

**GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

February 18th, 2026
Board Meeting Minutes



**GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

**Board Meeting Agenda
February 18, 2026**

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call:** 6:03
 - a. Roll Call 2026 Board
 - b. Approval of Minutes from January, 2026
- II. **Financials:**
 - a. Financial Statement Review: January
 - b. Financial Transactions and Voucher Approvals: January
- III. **New Business:**
 - a. Approvals:
 - i. Ethics Approval
 - ii. Metzenbaum Foundation Carnival Grant
 - iii. LFSA Approval
 - iv. Disposal of Assets
 - b. Board Status Reports/Program Reports:
 - c. Issues:
 - i. Board Member Training Topics
 - ii. What Information To Report
- IV. **General Announcements:**
 - i. Thank You
 - ii. DD Awareness
 - iv. Golf Outing
- V. **Other Business-Comments from the floor:**
- VI. **Executive Session:** 6:59pm
 - a. Pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) To consider the employment of a public employee.
- VII. **Adjournment:** 7:30pm
Next Board Meeting: March 18, 2026

GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

February 18, 2026

February, 18 2026 Board Meeting

a. Roll Call 2026 Board

ROLL CALL:

| | | |
|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| Mrs. Bennett | <i>Here</i> | <i>Absent</i> |
| Mrs. Keiper | <i>Here</i> | <i>Absent</i> |
| Mr. Lair | <i>Here</i> | <i>Absent</i> |
| Mr. Mann | <i>Here</i> | <i>Absent</i> |
| Mr. Miller | <i>Here</i> | <i>Absent</i> |
| Mr. Sanchez | <i>Here</i> | <i>Absent</i> |
| Mr. Welty | <i>Here</i> | <i>Absent</i> |



BOARD PRESIDENT February 18, 2026

**GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

February 18, 2026

Resolution: 26-09(A)

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the January 21, 2026 Board meeting minutes.

MOTION: *Ms. Miller*

SECOND: *Mr. Sanchez*

DISCUSSION:

ROLL CALL:

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|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mrs. Bennett | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Abstain |
| Mrs. Keiper | <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. Mann | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Abstain |

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|-------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Mr. Miller | <input checked="" 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. Welty | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes | <input type="radio"/> No | <input type="radio"/> Abstain |



BOARD PRESIDENT February 18, 2026

**GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

RESOLUTION # 26- 1- (B)

Financial Transactions

January, 2026

Be it resolved that the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities at its board meeting dated 2/18/2026 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> 1/9/26,1/23/26 |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|
| 501 - Salaries | \$ 285,563.98 | |
| 502 - Medicare | \$ 3,893.22 | |
| 504 - PERS | \$ 38,195.52 | |
| 505 - Workers Comp | \$ - | |
| 506 - Unemployment | \$ - | |
| 507 - STRS | \$ 1,147.64 | |
| | <u>\$ 328,800.36</u> | |

Purchase Orders:

| <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Fund</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Number</u> |
|---------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| See Attached | | \$ 9,081,803.94 | | |

\$ 9,081,803.94

MOTION: *Mr. Lair*

SECOND: *Mr. Miller*

DISCUSSION:

ROLL CALL:

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|----|---------|-------------|-----|----|---------|
| <i>KTO</i> 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 | | | | |



President

BY OFFICIAL ACTION OF THE BOARD

2/18/2026

**GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

RESOLUTION # 26- 2- (B)

Voucher Approval - January, 2026

BE IT RESOLVED to confirm the payment of Voucher Schedule
120,457.25

26 2 - O with expenditures totaling

| ACCOUNT | CY 2025 APPROP | EXPENDITURES | | | APPROP BALANCE | PERCENT EXPENDED |
|----------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| | | BEGINNING 01/01/26 | PERIOD 1/1/2026-1/31/2026 | YTD | | |
| 503 Hospitalization | 981,000.00 | - | 72,894.44 | 72,894.44 | 908,105.56 | 7% |
| 601 Contract Services | 367,287.46 | - | 21,866.35 | 21,866.35 | 345,421.11 | 6% |
| 608 Software Services | 85,000.00 | - | - | - | 85,000.00 | 0% |
| 701 Materials and Supplies | 190,250.00 | - | 3,051.01 | 3,051.01 | 187,198.99 | 2% |
| 801 Equipment | 113,000.00 | - | 4,140.34 | 4,140.34 | 108,859.66 | 4% |
| 901 Other | 455,632.16 | - | 660.20 | 660.20 | 454,971.96 | 0% |
| 902 Travel | 83,953.43 | - | 3,296.45 | 3,296.45 | 80,656.98 | 4% |
| 903 Advertising | 100,000.00 | - | - | - | 100,000.00 | 0% |
| 908 Utilities | 190,000.00 | - | - | - | 190,000.00 | 0% |
| 940 Lease Expenses | 437,285.00 | - | 14,548.46 | 14,548.46 | 422,736.54 | 3% |
| 999 Transfers Out | 12,527,400.00 | - | - | - | 12,527,400.00 | 0% |
| TOTAL | 15,530,808.05 | - | 120,457.25 | 120,457.25 | 15,410,350.80 | 1% |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to confirm the payment of Voucher Schedule

