swartz; Wilkins; Fadel) Motion carried unanimously.
- f. Ms. Swartz moved to authorize the Superintendent to enter into agreement with Mid-Ohio Psychological Services, Inc. (MOPS) for psychological evaluation services for a period beginning November 1, 2025 through December 31, 2026, for evaluation and related services based on the proposed fee schedule dated September 2025, second by Ms. Straughter. (Vote of Yes: Harshaw; Kelly; Straughter; Swartz; Wilkins; Fadel) Motion carried unanimously.
- g. Ms. Straughter moved to re-appoint Bob Ryan to the Guardianship Services Board (GSB) for a four-year term, beginning January, 2026, second by Ms. Swartz. (Vote of Yes: Harshaw; Kelly; Straughter; Swartz; Wilkins; Fadel) Motion carried unanimously.
- h. Ms. Wilkins moved to authorize Superintendent to approve the ARC Vehicle Lease agreement, second by Ms. Swartz. (Vote of Yes: Harshaw; Kelly; Straughter; Swartz; Wilkins; Fadel) Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: none

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Ms. Straughter moved to authorize the Superintendent to approve out-of-state travel for Amy Comford, Principal of West Central School, to attend the ATIA (Assistive Technology Industry Association) annual conference in Orlando, Florida from January 29 to January 31, 2026, and reimburse hotel and travel expenses not to exceed \$1,000.00, according to Board Policy 5.7, Staff Travel Reimbursement, second by Ms. Wilkins. (Vote of Yes: Harshaw; Kelly; Straughter; Swartz; Wilkins; Fadel) Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Ms. Wilkins moved to authorize the Superintendent to accept bids from Greenscapes for snow removal for Quadrants A, C, and D (five buildings) at various unit prices per service (calcium bags, shoveling time, plowing time, salt per ton) for two seasons beginning October 24, 2025 through September 30, 2027, with the option to renew for three additional one-year periods, second by Ms. Kelly. (Vote of Yes: Harshaw; Kelly; Straughter; Swartz; Wilkins; Fadel) Motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Board Member Marci Straughter announced that individuals are needed for video/interviews related to technology that they successfully use. Contact Marci for details.

HEARING OF THE PUBLIC: none

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Wilkins
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Secretary

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