

**GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

April 15th, 2026
Board Meeting Minutes



**GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

Board Meeting Agenda

April 15, 2026

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** 6:03pm
 - a. Roll Call 2026 Board
 - b. Approval of Minutes from March, 2026
 - c. Donations:
- II. **Financials:**
 - a. Financial Statement Review: March
 - b. Financial Transactions and Voucher Approvals: March
- III. **New Business:**
 - a. Approvals:
 - i. Ethics Approval
 - ii. The Metzenbaum Foundation
 - iii. LFSA Approval
 - iv. Agency Calendar
 - b. Board Status Reports/Program Reports:
 - c. Issues:
 - i. Replacing Superintendent
 - ii. Administrative Resolution of Complaint
- IV. **General Announcements:**
- V. **Other Business-Comments from the floor:**
- VI. **Executive Session:** 6:30pm
 - a. Pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) To consider the employment of a public employee.
- VII. **Adjournment:** 7:29pm
Next Board Meeting: May 20, 2026

GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

April 15, 2026

April, 15 2026 Board Meeting

a. Roll Call 2026 Board

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Bennett	Here	Absent
Mrs. Keiper	Here	Absent
Mr. Lair	Here	Absent
Mr. Mann	Here	Absent
Mr. Miller	Here	Absent
Mr. Sanchez	Here	Absent
Mr. Welty	Here	Absent



BOARD PRESIDENT April 15, 2026

GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

April 15, 2026

Resolution: 26-20(A)

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the March 18, 2026 Board meeting minutes.

MOTION: *Mr. Miller*

SECOND: *Mrs. Bennett*

DISCUSSION:

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Bennett	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Abstain	Mr. Miller	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Abstain
Mrs. Keiper	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Abstain	Mr. Sanchez	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Abstain
Mr. Lair	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Abstain	Mr. Welty	<input type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Abstain
Mr. Mann	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Abstain				



BOARD PRESIDENT April 15, 2026

GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
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April 15, 2026

Resolution: 26-02(D)


BE IT RESOLVED to accept the donations to the program. On behalf of the Board, the Superintendent is directed to deposit these funds in the accounts specified. Also, he is directed to forward a letter of thanks and appreciation to each donor.

<u>Donor:</u>	<u>Gift:</u>	<u>Use:</u>
Jim and Kathy Bohn	house furniture	In memory of Jackie Wallace for general use

MOTION: Mr. Lair
SECOND: Mr. Sanchez

DISCUSSION:

ROLL CALL:					
Mrs. Bennett	Yes	No Abstain	Mr. Miller	Yes	No Abstain
Mrs. Keiper	Yes	No Abstain	Mr. Sanchez	Yes	No Abstain
Mr. Lair	Yes	No Abstain	Mr. Welty	Yes	No Abstain
Mr. Mann	Yes	No Abstain			



BOARD PRESIDENT April 15, 2026

**GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

RESOLUTION # 26- 5- (B)

Financial Transactions

March, 2026

Be it resolved that the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities at its board meeting dated 4/15/2026 approved the following purchase order certifications and financial transactions for the General Operating, Donation, Residential, and Construction Funds (accounts with no activity not shown).

Operating Fund (2027)

Payroll and Related Encumbrances:

<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Pay Dates:</u> 3/13/2026,3/27/2026
501 - Salaries	\$ 284,996.47	
502 - Medicare	\$ 3,990.31	
504 - PERS	\$ 38,667.40	
505 - Workers Comp	\$ -	
506 - Unemployment	\$ -	
507 - STRS	\$ 1,117.00	
	<u>\$ 328,771.18</u>	

Purchase Orders:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Number</u>
ARGENTO, SHARON L	2063	\$ 12,000.00	Transportation	2026-00001974
GEAUGA COUNTY BLANKET	2027	\$ 35,880.12	Other Expenses	2026-00001948
KATZENSTEIN, ROBYN	2063	\$ 10,000.00	Transportation	2026-00002095
THE METZENBAUM FOUND	2063	\$ 20,000.00	Emergency Staff Grant	2026-00002081

\$ 77,880.12

MOTION:

Mr. Lair

SECOND:

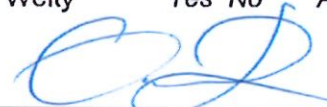
Mrs. Bennett

DISCUSSION:

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Bennett Yes No Abstain
 Mrs. Kelper Yes No Abstain
 Mr. Lair Yes No Abstain
 Mr. Mann Yes No Abstain

