Scioto County Developmental Disabilities
Board Meeting
@ The Carousel Center
Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 5:00 PM
Minutes

The Board will offer a moment of silence for SCDD service recipients who made a long-lasting impact and will be deeply missed. Billy White, passed away peacefully on September 24, 2025. He was known for his unwavering work ethic, joyful spirit, and love of county music. Eric Kratzer II, passed away on September 26, 2025. Eric loved to go to church, watch derbys, and especially loved his Ohio State Buckeyes. He was the beloved grandson of 2024 SCDD retiree Alma Whitt. Ashley Lavey passed away October 11, 2025. She was a Vern Riffe School Class of 2016 graduate. She loved cheerleading for Special Olympics, getting her hair and nails done, and had a joyful spirit that everyone loved. SCDD extends sincere condolences to their families, friends, and all who knew them.

1. ***Prayer & Pledge*:** Cindy Murray offered the prayer, and Jon Peters led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. ***Roll Call*:** Present were Board President Michael Arnett, Vice President Anthony Mantell, Ellen Murray, Adrienne Buckler-Callihan, and Jon Peters. William Adams and Cindy Gibson were both absent.

3. ***Agenda:*** No changes as presented.

4. ***Minutes*:** The Board voted on the regular Board Meeting Minutes conducted on September 18, 2025. Peters made the motion to approve the Minutes, and it was seconded by Murray. The motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

5. ***Expenses and Fiscal Report*:** Finance Director Steve Sowkulech reporting. Sowkulech reported the year-to-date starting cash balance as of 9/30/25 was slightly over $4.1 million. Following expenses of $11.4 million and revenue of $10.7 million, the ending balance was $3,551,765.06. Mantell made the motion to approve the written and oral report, and it was seconded by Buckler-Callihan. The motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

6. ***Superintendent's Report*:** Superintendent Matt Purcell reporting. Purcell explained that he is working with a group through the Association of County Boards on funding mechanisms at the State level. He explained that although there is a hardship rule in existence, there is no hardship fund. Purcell mentioned there are three county boards currently that have asked to receive assistance totaling approximately 3.6 million dollars. Purcell stated the purpose of this group is to determine how to distribute said funds. Purcell reported that himself and the Directors have continued to work on the SCDD cost containment plan. Purcell is currently looking into assistance with two pieces of the School Aged Programs, therapies and transportation. Purcell went on to notify the Board that Choice Housing, which handles the capital investments/ improvements for housing for the agency, is now under new leadership. It is being managed/directed by Pamela Combs. Purcell announced that SCDD has received official notification that it has received the three-year accreditation. He will meet with each department in the future to personally thank staff for all their efforts and the work they do

everyday. He notified the Board that the evaluation tool for Superintendent will be given next month.

7. ***Program Reports***: President Arnett thanked the Directors for providing their reports, which included informative and valuable information regarding their programs. Mantell asked Catie Metzler about the referral process. Murray asked Chad Phipps about the number of individuals served by his department. Metzler and Phipps explained the increase in individuals served and the Board thanked the directors for their efforts.

8. ***Committee Reports***:
A. **Ethics Council**, *Adrienne Buckler-Callihan, Chair.* The Council met at 4:45 P.M. prior to meeting to discuss one direct service contract. As there were no conflicts, Buckler-Callihan made the motion to approve the contract, and it was seconded by Murray. The motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.
B. **Personnel/Finance Committee,** *Anthony Mantell, Chair.* The Committee met on October 7, 2025, at 3:15P.M. at VRS Room 101 to discuss cost containment measures, additional measures for the future, and school district opportunities. Mantell recommended to the Board to freeze indefinitely Policy 03.05.03 Reimbursement of Expenses Section C. Meal Expenses and Policy 03.05.17 Education Reimbursement. The Board agreed to vote consecutively on both items. Mantell made the motion to approve the recommendation, and it was seconded by Peters. The motion carried in a unanimous roll call vote.

9. ***Old Business***: A Board In-service training followed the meeting. Kelly Rossler, Executive Director of the Southern Ohio Council of Governments, presented on the services offered by SOCOG and COGs relationships with County Boards.

10. ***New Business***: None

11. ***Other***: None

12. ***Comments from the Floor***: Speakers are required to state their name and address for the record. Additional speaking rules are on the back of the public agenda. There were no comments from the floor.

13. ***Adjournment:*** Peters made the motion to adjourn at 5:22 PM and it was seconded by Murray. The motion carried in a unanimous vote.

Respectfully Submitted by:
Cindy Gibson, Recording Secretary

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Minutes Prepared by:
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