

**GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

***BOARD MINUTES  
October 21, 2020***

**Board Members Present**

Dennis Schmidt  
Laura Janson  
Richard Suttell  
Mark Jackson  
Uschy Keiper

**Administration**

Donald Rice  
Dave Carlson  
Kellie Tvergyak-Oznowich  
Tami Setlock  
Megan Thirion  
Richelle Mills  
Janice Chesnes  
Michelle Hawthorne  
Meredith Myers

**Board Members Absent**

Kristin Dailey  
Martin Miller

**I. Call to Order and Roll Call: 6pm**

a. Roll Call 2020 Board:

A call of the roll indicated that all Board Members were present by live video conference or phone except Mrs. Dailey and Mr. Miller. There being a quorum present, Mark Jackson, President of the Board, called the meeting to order.

b. Approval of Minutes:

Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 20-76(A) to approve the minutes for September 16, 2020 meeting. This resolution was approved.

c. Approval of Donations:

Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 20-06(D) to approve donations from the past month. This resolution was accepted and approved.

**II. Financial**

a. Financial Statement Review (All Funds):

Mr. Carlson provided a review of financial statements of all funds for the time period processed.

b. Ethics Recommendations:

Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolutions 20-77(A) to approve the ethics recommendation for the time period processed. The Board found that these payments do not present a conflict of interest and this resolution was accepted and approved.

c. Financial Transactions and Voucher Approvals:

Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolutions 20-17(B) detailing financial transactions and Resolution 20-18(B) approving voucher schedules for the period indicated. These resolutions were approved.

**III. Board Status Reports:**

Mr. Rice reviewed the Board Status Reports: Major Unusual Incidents, Waiver & Wait List, Population Served, Employment and Habilitation Services, Recreation, and Human Resources.

**IV. Program Reports:**

Mr. Rice reviewed status reports from the agencies' programs.

**V. New Business:**

a. Approvals:

i. MSI STEP Grant:

Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 20-78(A) approving MSI STEP grant. This resolution was not approved.

ii. ICF Staff Severance Package:

Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 20-79(A) approving severance packages for the ICF staff. This resolution was approved.

- iii. Reemployment Bonus:  
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 20-80(A) approving a Covid response bonus to providers. This resolution was approved.
- iv. OACB Delegate:  
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 20-81(A) appointing Donald L. Rice II, Superintendent, as Delegate with Dave Carlson, Business Director, and Uschy Keiper, Board member, as the Alternate Delegates to the 37<sup>th</sup> OACB virtual Convention's Delegates Assembly. This resolution was approved.
- v. Remote Board Meeting Attendance:  
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 20-82(A) approving to advocate the permanent allowance of virtual conferencing as a legal form of attendance. This resolution was approved.
- vi. 2021 Board Meeting Dates:  
Mrs. Tvergyak-Oznowich introduced Resolution 20-83(A) approving the 2021 dates for Board meetings. This resolution was approved.

b. Issues

- i. Annual Plan:  
Mr. Rice reminded the Board the upcoming Annual Plan meeting.
- ii. 2025 Vision:  
Mr. Rice discussed with the Board ideas supporting the 2025 vision.

**VI. General Announcements:**

Mr. Jackson discussed with the Board the need to restart the Leadership Development Succession Planning Project Team.

**VII. Other Business – comments from the floor:**

Mr. Jackson called for any other business from the Board or public.

**VIII. Executive Session:** Pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1) To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official...

- a. New Board member Application:  
Mr. Rice introduced Resolution 20-85(A) electing Dave Lair as the next Board member. This resolution was approved.

**IX. Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Mr. Jackson adjourned the meeting.

***The Next Board meeting will be November 18, 2020.***

Submitted:

Approval:

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Donald L. Rice II, Superintendent

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Mark Jackson, Board President

cc: *Bd. of Geauga Co. Commissioners  
Gauga Co. Probate Court  
Gauga Co. Prosecutor*