



Board of Directors

Date: October 22, 2025

Time: 10:00 – 11:30

Location: In-Person (Hilton Polaris)

Board Members:

Present			Absent
District 1	District 4	District 7	Felicia Hall
Jim Steffey	Roy Cherry	Tami Honkala	Bob Heinzerling
Jamie Steele	Steve King	Nikki Jarras	
	Tim Menke	Laura Lamb	
District 2	District 5	At-Large	
Ashley Brocious	Steve Colecchi	Bob Gaston	
Scott DeLong	Jeff Johnson	Kurt Miller	
Dennis Grant	Michelle Madden	Chris Wolf	
District 3	District 6		
Mary Thompson Hufford	Adam Guinther		
Lisa Reed	Liz Owens-Detillion		
Tim Neville			

OPRA Staff: Rachel Hayes, Teresa Kobelt, Scott Marks, Pete Moore

Guests: None

Minutes*:

Agenda	Discussion	Tasks/Conclusion	Responsibility
<i>Welcome & Safe Place Statement</i>	Adam Guinther welcomed Board members. Safe place statement was read.		
<i>Approval of Agenda</i>	Board reviewed the agenda. There was discussion about making slight adjustments to agenda that was distributed – getting through the bulk of the Board Report and CEO Report and saving the “Modernizing Ohio’s DD System Review and Approval” for last. Motion to approve: Tim Neville; Second: Dennis Grant	Agenda approved unanimously.	
<i>Approval of Previous Minutes</i>	Board reviewed minutes from August and September board meetings. Motion to approve: Tami Honkala; Second: Liz Owens-Detillion	August and September board meetings approved unanimously.	

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<i>Finance Report</i>	<p>Liz Owens-Detillion shared the Finance Committee report, reviewed the balance sheet, noted OPRA is ahead of budget on profit & loss statement, noted previous discussion of the Great Provider Summit on the overall budget, we are in the midst of Annual Conference and don't have all revenues/expenses, and waiting on income from Works4Me grant. OPRA's investments are also performing well.</p> <p>Motion to approve September Financials: Michelle Madden; Second: Jeff Johnson.</p>	September financials approved unanimously.	
<i>Board Report</i>	<p>The OPRA team gave updates on bills moving through the legislature, including ones related to 14(C), Supported Decision Making, and Prescribed Pediatric Extended Care.</p> <p>Teresa provided an update on DODD's ICF Reimbursement Workgroup.</p>		
<i>CEO Report</i>	The Board was provided a Quarter 3 updated on the strategic plan.		
	The Board has expressed interest in further discussion about becoming a 100% member of ANCOR. The cost/benefit analysis has been an ongoing discussion, and a Pete will take it to the Finance Committee for review and recommendation to the full board.	OPRA to schedule meeting of Finance Committee to discuss full ANCOR membership.	OPRA (Pete/Sonya) + Finance Committee
	The Board reviewed changes to OPRA's Employee Handbook. Motion to approve: Scott DeLong; Second: Michelle Madden.	Changes to Employee Handbook approved unanimously.	
	Conflict of Interest Statements were obtained from Board members who were absent/didn't complete in August.		
	Update was provided on Board Elections – only two districts had more than one person running, everyone else is running unopposed. Votes are coming in.		

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<p><i>Modernizing Ohio's DD System</i></p>	<p>The Board spent significant time reviewing and discussing OPRA's Plan for Modernizing Ohio's DD System .Pete shared with the Board all that went into developing the plan, the vision for the future of our system, and the policy levers it will take to achieve that vision.</p> <p>There was robust discussion the plan with the Board supporting the need for it. Discussion included comments such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We owe it the public and families • “The money is there, we need to spend it differently” • We could be even more aggressive • We have to think of and present ourselves as business leaders • We have to do something! We can't bury our heads in the sand. <p>There was also considerable discussion on where our partners are or if we even have partners at this point. With many noting that we don't, and that we haven't seen the County Boards do anything to be efficient or come up with solutions. “They may be stakeholders, but not partners.”</p> <p>There was also discussion about what tools would help the board, including developing an “elevator speech”.</p> <p>Motion to support OPRA's current Modernization Plan and give the OPRA team flexibility to make changes.</p> <p>Motion: Michelle Madden; Second: Roy Cherry.</p>	<p>Motion to approve OPRA's Modernization Plan passed unanimously.</p> <p>Get the Board tools to help message the Modernization Plan.</p>	<p>Teresa will get tools to the Board, including “elevator speech.”</p>

* More detailed information available upon request