

I. Call to Order

Jamie Steele, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM. Present at the meeting were: Diane Beastrom, Vice Chair; Adam Guinther, Treasurer; Lisa Reed, Secretary; Tom Weaver, Immediate Past Chair; Marti Adams; Justin Blumhorst; Jerri Elson; Roger Fortener; Robert Gaston; Felicia Hall; Robert Heinzerling; Than Johnson; Melanie Kasten-Krause; Patrick Maynard; Patricia Otter; Bill Ullman. John Swanson and Lynne Urbanski joined via phone. Also present were OPRA Staff: Mark Davis, President; Anita Allen, Vice President; Jeff Davis, Director of Government Relations; Lisa Mathis, Director of Employment and Health Services; and Christine Touvelle, Policy Analyst. Suzanne Scrutton and Peter Lusenhop from Vorys were present for part of the meeting .

II. At-Large Board Appointment

- a. Jamie Steele made a recommendation to appoint Bob Gaston from Arc Industries as an at-large Board Members for one year. Jamie Steele made a motion to accept the appointment Bob Gaston, Tom Weaver seconded. Motion carries. Bob will serve a one-year at-large term.

III. Disabilities Rights Ohio Lawsuit

- a. At 10:10 AM Suzanne Scrutton led the Board into privileged session which ended at 11:53 AM.
- b. Diane Beastrom made a motion to support the guardian interveners by authorizing counsel to file an amicus brief with suggestion of mootness on the case brought forth Disability Rights Ohio; that OPRA engage in organized advocacy efforts with the guardian interveners to address shared issues; and to delay consideration on the issue of financial support to the guardian interveners until after the status of their cross claims are addressed through the legal process. Patrick Maynard seconded. Board members discussed the motion. Motion did not go to a vote.
- c. Diane Beastrom amended her motion: to support the guardian interveners by authorizing counsel to file an amicus brief with suggestion of mootness on the case brought forth Disability Rights Ohio and that OPRA engage in organized advocacy efforts with the guardian interveners to address shared issues, Patrick Maynard seconded. Board members discussed the amended motion. Motion carries.
- d. Diane Beastrom made a motion to delay consideration on the issue of financial support to the guardian interveners until after the status of their cross claims are addressed through the legal process. Patrick Maynard seconded. Board members discussed the motion. A roll call vote was taken.
 - i. The motion received 15 ayes, 2 nays and one abstention. Motion carries.
 - e. Patrick Maynard, Diane Beastrom, Than Johnson, Bob Heinzerling, Jamie Steele, and Mark Davis will work together to develop messaging to families on the decision of the board.

IV. Executive Session

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- a. Jamie Steele lead the Board into executive session at 12:20 am and ended executive session at 12:50 PM.

V. State of Ohio Budget Strategy

- a. Mark Davis led the Board in a discussion about the upcoming supplemental State Budget. Initiatives include funding for increases in direct support professional wages in all services, elimination of on-site, on-call (OS/OC), committee on value-based purchasing (VBP) in DODD-administered services, funding for employer-resource network (ERN), support for high-need individuals with behaviors, open data communications, combine Self-Empowered Life Funding (SELF) and Level ONE waivers, waiting list relief, workforce incentives, adopt Employment First into state statute, simplify rules, regulations, and processes, one time disability determination, consolidate resource allocation tools in the waiver, look at vacancies in ICF and waiver group homes, potentially collapse ancillary Medicaid-card services, move I/DD specific services under OOD to DODD. Top six issues-increase DSP wage, OSOC elimination, VBP committee, ERN expansion, high-need individual more pay for staff.
- b. Board members provided feedback.
- c. Jamie Steele gave an overview of additional supplemental budget proposals that would revise and expand the DSP competency-based add-on.

VI. Consent Agenda

a. Workforce Sustainability

b. Efficiencies and Simplification

i. Electronic Visit Verification: One-Year Delay

- 1. Christine Touvelle and Mark Davis gave an overview of potential advocacy efforts OPRA could take to help get a delay in implementation of EVV in DODD-administered services. This may include legislative language.

c. Quality, Accountable, and Sustainable System Reform

I. Adjournment

Lisa Reed motioned to adjourn the meeting at 2:03 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Reed
Secretary