

ATHENS COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES
Organizational Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 28, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.
801 W. Union Street, Athens

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.

BOND	Absent – arrived by 6:04 p.m.
CONNER	Present
DEMKO	Present
GÜT	Present
JOLLEY	Present
LEWIS	Present – virtually
OCHES	Present

Staff in Attendance:

Dr. Kevin Davis	Superintendent
Arian Smedley	Assistant Superintendent
Scott Zielinski	Director of Finance
Tristin Lawrence	Director of HR
Stephanie Kendrick	Director of Services & Support
Chris Linscott	Director of Facilities & Transportation
Angela Carter	MUI Coordinator
Autumn Brown	Director of Integrate Athens / Employment Options
Becky Martin	Director of Education
Phoenix Wade	SSA, PGO
Sara Kemplin	SSA, PGO
Heather Clemons	Employment Specialist, ABEA
Doug Mitchell	Transition Coordinator, ABEA
Paul Richard	Transportation, Facilities & Summer Camp, Teamsters

3. Demko read the Mission Statement.
4. Oches motioned to approve the agenda.

MOTION#: 1-28-25-1A
MOTION: OCHES
SECOND: JOLLEY

AYES: CONNER, DEMKO, GÜT-ZIPPERT, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

5. Dr. Davis announced the re-appointment of Margaret Demko, whose term is effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028. He also announced the re-appointment of Katie Conner, whose term is effective January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2028.
6. Board members reviewed and discussed the annual documentation in the packet.
7. Oches motioned to re-elect the current slate of officers for 2025 (Exhibit 7, page 56):
 - a. Margaret Demko as President.
 - b. Dr. Jason Jolley as Vice President.
 - c. Pam Bond as Secretary.

MOTION#: 1-28-25-2A
MOTION: OCHES
SECOND: GÜT-ZIPPERT
AYES: BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, GÜT-ZIPPERT, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

8. Oches motioned to re-appoint the current members on the Ethics and Finance/Personnel Committees for 2025:
 - a. Ethics Committee: Pam Bond, Dr. Carolyn Bailey Lewis, Dr. Dianne Güt-Zippert, Katie Conner (alternate)
 - b. Finance/Personnel Committee: Margaret Demko, Dr. Jason Jolley, Barry Oches, Pam Bond (alternate)

MOTION#: 1-28-25-2A
MOTION: OCHES
SECOND: GÜT-ZIPPERT
AYES: BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, GÜT-ZIPPERT, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

9. Dr. Jolley motioned to approve the board meeting calendar as recommended on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m., or as noted (Exhibit 9, Page 58).

MOTION#: 1-28-25-3A
MOTION: JOLLEY
SECOND: BOND
AYES: BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, GÜT-ZIPPERT, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

10. Dr. Jolley motioned to approve of the board training schedule as recommended (Exhibit 10, Page 59).

MOTION#: 1-28-25-4A
MOTION: JOLLEY
SECOND: LEWIS
AYES: BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, GÜT-ZIPPERT, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

11. Bond motioned to approve to provide public notice of all board meetings as required by ORC 121.22. Notice shall be provided through local media, posted at all ACBDD office locations, and the ACBDD website.

MOTION#: 1-28-25-5A
MOTION: BOND
SECOND: OCHES
AYES: BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, GÜT-ZIPPERT, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES

12. Bond motioned to adjourn the organizational meeting at 6:12 p.m.

MOTION#: 1-28-25-6A
MOTION: BOND
SECOND: JOLLEY
AYES: BOND, CONNER, DEMKO, GÜT-ZIPPERT, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES
CARRIES: YES