Mr. Miller Yes No Abstain
 Mr. Sanchez Yes No Abstain
 Mr. Welty Yes No Abstain



 President

BY OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE BOARD

4/15/2026

**GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

RESOLUTION # 26- 6- (B)

Voucher Approval - March, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED to confirm the payment of Voucher Schedule
4,712,885.48

26 6 - O with expenditures totaling

ACCOUNT	CY 2025 APPROP	EXPENDITURES			APPROP BALANCE	PERCENT EXPENDED
		BEGINNING 03/01/26	PERIOD 3/1/2026-3/31/2026	YTD		
503 Hospitalization	981,000.00	146,660.20	73,010.30	219,670.50	761,329.50	22%
601 Contract Services	353,277.03	65,816.39	16,418.80	82,235.19	271,041.84	23%
608 Software Services	85,000.00	36,635.44	2,120.00	38,755.44	46,244.56	46%
701 Materials and Supplies	190,250.00	5,237.22	9,109.08	14,346.30	175,903.70	8%
801 Equipment	113,000.00	5,325.60	707.65	6,033.25	106,966.75	5%
901 Other	453,132.16	86,694.92	76,277.27	162,972.19	290,159.97	36%
902 Travel	82,439.72	6,022.19	3,949.90	9,972.09	72,467.63	12%
903 Advertising	100,000.00	-	16,495.00	16,495.00	83,505.00	16%
908 Utilities	190,000.00	14,738.47	14,797.48	29,535.95	160,464.05	16%
940 Lease Expenses	437,285.00	14,548.46	-	14,548.46	422,736.54	3%
999 Transfers Out	12,527,400.00	-	4,500,000.00	4,500,000.00	8,027,400.00	36%
TOTAL	15,512,783.91	381,678.89	4,712,885.48	5,094,564.37	10,418,219.54	33%

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to confirm the payment of Voucher Schedule 26 6 - D with expenditures totaling

ACCOUNT	CY 2025 APPROP	EXPENDITURES			APPROP BALANCE	PERCENT EXPENDED
		BEGINNING 03/01/26	PERIOD 3/1/2026-3/31/2026	YTD		
901 Other Expenses	149,387.68	-	-	-	149,387.68	0%
TOTAL	149,387.68	-	-	-	149,387.68	0%

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to confirm the payment of Voucher Schedule 26 6 - R with expenditures totaling
239,274.42

ACCOUNT	CY 2025 APPROP	EXPENDITURES			APPROP BALANCE	PERCENT EXPENDED
		BEGINNING 03/01/26	PERIOD 3/1/2026-3/31/2026	YTD		
601 Service Contracts	8,160.00	418,665.22	239,274.42	657,939.64	(649,779.64)	8063%
TOTAL	8,160.00	418,665.22	239,274.42	657,939.64	(649,779.64)	8063%

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to confirm the payment of Voucher Schedule 26 6 - C with expenditures totaling

ACCOUNT	CY 2025 APPROP	EXPENDITURES			APPROP BALANCE	PERCENT EXPENDED
		BEGINNING 03/01/26	PERIOD 3/1/2026-3/31/2026	YTD		
601 Service Contracts	12,271,666.40	36,127.79	-	36,127.79	12,235,538.61	0%
TOTAL	12,271,666.40	36,127.79	-	36,127.79	12,235,538.61	0%

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to confirm the payment of Voucher Schedule 26 6 - F with expenditures totaling

ACCOUNT	CY 2025 APPROP	EXPENDITURES			APPROP BALANCE	PERCENT EXPENDED
		BEGINNING 03/01/26	PERIOD 3/1/2026-3/31/2026	YTD		
999 Transfers Out	200,000.00	-	-	-	200,000.00	0%
TOTAL	200,000.00	-	-	-	200,000.00	N/A

MOTION: *Mr. Mann*
SECOND: *Mr. Sanchez*
DISCUSSION:

Roll Call:

Mrs. Bennett Yes No Abstain
Mrs. Kelper Yes No Abstain
Mr. Lair Yes No Abstain
Mr. Mann Yes No Abstain

Mr. Miller Yes No Abstain
Mr. Sanchez Yes No Abstain
Mr. Welty Yes No Abstain


President

BY OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE BOARD

4/15/2026

GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

April 15, 2026

Resolution: 26-22(A)

WHEREAS, the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities (GCBDD) previously entered into a contract with the Metzenbaum Foundation to administer the 2026 Summer Support Program for individuals with developmental disabilities in Geauga County; and

WHEREAS, due to an increase in the number of individuals served and the growing needs of the program, additional funding is necessary to ensure continued access to appropriate supports and services during the summer months;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board approves a contract addendum in the amount of \$15,655.00 to fund additional needs;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is directed to take any and all action necessary to carry out this resolution.