26 2 - D with expenditures totaling

| ACCOUNT | CY 2025 APPROP | EXPENDITURES | | | APPROP BALANCE | PERCENT EXPENDED |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|----------|-------------------|---------------------|
| | | BEGINNING 01/01/26 | PERIOD 1/1/2026-1/31/2026 | YTD | | |
| 901 Other Expenses | 149,882.68 | - | - | - | 149,882.68 | 0% |
| TOTAL | 149,882.68 | - | - | - | 149,882.68 | 0% |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to confirm the payment of Voucher Schedule

26 2 - R with expenditures totaling

209,568.48

| ACCOUNT | CY 2025 APPROP | EXPENDITURES | | | APPROP BALANCE | PERCENT EXPENDED |
|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| | | BEGINNING 01/01/26 | PERIOD 1/1/2026-1/31/2026 | YTD | | |
| 601 Service Contracts | 8,160.00 | - | 209,568.48 | 209,568.48 | (201,408.48) | 2568% |
| TOTAL | 8,160.00 | - | 209,568.48 | 209,568.48 | (201,408.48) | 2568% |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to confirm the payment of Voucher Schedule

26 2 - C with expenditures totaling

1,377.79

| ACCOUNT | CY 2025 APPROP | EXPENDITURES | | | APPROP BALANCE | PERCENT EXPENDED |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| | | BEGINNING 01/01/26 | PERIOD 1/1/2026-1/31/2026 | YTD | | |
| 601 Service Contracts | 12,289,297.06 | - | 1,377.79 | 1,377.79 | 12,287,919.27 | 0% |
| TOTAL | 12,289,297.06 | - | 1,377.79 | 1,377.79 | 12,287,919.27 | 0% |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED to confirm the payment of Voucher Schedule

26 2 - F with expenditures totaling

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

MOTION:
SECOND:
DISCUSSION:

Mr. Miller
Mr. Sanchez

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

2/18/2026

KTO

GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

February 18, 2026

Resolution: 26-10(A)

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 5126.032, the Ethics Council of the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities on ~~December 10, 2025~~, has conducted a review of the following direct services contracts; and *Feb. 18, 2026 KTO*

WHEREAS, the Ethics Council hereby certifies to the Board the following recommendations:

A Locally Funded Services Agreement with Inna Gertsburg, in an amount of \$16,000.00 for NMT purposes. Approved Disapproved

A Locally Funded Services Agreement with Tiffany Difranco, in an amount of \$2,500.00 for HPC, and HPC Transportation purposes. Approved Disapproved

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities approves the above listed contract,

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:

Mrs. Bennett

DISCUSSION:

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Bennett

No

Abstain

Mr. Miller

No

Abstain

Mrs. Keiper

No

Abstain

Mr. Sanchez

No

Abstain

Mr. Lair

No

Abstain

Mr. Welty

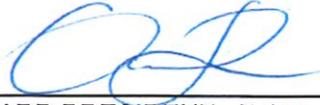
No

Abstain

Mr. Mann

No

Abstain


BOARD PRESIDENT February 18, 2026

**GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

February 18, 2026

Resolution: 26-11(A)

BE IT RESOLVED to approve a grant request from The Metzenbaum Foundation in support of the Free Community Metzenbaum Carnival. This event seeks to raise awareness of people with developmental disabilities. Payments shall not exceed \$3,500.00.

