



Vinton County Board of Developmental Disabilities

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

January 27, 2026

The Vinton County Board of Developmental Disabilities regular session was called to order by President Tiffany Pierce at 5:51 p.m. on Tuesday, November 25, 2025.

Attendance:

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

Public Comment:

None.

Approval of November Board Minutes:

01-26 Moved by Tracie Dearing, seconded by Tammy Hopkins, to accept the Minutes for the November Board Meeting, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Ratification of Paid Expenditures:

Karon Fisher presented the November and December 2025 Expenses and Financial Statements to the Board.

02-26 Moved by Ruben Garcia, seconded by Sharon Chaney, to approve the November and December 2025 Expenses, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Superintendents Report:

1. Welcome Back! Happy New Year! The year is shaping up to be a good one of challenges and hopefully successes. We will start by having our levy renewal on the ballot in May. I am currently, as of this writing, working on getting the request on the ballot. By the time of our meeting, I hope to have an update to the status.
2. The coming year is promising to bring about some changes to the DD system overall. There have been several discussions thus far about the fiscal sustainability of not only the county level DD, but the state as well. The state has issued new guidance on state-funded waivers. County boards who request state-funded levels will have to go through what is called the “hardship rule.” This is a part of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC 5123-4-05) that requires county boards to follow several steps to show financial hardship to the point of necessitating a state-funded waiver. Also, new placements into State Developmental Centers are frozen. What does this mean for our us: if we encounter an individual who needs stabilization, we must search for support elsewhere. This is often a difficult task.

SSA Report:

None.

Old Business:

None.

Informational Items:

None.

Administrative Approvals

None.

Personnel Items:

None.

New Business:

Approval of Invoice Resolution #2026-01-01:

03-26 Moved by Ruben Garcia, seconded by Karen Hauck to approve Invoice Resolution #2026-01-01, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Approval of 2026 IRS Business Standard Mileage Rate (Attachment)-Action Required:

04-26 Moved by Tracie Dearing, seconded by Tammy Hopkins to approve the 2026 IRS Business Standard Mileage Rate, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Approval of Contract for Supported Living Services between Buckeye Community Services and VCBDD (Attachment) – Action Required:

After discussion, this item was tabled until the February Board Meeting.

Approval of Revised Intake & Assessment Coordinator/MUI Contact Position Description-Action Required:

05-26 Moved by Karen Hauck, seconded by Tracie Dearing to approve the Revised Intake & Assessment Coordinator/MUI Contact Position Description, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Adjournment:

06-26 Moved by Dave Gill, seconded by Sharon Chaney, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for February 24, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Approved as to form:

Tracie Dearing, Secretary

Tiffany Pierce, President