MOTION:

Mr. Mann
Mrs. Bennett

SECOND:

DISCUSSION: *Mr. Rice explained need for additional funds*

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Bennett

Yes

No Abstain

Mr. Miller

Yes

No Abstain

Mrs. Keiper

Yes

No Abstain

Mr. Sanchez

Yes

No Abstain

Mr. Lair

Yes

No Abstain

Mr. Welty

Yes

No Abstain

Mr. Mann

Yes

No Abstain

BOARD PRESIDENT April 15, 2026

GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

April 15, 2026

Resolution: 26-23(A)

BE IT RESOLVED to approve Locally Funded Services Agreement with:
- Heart of Gold Residential Services, in an amount of \$2,000.00 for Money
Management/Payee/Rent Subsidy/Etc services

BE IT RESOLVED to approve Locally Funded Services Agreement Adeendum with:
- Kerry Banks, in an amount of \$10,000.00 for HPC, HPC Transportaion, NMT, and Community
Employment services

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is directed to take any and all action
necessary to carry out this resolution.

MOTION: Mr. Lair

SECOND: Mr. Sanchez

DISCUSSION:

ROLL CALL:

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BOARD PRESIDENT April 15, 2026

GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

April 15, 2026

Resolution: 26-24(A)

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the 2026-2027 Geauga DD calendar of operations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent is directed to take any and all action necessary to carry out this resolution.

MOTION: Mr. Miller

SECOND: Mr. Mann

DISCUSSION:

ROLL CALL:

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Mr. Mann	Yes	No	Abstain				


BOARD PRESIDENT April 15, 2026

GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

April 15, 2026

Resolution: 26-25(A)

BE IT RESOLVED to adjourn into Executive Session:

a. Pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) To consider the employment of a public employee.

MOTION: *Mr. Miller*

SECOND: *Mr. Lair*

DISCUSSION:

ROLL CALL:

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Mr. Mann	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes	<input type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Abstain				



BOARD PRESIDENT April 15, 2026

**GEAUGA COUTNY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITES**

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- VI. **Executive Session: 6:30pm**

Pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) To consider the employment of a public employee.
- VII. **Adjournment: 7:29pm**

Next Board Meeting: May 20, 2026

Summary of Discussion:

- VIII. **Call to Order and Roll Call: 6:03pm**
- IX. **Financials:**
 - a. Financials were reviewed by Mrs. Davis
- X. **New Business:**
 - a. Approvals:
 - i. Ethics Approval:

Ethics Council did not meet due to not having enough members for a quorum. The resolution 26-21(A) will be presented again at the May board meeting if the Ethics Council meet.
 - ii. Metzenbaum Foundation:

Mr. Rice provided an explanation to the Board regarding the purpose of the funding request and the circumstances that led to the need for the additional assistance.

b. Board Status Reports/Program Reports:

- i. The agency's board status reports and program reports were placed in the board book prior to the meeting and reviewed by Mr. Rice during the meeting.

c. Issues:

- i. Replacing Superintendent:
Mr. Rice reviewed with the board updates made to the procedure. It will be presented at the May Board meeting for approval.
- ii. Administrative Resolution of Complaint:
Mr. Rice reviewed with the board updates made to the policy and procedure. It will be presented at the May board meeting for approval.

XI. General Announcements:

- a. Board President, Mr. Lair called for any further general announcement from the board or the public:
 - i. Mrs. Davis informed the Board of the required ADP Acceptable Use Policy form, which must be signed by all county IT users.
 - ii. Board President Mr. Lair asked about the status of the Geauga County Auditor's appeal to the Ohio Board of Tax Appeals regarding the tax-exempt status of the Metzenbaum Center parcel. Assistant Superintendent Mr. Carlson indicated that the case had been dismissed earlier this year, which had been interpreted by the Board of County Commissioners' office as a favorable outcome for Geauga DD.

XII. Other Business -Comments from the floor:

- a. Board President, Mr. Lair called for any other business or comments from the board or public:


XIII. Executive Session: 6:30pm

Pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) To consider the employment of a public employee.


XIV. Adjournment: 7:29pm

Board President, Mr. Lair adjourned the meeting at 7:29pm because the agenda was completed.

Submitted:


Superintendent, 5/20/26

Approval:


Board President, 5/20/26

cc: Bd. of Geauga Co. Commissioners, Geauga Co. Probate Court, Geauga Co Prosecutor

