

ATHENS COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 29, 2022 – 6:00 P.M.
Virtually via Zoom

**The Mission of the Athens County Board of Developmental Disabilities is to serve our
community with compassion, innovation, and transparency**

1. Margaret Demko, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.
2. Arian Smedley did roll call.

ALLEN	Present
BOND	Present
CONNER	Present
DEMKO	Present
JOLLEY	Present
LEWIS	Present
OCHES	Present

Staff / Others in Attendance:

Dr. Kevin Davis	Superintendent
Arian Smedley	Assistant Superintendent
Steve Kramer	Director of Finance
Scott Zielinski	Medicaid Manager
Tristin Lawrence	Director of Service & Support Administration
Stephanie Kendrick	MUI Coordinator
Bridget Gilmore	Director of Facilities & Transportation
Angela Carter	Director of Employment Options
Autumn Brown	Director of Integrate Athens
Doug Mitchell	Transition Coordinator
Jerry Swackhamer	SSA / PGO
Tina Wilson	Integrate Athens Coordinator / ABEA
Stevie Putnam-Young	SSA

3. Ochess read the Mission Statement.
4. Dr. Lewis motioned to approve the agenda.

MOTION#: 3-29-22-1
MOTION: LEWIS
SECOND: ALLEN

AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

5. New Business:

Items for review and discussion:

- a. Dr. Davis provided an update on the ACBDD's response to COVID-19. Based on new guidance from the CDC and ODH, we are no longer requiring masks in the buildings or on transportation. This will only change if positive cases rise above a certain level. We are no longer announcing school-related positive cases or keeping a dashboard. We are continuing the staff testing initiative. Dr. Davis also shared a number of statistics.
- b. Statewide and Athens County board finances – This item was moved to new item f, under "motions for vote."
- c. Dr. Davis provided an update on the Beacon / Admin building roof project. During the last bid process, the agency did not receive any bids. This is because the cost of materials has roughly doubled and the cost of labor has increased by approximately 30-35%. Due to these increases, the agency plans to wait to see if costs come back down. In the interim, the problem areas of the roof have been patched.
- d. Reminders on future meetings/trainings:
 - Next training: Tuesday, April 26, on MUI/UI, 5:00 p.m.
 - Next regular meeting: Tuesday, April 26, 6:00 p.m.
- e. Dr. Allen motioned to approve hosting the April board meeting virtually.

MOTION#: 3-29-22-2
MOTION: ALLEN
SECOND: JOLLEY
AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

Motions for vote:

- a. Dr. Lewis motioned to approve February 2022 Meeting Minutes (Exhibit 1, Pages 1-4).

MOTION#: 3-29-22-3
MOTION: LEWIS
SECOND: OCHES
AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

- b. Discuss Recruiting and Retention Proposal Payments (Exhibit 2, Pages 5-10) – This item was moved to new item f.
- c. Dr. Jolley motioned to approve new Remote Work policy (Exhibit 3, Pages 11-13).

MOTION#: 3-29-22-4
MOTION: JOLLEY
SECOND: LEWIS
AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

- d. Oches motioned to approve administration to take all necessary steps (including enter into an agreement with Ohio University, hire staff, etc.) in order to plan for a 2022 Summer Camp in partnership with Kids on Campus (Exhibit 4, Page 14).

MOTION#: 3-29-22-5
MOTION: OCHES
SECOND: ALLEN
AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

- e. Bond motioned to approve resolution expressing appreciation to the Albany VFW for hosting and organization the fourth annual Polar Bear Plunge and their subsequent donation of \$13,000 to the Beacon School (Exhibit 5, Pages 15).

MOTION#: 3-29-22-6
MOTION: BOND
SECOND: LEWIS
AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

- f. Dr. Davis presented information about the ACBDD's 10-year financial forecast, a new Recruiting and Retention Proposal Payment program being considered at the state level and its potential impact locally, and steps being taken at the local level to address these changes (Exhibit 2, Pages 5-10).

There was brief discussion among board members. Topics included: sharing the information with commissioners, discussing federal stimulus funds, and further discussion of the DSP crisis. In addition, there was praise of Dr. Davis for finding a way to explain this complex situation in an understandable way and for providing statewide leadership in bringing to the fore the local concerns.

6. Board Reports:

- a. Superintendent, Dr. Kevin Davis (Exhibit 6, Pages 16-19).
Report stands.
- b. Director of Finance and Operations, Steve Kramer (Exhibit 7, Pages 20-28).

Report stands.

- c. Director of Human Resources, Gwen Brooks (Exhibit 8, Pages 29-31).
Report stands.
- d. Director of Facilities and Transportation, Bridget Gilmore (Exhibit 9, Page 32-34).
Report stands.
- e. MUI Coordinator, Stephanie Kendrick (Exhibit 10, Page 35).
Report stands.
- f. Director of Service and Support, Tristin Lawrence (Exhibit 11, Pages 36-38).
Report stands.
- g. Director of Education, Becky Martin (Exhibit 12, Pages 39-40).
Report stands.
- h. Director of Employment Options, Angela Carter (Exhibit 13, Pages 41-42).
Report stands.
- i. Director of Integrate Athens, Autumn Brown (Exhibit 14, Pages 43-45).
Report stands.
- j. Assistant Superintendent, Arian Smedley (Exhibit 15, Pages 46-49).
Report stands.

7. No comments from Visitors relative to the agenda.

8. No comments from Unions relative to the agenda.

9. Bond asked a question about a bug situation at Harper Street. Lawrence explained one bug was found in the building and as a precautionary measure the entire building was treated.

10. Bond motioned to adjourn.

MOTION#: 3-29-22-7

MOTION: BOND

SECOND: OCHES

AYES: ALLEN, BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES

CARRIES: YES