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

MOTION: *Mr. Sanchez*

SECOND: *Mr. Mann*

DISCUSSION:

ROLL CALL:

| | | | | | | | |
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| Mrs. Bennett | <i>Yes</i> | No | Abstain | Mr. Miller | <i>Yes</i> | No | Abstain |
| Mrs. Keiper | <i>Yes</i> | No | Abstain | Mr. Sanchez | <i>Yes</i> | No | Abstain |
| Mr. Lair | <i>Yes</i> | No | Abstain | Mr. Welty | <i>Yes</i> | No | Abstain |
| Mr. Mann | <i>Yes</i> | No | Abstain | | | | |



BOARD PRESIDENT February 18, 2026

**GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

February 18, 2026

Resolution: 26-12(A)

BE IT RESOLVED to approve Locally Funded Services Agreement Addendum with:

- Heather Sieracki, in an amount of \$3,500.00 for HPC, and HPC Transportation

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. Lair*

DISCUSSION:

ROLL CALL:

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| 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. Kelper | <input checked="" 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 checked="" 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 February 18, 2026

**GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

February 18, 2026

Resolution: 26-13(A)

BE IT RESOLVED to approve the list of disposal of assets due to the items being unusable, broken, or outdated:

- iPhone
- Laptop computer

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

MOTION: *Mr. Sanchez*
SECOND: *Mrs. Bennett*

DISCUSSION:

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| ROLL CALL: | | | | | | | |
| Mrs. Bennett | <u>Yes</u> | No | Abstain | Mr. Miller | <u>Yes</u> | No | Abstain |
| Mrs. Keiper | Yes | No | Abstain | Mr. Sanchez | <u>Yes</u> | No | Abstain |
| Mr. Lair | <u>Yes</u> | No | Abstain | Mr. Welty | <u>Yes</u> | No | Abstain |
| Mr. Mann | <u>Yes</u> | No | Abstain | | | | |



BOARD PRESIDENT February 18, 2026

GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

February 18, 2026

Resolution: 26-14(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. Lair*

SECOND: *Mr. Miller*

DISCUSSION:

ROLL CALL:

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| 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 checked="" 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 checked="" 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 February 18, 2026

**GEAUGA COUTNY BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITES**

**Board Meeting Agenda
For February 18, 2026**

- I. **Call to Order and Roll Call: 6:03pm**
 - a. Roll Call 2026 Board
 - b. Approval of Minutes from January 2026
- II. **Financials:**
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 - a. Approvals:
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 - ii. Metzenbaum Foundation Carnival Grant
 - iii. LFSA Approval
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 - b. **Board Status Reports/Program Reports:**
 - c. **Issues:**
 - i. Board Member Training Topics
 - ii. What Information To Report
- IV. **General Announcements:**
 - i. Thank You
 - ii. DD Awareness
 - iii. Golf Outing
- V. **Other Business -Comments from the floor:**
- VI. **Executive Session: 6:59pm**
 - i. Pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) To consider the employment of a public employee.
- VII. **Adjournment: 7:30pm**
Next Board Meeting: March 18, 2026

Summary of Discussion:

- VIII. **Call to Order and Roll Call: 6:03pm**
- IX. **Financials:**
 - a. Financials were reviewed by Mr. Carlson.
- X. **New Business:**
 - a. Approvals:
 - i. Metzenbaum Foundation Carnival Grant:
Mr. Rice explained to the board what the purpose is and the outreach for awareness. Mrs. Bennett asked to help out.
 - 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. Mrs. Setlock further gave explanation on the details in the reports for the board members to review.

c. Issues:

i. Board Member Training Topics:

Mr. Rice asked board members to share feedback and suggestions for upcoming board training topics. Discussion included potential training on waivers and funding, the levy, board history, relationships with local schools, and employment services.

ii. What Information To Report:

Mr. Rice asked board members what information they would like included in reports regarding agency programs and whether they preferred any simplified reporting formats. After discussion, the board agreed to keep the reports in their current format with no changes at this time.

XI. General Announcements:

a. Board President, Mr. Lair called for any further general announcement from the board or the public:

i. Mr. Rice reviewed and presented the one-page fact sheet to the board that is being handed out at speaking engagements for the year.

ii. Mrs. Benton announced upcoming meetings hosted by the League of Women Voters of Geauga. She encouraged attendance from board members representing all levy-funded entities in Geauga County to participate in discussions regarding potential property tax abolishment and the impact of programs supported by tax funding. Mr. Rice added that if the property taxes were abolished, there would not be sufficient funding to sustain agency operations or continue supporting partner agencies that provide services to individuals served by 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:

i. Mr. Rice made mention of the upcoming Free Community Carnival at The Metzenbaum Center, and Metzenbaum Foundation Golf Outing.

XIII. Executive Session: 6:59pm

XIV. Adjournment: 7:30pm

Board President, Mr. Lair adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm because the agenda was completed.

Submitted:


Superintendent, 3/18/26

Approval:


Board President, 3/18/26

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

