

TUSCARAWAS COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

DATE: Organizational Meeting, Monday, January 27, 2025

PLACE: Service & Support Center, 610 Commercial Avenue SW, New Philadelphia, Ohio

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: President

1.1 RECORD OF OATH OF OFFICE FOR NEW AND REAPPOINTED MEMBERS:

- **Heather O'Connor** – Newly appointed by the Tuscarawas County Commissioners to a four-year term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2028. *Oath of office was administered prior to the start of the meeting.*
- **Julie Brinkman** – Reappointed by the Tuscarawas County Probate Judge to a four-year term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2028. *Oath of office to be administered prior to the start of the February Board meeting due to being excused in January.*
- **Andrea Legg** – Reappointed by the Tuscarawas County Commissioners to a four-year term beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2028. *Oath of office was administered prior to the start of the meeting.*

1.2 ROLL CALL: Executive Administrative Director

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
Kathleen Arthurs		x (excused)
Lucinda Bihari	x	
Julie Brinkman		x (excused)
Thomas Fantin		x (excused)
Andrea Legg	x	
Heather O'Connor	x	
Ryan Yoss	x	

1.3 ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CORRECTIONS TO AGENDA

I. ORGANIZATIONAL BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD

1. 2025 Board Meeting Schedule

Recommendation to adopt a motion to set the following dates, time and location for all regularly scheduled Board meetings for 2025.

Dates: January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, May 27, June 23, August 25, September 22, October 27, and November 24

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Location: Service and Support Center
610 Commercial Avenue SW

New Philadelphia, Ohio

In accordance with Board Policy 1.3, the schedule of all regular Board meetings shall be posted in the Service and Support Center and Starlight School and on the Board's website. This schedule will specify the time and place of all meetings. The news media is notified of all regular, special, and emergency meetings per statute and in accordance with Board Policy 1.3. The notification of all special meetings includes the identification of the purpose of the meeting. Any person may request to receive a personal notice of meetings in accordance with Board Policy 1.3. The Superintendent designates the Executive Administrative Director as the Board employee responsible to provide the appropriate notice of all meetings.

Motion: **Andrea Legg**

Second: **Heather O'Connor**

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Kathleen Arthurs	absent	
Lucinda Bihari	x	
Julie Brinkman	absent	
Thomas Fantin	absent	
Andrea Legg	x	
Heather O'Connor	x	
Ryan Yoss	x	

The President declares the motion **carried**.

2. 2025 Slate of Officers

Recommendation to adopt a motion to approve the slate of officers for calendar year 2025 as submitted by the Board Nominating Committee.

President: **Julie Brinkman**
Vice President: **Ryan Yoss**
Recording Secretary: **Kathleen Arthurs**

Motion: **Andrea Legg**

Second: **Lucinda Bihari**

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Kathleen Arthurs	absent	
Lucinda Bihari	x	
Julie Brinkman	absent	
Thomas Fantin	absent	
Andrea Legg	x	
Heather O'Connor	x	
Ryan Yoss	x	

The President declares the motion **carried**.

3. 2025 Board Committees

The 2025 Board President shall appoint the following Board members to the following

committees:

Personnel (3):	Julie Brinkman
	Thomas Fantin
	Heather O'Connor
Finance (3):	Kathleen Arthurs
	Heather O'Connor
	Ryan Yoss
Ethics (3):	Julie Brinkman
	Thomas Fantin
	Andrea Legg

Motion: **Heather O'Connor**

Second: **Andrea Legg**

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Kathleen Arthurs	absent	
Lucinda Bihari	x	
Julie Brinkman	absent	
Thomas Fantin	absent	
Andrea Legg	x	
Heather O'Connor	x	
Ryan Yoss	x	

The President declares the motion **carried**.

4. **Appointment to Ruth Carlson-Starlight Foundation, Inc.**

Recommendation to adopt a motion to appoint the following member of the Tuscarawas County Board of Developmental Disabilities to serve on the Ruth Carlson-Starlight Foundation, Inc. Board of Trustees for calendar year 2025:

Lucinda Bihari

Motion: **Lucinda Bihari**

Second: **Andrea Legg**

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Kathleen Arthurs	absent	
Lucinda Bihari	x	
Julie Brinkman	absent	
Thomas Fantin	absent	
Andrea Legg	x	
Heather O'Connor	x	
Ryan Yoss	x	

The President declares the motion **carried**.

5. 2025 Board Member Declarations

Pursuant to the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code Section 5126.024, Board members must complete a declaration upon appointment or reappointment to be provided to their appointing authority. Although this only needs to be completed upon appointment or reappointment, a NewsAlert issued by the Ohio Association of County Boards (OACB) recommends that it is best practice for each county board to have all Board members sign this declaration at the initial Board meeting each year. A declaration has been prepared for each member to sign for 2025 which will be kept as a part of the Board's official file. No official action is required for this item.

II. ADJOURNMENT

1. Adopt a motion to adjourn.

Motion: **Heather O'Connor**

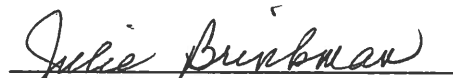
Second: **Andrea Legg**

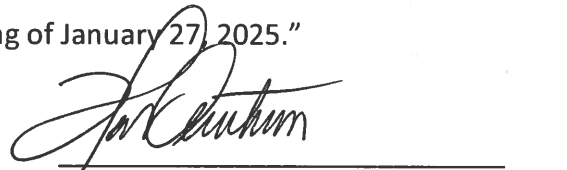
	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>
Kathleen Arthurs	absent	
Lucinda Bihari	x	
Julie Brinkman	absent	
Thomas Fantin	absent	
Andrea Legg	x	
Heather O'Connor	x	
Ryan Yoss	x	

The President declares the motion **carried**.

Time: **5:37** p.m.

"This is a true and accurate record of the meeting of January 27, 2025."


Julie Brinkman, President


Kathleen Arthurs, Recording Secretary

This is not a verbatim transcript of the January 27, 2025 Organizational Board meeting.

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