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**MINUTES OF LUCAS COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting Held November 19, 2025**  
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The regular meeting of the Lucas County Children Services Board was held at 301 Adams Street, 3:00 P.M., in person and via Zoom.

Members Present: Mr. Corfman, Dr. Cowell, Mr. Meyer, Rev. Dr. Perryman (Zoom), Mr. Ridi, and Ms. Vasquez

Member(s) Absent: Ms. Gagnon, Ms. McCollough, and Mr. Walrod
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Dr. Cowell called the November 19, 2025, regular meeting of the LCCS Board to order. Roll Call was taken. A quorum was present.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

None

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND NOVEMBER LCCS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Minutes from October 15, 2025, LCCS Board of Trustees Meeting
- Services and Programs Committee Minutes
- Personnel Committee Minutes

Dr. Cowell asked if any items would be removed from the Consent Agenda. Hearing none, Dr. Cowell read the Consent Agenda into the minutes.

Dr. Cowell asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Mr. Meyer made a motion for approval, which Mr. Corfman seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 11-25 Request for funds from the donation account

RESOLUTION: 11-2024

SUBJECT: **REQUEST FOR FUNDS FROM THE DONATION ACCOUNT**

WHEREAS, *Administration is requesting up to \$40,000 from the Donation Account to purchase holiday gifts for children served by Lucas County Children Services, if needed, and for additional expenses pertaining to client-related holiday projects sponsored by LCCS.*

WHEREAS, *LCCS, will also be asking for donated gifts from a variety of providers in the community, now be it therefore*

RESOLVED, *that the Board approves the request for up to \$40,000 from the Donation Account to purchase holiday gifts for children served by Lucas County Children Services*

and for additional expenses pertaining to client-related holiday projects sponsored by LCCS.

Dr. Cowell asked for a motion to approve Resolution 11-25. Mr. Meyer made a motion for approval, which Ms. Vasquez seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Financial Updates and 2026 Budget

Mr. Hoskins presented an overview of the most recent financial statements, accompanied by graphs that will be attached to these minutes.

Mr. Meyer made a motion to accept the financials with Mr. Ridi seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Task Force

Ms. Cully gave an overview of the Task Force's recent meetings. They have been moving right along with the priorities set. They have completed one and two and are now moved on to priorities three and four.

- 3. Strengthen Community Engagement in the Health, Safety, and Well-Being of Children and Youth
- 4. Improve access, coordination and delivery of Services

The Task Force anticipates being complete with all the priorities by April 2026. Ms. Cully will need to step back from being on this committee to resume her teaching at the University of Toledo. Ms. Beal will take her place during this time. When asked about the atmosphere of the group Ms. Cully stated that everyone was very positive on what the outcomes have been and the path that the group is taking.

CHAIRS REPORT

Dr. Cowell expressed her appreciation of the staff at LCCS. She stated that everyone was doing a fantastic job and the board is proud of all the work that is done.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Executive Director Report—Randy Muth

LCCS CHILD PLACEMENT STATISTICS:

	Current Month	Previous Month
Agency Foster Homes	275	265
Subsidized Adoptions	1,088	1,087
Purchased Boarding Homes	234	228
Institutions/Group Homes	22	25
Relative Placement	360	380

DONATIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

LCCS staff launched an internal food drive to help stem the "SNAP gap" and assist struggling families left short by the government shutdown. Over a two-week period, the response was incredible, with an estimated 1,500 shelf-stable food items donated. Orly Phillips and Brittany Dorn loaded a Seagate Food Bank truck November 17, completing the drive they started, which also enlisted neighboring agency MHRS in the effort. Separately, LCCS supervisor Maleeka Kynard collected money from family and friends, then enlisted her kids to help build 100 snack bags, which were not available to families and children served by LCCS as normal during the government shutdown. Kudos to all for their efforts.

LCCS caseworkers have delivered nearly 450 winter coats to children served by the agency to date. The coats from a Governor's Office Faith-Based grant in partnership with the nonprofit Operation Warm. LCCS distributes an estimated 500 coats each winter, which saves thousands in year-end voucher dollars to help families in other ways. Infant-toddler coats come from Christ Child Society and Susie's Coats.

LCCS is partnering with Notre Dame Academy Key Club, Youth Leadership Toledo, and St. Ursula Academy senior capstone project teams on various drives and volunteer activities to benefit the LCCS toy drive. Others are in the works. To date, there are at least six holiday activities involving HS volunteers.

IHeartMedia has upped its game quite handily this holiday season. Toyathon has left the mall due to low traffic in favor of the Hensville Tree Lighting November 22, just before a Walleye game. Friends of LCCS will be the beneficiary of the evening concert donation during the Tran-Siberian Orchestra shows December 5. IHeartMedia arranged Friends of LCCS as the recipient of \$1 from every ticket sold.

IN THE MEDIA

Proclaim-FM	Community Action Day (Randy Muth Interview)	10-10-25
WTVG 13, 13abc.com	LCCS Trunk or Treat Preview	10-15-25
WTVG 13, 13abc.com <i>Toledo Blade</i> , theblade.com	LCCS Trunk or Treat (Kevin Milliken interview)	10-18-25
<i>Toledo Blade</i> , theblade.com	Virtual Reality Goggle Training	10-20-25
Proclaim-FM	Holiday Gift Drive, foster recruitment (Kevin Milliken interview)	10-21-25
WTOL11, wtol.com	Issue 1 (Randy Muth interview)	10-23-25
WTOL11, wtol.com	Early Vote Center campaigning (Randy Muth interview)	10-29-25
Lori King Podcast	Issue 1 (Randy Muth interview)	10-30-25
WJUC-FM	Issue 1 (Julie Malkin interview)	11-1-25
<i>Toledo Blade</i> , theblade.com	SNAP Benefits Press Conference	11-3-25

WTOL11, wtol.com WTVG 13, 13abc.com	(Randy Muth comments)	
WTVG 13, 13abc.com	IMA Endorses Issue 1	11-3-25
<i>Toledo Blade</i> , theblade.com	Voting Editorial mentions LCCS levy	11-4-25
<i>Toledo Blade</i> , theblade.com WTOL11, wtol.com	LCCS Levy Passes (Randy Muth interview)	11-5-25
<i>Toledo Blade</i> , theblade.com	Jeff Chesser PCSAO Award	11-5-25
WTOL11, wtol.com	Community Bike Build Preview	11-14-25
WTOL11, wtol.com	Holiday Gift Drive Kickoff (Julie Malkin, Santa Claus interviews)	11-14-25

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Meyer made a motion to go into executive session to discuss potential litigation. Mr. Ridi seconded the motion. Roll call was taken, and all members were present except Ms. Gagnon, Ms. McCollough, and Mr. Walrod

Mr. Ridi made a motion to exit the executive session. Ms. Vasquez seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken, and all members were present except Ms. Gagnon, Ms. McCollough, and Mr. Walrod

OPEN SESSION

There were no business items to address following the executive session.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Corfman
Mr. Meyer seconding the motion.
The meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Suzette Cowell
Board Chair