

ATHENS COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES  
Special Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, July 10, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.  
Beacon School – 801 W. Union Street

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

1. Dr. Jason Jolley, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
2. Arian Smedley did roll call.

BOND	Present
CONNER	Present
DEMKO	Absent
GÜT-ZIPPERT	Present
JOLLEY	Present
LEWIS	Present – virtual
OCHES	Present

Staff / Others in Attendance:

Dr. Kevin Davis	Superintendent
Arian Smedley	Assistant Superintendent
Scott Zielinski	Director of Finance
Heather Clemons	Integrate Athens, ABEA
Tim Jones	SSA, ABEA

3. Dr. Jason Jolley read the Mission Statement.
4. Oches motioned to approve the agenda.

MOTION#: 7-10-25-1  
MOTION: OCHES  
SECOND: GÜT-ZIPPERT  
AYES: BOND, CONNER, GÜT-ZIPPERT, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES  
CARRIES: YES

5. Dr. Davis shared the agency's Board Meeting Conduct policy, to serve as a reminder. Dr. Davis reminded the board and visitors that comments are limited to five minutes. He said he wanted to share this as a reminder, in the event we had a large number of individuals coming to share and participate during the meeting.
6. Regarding comments from Unions, Visitors, and the Board relative to the agenda:

- a. Tim Jones, an SSA and PGO President, shared a few thoughts about the building in question. Thoughts included:
  - i. The uncertainty of office space usage – who all would be working in the building
    1. Dr. Davis shared the divisions that would possibly be in there include the SSA department, Integrate Athens, Early Intervention, Transition. He shared there is much more office space in the building than what is currently at Harper Street. He added a downside, which is that only one office has a window.
  - ii. The financial impact on staff of having to pay city income taxes
- b. Heather Clemons, of Integrate Athens and ABEA President, shared a few thoughts about the building in question. Thoughts included:
  - i. Whether right now is the best time to make such a large investment, given the uncertainty at state and federal levels
  - ii. A concern from Sam Dunlap, an Instructor, related to losing close contact with Doug Mitchell, Transition Coordinator; and Administration
  - iii. A positive would be to having so many supports in one building, which could make service delivery easier for individuals

7. Oches motioned to enter into Executive Session per ORC 121.22 (G)(2) to consider the purchase and sale of property for public purposes at 6:15 p.m.

MOTION#: 7-10-25-2  
 MOTION: OCHES  
 SECOND: GÜT-ZIPPERT  
 AYES: BOND, CONNER, GÜT-ZIPPERT, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES  
 CARRIES: YES

8. Bond motioned to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

MOTION#: 7-10-25-3  
 MOTION: BOND  
 SECOND: CONNER  
 AYES: BOND, CONNER, GÜT-ZIPPERT, JOLLEY, LEWIS, OCHES  
 CARRIES: YES