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## MINUTES OF LUCAS COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES BOARD

### Regular Meeting Held June 17, 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.

Member(s) Present: Mr. Dannhauser, Rev. Foster, Ms. Kynard, Mr. Meyer, Rev. Dr. Perryman (Zoom), Mr. Ridi, Dr. Royster, Ms. Sweinhagen, and Ms. Vasquez

Member(s) Absent: Mr. Corfman, Dr. Cowell, Ms. Gagnon, and Ms. McCollough

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Mr. Ridi called June 17, 2026, regular meeting of the LCCS Board to order. Roll call was taken and a quorum was present.

#### INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS

- Mr. Dannhauser
- Rev. Foster
- Ms. Kynard
- Ms. Sweinhagen
- Dr. Royster

#### Task Force

Commissioner Gerken provided an update on the Task Force, welcoming new board members and introducing himself. He noted that the Task Force began with 27 members a year ago and concluded with 17. Its goal was to rebuild trust between child protective services and the community. The recommendations report was presented to the executive committee yesterday, June 16, 2026, and will be released to the public at the Board of Commissioners' Meeting on June 30th. The report, to be delivered by facilitator Doris Tolliver, outlines eight recommendations to improve a families' experience with the child protective system. Both LCCS and external agencies will be responsible for implementing these recommendations, reflecting a community-wide effort. Commissioner Gerken looks forward to collaborating with the board, agency, and community in the coming year.

#### INTRODUCTION OF NEW EMPLOYEES

- Yulisa Carmona – Caseworker Trainee
- Mia Lyons - Caseworker Trainee
- Savanna Smith- Caseworker Trainee
- Ally Scarberry- Caseworker Trainee
- Hans Huy- Caseworker Trainee
- Marissa Pendrey- Caseworker Trainee
- Regan Cole- Caseworker Trainee
- Ganessa Boudrie- Caseworker Trainee
- Katie Harmon- Caseworker Trainee

#### APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA AND MARCH LCCS BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- Minutes from May 20, 2026, LCCS Board of Trustees Meeting

Mr. Ridi asked if any items would be removed from the consent agenda. Hearing none, Mr. Ridi read the consent agenda into the minutes.

Mr. Ridi asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Ms. Vasquez made a motion for approval, which Mr. Meyer seconded. The motion passed by unanimous roll call 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. Dannhauser made a motion to accept the financials, and Mr. Meyer seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous roll call vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS.**

- No new business

## **CHAIRS REPORT**

- No chair report was given.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT**

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

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

|                          | Current Month | Previous Month |
|--------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| Agency Foster Homes      | 254           | 261            |
| Subsidized Adoptions     | 1,048         | 1,059          |
| Purchased Boarding Homes | 258           | 249            |
| Institutions/Group Homes | 21            | 22             |
| Relative Placement       | 355           | 372            |

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACTIVITIES**

By Resolution No. 2026-406, dated June 2, 2026, the Lucas County Commissioners appointed Fonda Royster, Alfred Dannhauser, Diane Sweinhagen, Stephanie Kynard and Pastor William Foster, Sr. to the Lucas County Children Services Board. Their terms begin immediately and will expire on December 31, 2029. Welcome new members!

The same resolution also reappointed Ms. Gagnon to an additional term expiring December 31, 2028.

AxOhioTax announced on June 5th that it will not have sufficient signatures for its proposed amendment eliminating property taxes to qualify for the November 2026 ballot. The group's leader stated they will continue the petition drive with the intent to make the November 2027 general election ballot.

## **DONATIONS/PARTNERSHIPS**

The annual LCCS-Friends of LCCS backpack/school supply drive is underway. The goal is to build 800 backpacks August 3, to add to approximately 100 already on hand. Several businesses and organizations will hold internal donation drives. The employee foundation at Buckeye Broadband is contributing \$6,000 toward the purchase of whatever else is needed. HS volunteers will set up assembly lines at end of July.

Buckeye Broadband also has agreed to host a Project Playhouse build again this year at their Oregon campus. There are fewer employees there this year, so three playhouses will be built for caregiver families Sept. 17 in honor of Kinship Care Month. LCCS volunteers will build one of the playhouses. Once completed this year, the project will have provided nearly 30 playhouses to LCCS families.

This year's LCCS Trunk or Treat will be held Saturday, October 17, at The Believe Center. An internal agency committee will begin meeting next week to work on the day's details, events, and activities.

The LCCS Fatherhood Committee joined forces with LCCS Family Visits and Friends of LCCS to offer two special events for dads to interact with their kids. "A Day with Dad" gave Level 2 dads the chance to have a pizza lunch and engage in games and activities with their children. Level 3 dads were offered a special outing to the Mud Hens game Sunday, June 14, complete with tickets and food vouchers funded by Friends of LCCS. Kids got to run the bases and participate in activities for Backyard Baseball Day.

Isaiah 117 House has begun accepting children for temporary stays at they enter foster care and caseworkers find the right placement option for them. Isaiah 117 House volunteers have served 30-plus kids to date during what is being termed a "soft opening." Several more children have received a duffel bag full of clothes and other essentials, despite not staying at the house, as the Giving Room within the house is equipped to meet their immediate needs with community donations.

## **IN THE MEDIA**

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| WTVG, 13abc.com                 | LCCS Graduation Parade | 5-29-26 |
| WTOL 11, wtol.com               | (Randy Muth quotes)    |         |
| <i>Toledo Blade</i> , blade.com | Toledo Rotary Address  | 6-1-26  |
| WTVG, 13abc.com                 | (Randy Muth quotes)    |         |
| WTOL 11, wtol.com               |                        |         |

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Ms. Vasquez made a motion to go into executive session to discuss collective bargaining and non-bargaining negotiations. Mr. Dannhauser seconded the motion.

Mr. Meyer made a motion to come out of executive session with Mr. Dannhauser seconded the motion. There were no actionable items to come out of executive session.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Rev. Foster  
Mr. Meyer seconded the motion.  
The meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Timothy Meyer  
Board Secretary