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**MINUTES OF LUCAS COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting Held February 18, 2026**

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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, Ms. Gagnon, Dr. Cowell, Ms. McCollough, Mr. Meyer, Rev. Dr. Perryman (Zoom), Mr. Ridi, and Ms. Vasquez

Member(s) Absent: Mr. Walrod

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Dr. Cowell called February 18, 2026, 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 January 21, 2026, LCCS Board of Trustees Meeting
- Personnel Committee Minutes (2/2/26)
- Services & Programs (2/4/26)

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. Ridi made a motion for approval, which Mr. Corfman seconded. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Financial Updates**

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. Cowell summarized recent Task Force meetings, noting improved understanding and collaboration among organizations. While LCCS has not yet received official recommendations, staff have shared expectations about what may be coming. LCCS is preparing by making gradual improvements and ensuring it is ready to quickly implement recommendations. LCCS values the Task Force's efforts and is committed to acting on its guidance.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2026 Nominating Committee Election of Officers**

The nominating committee met on February 11<sup>th</sup>. On behalf of the Nominating Committee (Dan Ridi, Dr. Suzette Cowell, Tim Meyer, and Johnetta McCollough), Mr. Ridi respectfully submitted the following slate of officers for the fiscal year of 2026.

Chairman: Johnetta McCollough  
Vice Chairman: Dan Ridi  
Secretary: Timothy Meyer  
Treasurer: Rev. Dr. Donald Perryman

Mr. Ridi asked if there were any nominations from the floor, hearing none, he moved the nominations to be closed, which was seconded by Dr. Cowell.

Mr. Ridi made a motion to elect the slate of officers which was seconded by Ms. Gagnon. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

## **CHAIRS REPORT**

Dr. Cowell took the opportunity to thank Mr. Muth and staff for the opportunity to serve as their Board Chair. She believes that they are doing a fantastic job and feel honored to have been a part of the progress.

Ms. McCollough feels honored to serve as the upcoming Board Chair. After taking some time off due to medical concerns, she is ready to roll up her sleeves and get to work.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

### **Executive Director Report—Randy Muth**

#### **LCCS CHILD PLACEMENT STATISTICS:**

|                          | Current Month | Previous Month |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Agency Foster Homes      | 255           | 271            |
| Subsidized Adoptions     | 1,066         | 1,079          |
| Purchased Boarding Homes | 247           | 227            |
| Institutions/Group Homes | 20            | 19             |
| Relative Placement       | 365           | 377            |

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTIVITIES**

### Advisory Committee on Children Services

Calls from the community and stakeholders have suggested that Lucas County Children Services might benefit from some type of ongoing citizen's involvement in the development of policies and the provision of services to children. Ohio Revised Code Section 5153.05 permits stand-alone Children Services Boards to appoint an Advisory Committee to (1) further cooperation between the public children services agency and other child-caring agencies in the county; (2) carry out studies of the effectiveness and need for

particular services to children in the county; and (3) advise the public children services agency on policies pertaining to the provision of services to children.

Administration informed the Board that most counties have such a committee and requested further discussion and consideration of the topic.

### Warmline Meeting

LCCS been working with Casey Family Programs to bring their “Warmline” concept to Lucas County. The goal is to leverage natural community supports to provide early intervention, resource connections, and parenting support to strengthen families in order to avoid unnecessary LCCS involvement and/or foster care placement. There will be a community/partner meeting on Tuesday, March 3, at 9:00 am at the Anthem Welcome Center located at 132 N Summit St, Toledo. Casey will be providing breakfast. We’re looking for community partners to whom we can make targeted referrals, build connections between service providers and to learn from service providers as to what is necessary to bridge gaps and increase capacity.

Board members are invited to attend as well as the Task Force.

### 2026 Child Memorial

This year’s Child Memorial will be held on Thursday, April 16, at 11:00 am in the HCR ManorCare room Toledo City Councilman John Hobbs, who is also the chair of its Public Safety and Criminal Justice Reform Committee, has agreed to be our keynote speaker.

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### **DONATIONS/PARTNERSHIPS**

The LCCS is pursuing more funding from the One Ohio Recovery Foundation during its second round of grant funding opportunities. The agency is submitting two proposals with a February 11 deadline. One proposal would help children and families at "the front door," connecting them to services and programs under referrals by trained first responders, closed out case investigations, or early in the LCCS assessment process. The second proposal would continue the successful Family Search and Engagement program aimed at substance-involved families started under round one funding from the same foundation.

The LCCS SEE Committee is conducting a diaper and wipes drive as an internal service project to recognize March as Social Work Month. Diapers are one of the most requested items from the families the agency serves, and the diaper bank started during COVID is no longer in existence full-time. The drive will coincide with an annual donation effort by the Unity Church congregation focused on infant items. If board members would like to participate in the diaper drive, there is an Amazon wish list available at [www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3KDQVTVTYHK6L?type=wishlist](http://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/3KDQVTVTYHK6L?type=wishlist). Donations get delivered to LCCS.

Five HS sophomores from Youth Leadership Toledo (YLT) are conducting book drives at their schools or churches this winter for the children LCCS services. The first year of YLT is a volunteer year and students chose to work as a team to help LCCS for the second straight year. National studies show children in CPS custody are a year behind their peers developmentally by the time they reach kindergarten. This is an effort to promote early literacy among those children so they're ready to read.

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### **IN THE MEDIA**

WTVG 13, 13abc.com

Parent Empowerment Institute  
(Andrea Carmona interview)

1-28-26

WTVG 13, 13abc.com                      DCY Kei'Mani investigation results                      2-4-26  
WTOL 11, wtol.com  
*Toledo Blade*, blade.com

*Toledo Blade*, blade.com                      LCCS Offers Free Family Photos                      2-8-26

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Meyer made a motion to go into executive session to discuss confidential cases and bargaining. Ms. Vasquez seconded the motion. Roll call was taken, and all members were present except Mr. Walrod

Mr. Meyer made a motion to exit the executive session. Mr. Corfman seconded the motion.

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

### **OPEN SESSION**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Ms. Cowell  
Mr. Corfman seconded the motion.  
The meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Meyer  
Board Secretary