



Vinton County Board of Developmental Disabilities

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

August 26, 2025

The Vinton County Board of Developmental Disabilities regular session was called to order by President Tiffany Pierce at 5:33 p.m. on Tuesday, August 26, 2025.

Attendance:

Member	Present	Absent	Prior notice
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of June Board Minutes:

33-25 Moved by Ruben Garcia, seconded by Tammy Hopkins, to accept the Minutes for the June Board Meeting, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

Ratification of Paid Expenditures:

Karon Fisher presented the June and July Expenses and Financial Statements to the Board.

34-25 Moved by Sharon Chaney, seconded by Tracie Dearing, to approve the June and July Expenses, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

Superintendents Report:

1. At our last meeting in June we discussed making adjustments to the rates at which we cover health insurance premiums for employees. I am happy to answer any questions you may have regarding this potential change.
2. If you've seen the local state news in the recent weeks, you have seen where the governor vetoed 67 different line items in the state budget. Among them was the veto of doing away with replacement levies for taxing authorities. Since that veto, the Senate has indicated that they plan to override that veto and put it back in place. That means that we will not be able to run any levies under a replacement. Moving forward we will be able to do new (additional) or renewals. The newest levy for VCBDD is approaching its expiration. The board does need to decide if we would like to move forward with putting the renewal levy on the ballot in the spring or fall of next year, 2026. Please consider this and I am happy to provide you with any information you might want in thinking about your decision.
3. The legislation that is proposing 14c Certification removal has been withdrawn at the federal level at this time. The US Department of Labor is formally discontinuing the rulemaking process and removing the proposal from further consideration. In its rationale for this decision, they are asserting that it "lacks statutory authority to unilaterally and permanently terminate the issuance of section 14(c) certificates." This was somewhat expected, but I do believe the state of Ohio will continue to forge on passing legislation to remove state-issued certifications.
4. As you keep updated from OACB, you have probably seen some of the movement of the group that is attempting to get language on a statewide level to abolish all property taxes. There are some legislators who are joining this movement believe that by signing to have the issue put on the ballot is their effort to do something about the rising cost of property taxes. To date, no one has suggested a solution for sustainability of all of the entities that utilize property taxes to provide services to the counties. This situation is unfolding more and more

every day. Keep a look out for your OACB emails and reach out if you ever have any questions. I'm happy to research and get you the information.

SSA Report:

None.

Old Business:

None.

Informational Items:

Superintendent Jill Squires presented the Early Intervention July Report to the Board.

Administrative Approvals

None.

Personnel Items:

Superintendent Jill Squires reported that Loryn Gipson and Michaela Puckett resigned from VCBDD. Jill Squires stated that Holly Martin will assume Michaela Puckett's duties. Jill Squires reported that Chase Goodwin Morano was hired to replace SSA Loryn Gipson.

New Business:

Approval of Invoice Resolution #2025-08-01:

35-25 Moved by Tammy Hopkins, seconded by Ruben Garcia to approve Invoice Resolution #2025-08-01, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

Approval of Glo Fiber Business Master Commercial Services Agreement:

36-25 Moved by Karen Hauck, seconded by Ruben Garcia to approve Glo Fiber Business Master Commercial Services Agreement, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		

Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

Discussion and Approval of 2026 Insurance Options:

37-25 Moved by Tracie Dearing, seconded by Tammy Hopkins to approve Option #1 for health insurance, Option #2 for dental insurance, and Option #2 for vision insurance, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

Adjournment:

38-25 Moved by Karen Hauck, seconded by Ruben Garcia, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Roll Call	Yes	No	Abstain
Tammy Hopkins	x		
Sharon Chaney	x		
Tiffany Pierce	x		
Karen Hauck	x		
Ruben Garcia	x		
Tracie Dearing	x		

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for September 23, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved as to form:

Sharon Chaney, Secretary

Tiffany Pierce, President