

MINUTES – combined work session and regular meeting
Thursday, October 16, 2025

Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board

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5:30 p.m.

The **combined work session and regular meeting** of the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board was held on Thursday, October 16, 2025 at the Summit DD administrative offices located at 2355 2nd Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221. The **work session** convened at 5:30 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

Jason Dodson, Board President - *Excused*
Allyson V. James, Board Vice-President
Gregg Cramer, Board Secretary
Tami Gaugler
Denise Ricks
Randy Briggs
Stacy Youssef

ALSO PRESENT

Lisa Kamlowksy, Superintendent	Holly Brugh, Assistant Superintendent
Drew Williams, Assistant Superintendent	James Armstrong, Director of Legal Svs.
Mira Pozna, Director of Fiscal	Laura Gleason, Director of HR
Billie Jo David, Director of	Russ DuPlain, Director of IT & Facilities
Communications & Quality	Maggi Albright, Recording Secretary
	and others

I. 2026 NORTHEAST OHIO NETWORK (NEON) CONTRACT

NEON is the entity contracted by Summit DD to facilitate reimbursement to families who use the Family Engagement Program (FEP). FEP is funded through a pool of tax levy dollars set aside specifically to support individuals aged birth through 22 who are not receiving services paid through a Medicaid waiver. FEP funds are reimbursed to families so they can access needed goods and services. Summit DD supported almost 800 families this year before exhausting allocated funds in September. The recommendation for 2026 is a \$363,000 reduction in the total amount of funding for the program. Families will still be able to access reimbursement of up to \$1,000 per individual for supports such as summer camp, respite, adaptive and sensory equipment. The 2026 per person amount represents a decrease of \$800 annually. Community clubs and classes will not be reimbursable in 2026 under the new program guidelines unless they are related to health and safety. Mr. Cramer asked if the decrease is due to budgetary issues.

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WORK SESSION *(continued)*

I. 2026 NORTHEAST OHIO NETWORK (NEON) CONTRACT *(continued)*

The Superintendent confirmed and noted that staff conducted a survey to align reimbursable services to be more consistent with what other county boards are offering. Communication will be sent to families who access this funding in the next several weeks so they have time to plan. The 2026 NEON contract is in the amount of \$546,000 which includes administrative fees for claims processing as well as Summit DD's annual COG membership dues. The 2026 NEON contract has been recommended for approval by the October Services & Supports and Finance & Facilities Committees.

II. 2026 Success4Kidz (S4K) Contact

S4K provides physical and occupational therapy services for children served in Early Intervention. The 2026 proposed contract amount remains the same at \$506,500. This contract supports approximately 300 children and allows for an expanded team of professionals to work alongside Summit DD developmental specialists and speech therapists to give families the best possible support tailored to the individual needs of their child. In addition to using therapists through the team process, S4K provides expertise in collaboration with Summit DD's early childhood focus area when attention is needed in a childcare setting. The 2026 S4K contract has been recommended for approval by the October Services & Supports and Finance & Facilities Committees.

III. BRITTCO CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Brittco provides the software that is used by Summit DD and many other county DD boards. The software supports the Ohio ISP and integrates billing functionality with direct service provider agencies. The request is to extend the contract with Brittco through calendar year 2026 in an amount not to exceed \$76,200, which represents no increase over 2025 costs. The Brittco contract amendment has been recommended for approval by the October Services & Supports and Finance & Facilities Committees.

IV. 2026 SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFFS CONTRACT

The request is to renew a contract with the Summit County Sheriff's Office for calendar year 2026 for an assigned deputy to provide services exclusively to Summit DD. The cost of the contract is not to exceed \$151,640.52, which is an increase of about \$2,600 over the current contract amount. It is anticipated the total amount of the contract will be offset by approximately \$44,000 through leveraging Medicaid administrative claiming.

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IV. 2026 SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFFS CONTRACT *(continued)*

This dedicated resource gives Summit DD the benefit of having all category A MUIs reviewed for allegations that may rise to the level that warrants criminal charges against the primary person involved. The deputy also facilitates between local jurisdictions and the prosecutor's office when needed, as well as serving as a resource for the SSA Department. The 2026 Summit County Sheriffs contract has been recommended for approval by the September Services & Supports and Finance & Facilities Committees.

V. SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Revenue in September included second half property tax settlement of \$30,481,100, which is about \$6M higher than anticipated due to a software issue at the County that will be appropriately adjusted by the County Fiscal office. Ms. James asked if there has been communication with taxpayers to show that Summit DD is not collecting more than voters approved. The Superintendent explained that in this situation the County collected the correct amount of money but the system distributed the funds incorrectly. Summit DD received more than it should have while other entities did not get all the funds they were supposed to receive. This is an internal County system error that will be corrected through journal entries. Additional revenue in September included \$97,500 for quarterly Title XX reimbursement and \$30,800 for reimbursement of expenses associated with the Multi-System Youth Intensive Treatment Grant. Expenditures for the month included a budget appropriation of \$4,641,700 recorded by the County to pay the final quarterly waiver match invoice, payment of \$72,800 for costs associated with the Summit DD sponsored Summer Work Program, \$38,800 for annual licensing and maintenance fees, and \$31,800 for a new host server that runs all IT systems. September ended in a positive position of \$7,958,282 with a fund balance of \$58,839,886. The September financial statements have been recommended for approval by the October Finance & Facilities Committee.

The work session adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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BOARD MEETING

The **regular monthly meeting** of the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board convened at 5:40 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

Mr. Cramer - Present	Mrs. Gaugler - Present
Mr. Briggs - Present	Mrs. Ricks - Present
Mrs. Youssef - Present	Mr. Dodson - <i>Excused</i>
Ms. James - Present	

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Leslie Frank, a parent and community member, mentioned the recent Tech Expo that Summit DD hosted at Summit Mall. She missed it this year but heard it was very well attended and a great event.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. SEPTEMBER 18, 2025 (combined work session/regular meeting)'

R E S O L U T I O N **No. 25-10-01**

Resolved that the Board approve the minutes of the September 18, 2025 combined work session/regular meeting. Mr. Cramer made the motion and Mr. Briggs seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

A. 2026 SUMMIT COUNTY SHERIFFS CONTRACT

R E S O L U T I O N **No. 25-10-02**

Resolved that the Board approve a contract with the Summit County Sheriff's Office for the period January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026, in an amount not to exceed One Hundred Fifty-One Thousand Six Hundred Forty Dollars and Fifty-Two Cents (\$151,640.52) and that the Superintendent be authorized to sign said contract. Mr. Briggs made the motion and Mrs. Gaugler seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

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BOARD MEETING *(continued)*

IV. BOARD ACTION ITEMS *(continued)*

B. SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

R E S O L U T I O N

No. 25-10-03

Resolved that the Board approve the September financial statements.
Mrs. Gaugler made the motion and Mrs. Ricks seconded. The motion was
unanimously approved.

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Kamlowsky reported the Ohio Senate voted to override Governor DeWine's veto on replacement levies. This action restores the language from the state budget which means that prohibition on replacement levies will take effect January 1, 2026.

The Superintendent noted that three state level agencies (DODD, Department of Behavioral Health, and Ohio Department of Medicaid) are currently without a permanent director following the departure of ODM Director Corcoran.

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) and Weaver Industries was recognized statewide by DODD through its DSP Connection newsletter for the hard work and dedication in helping employees reach their full potential. The Superintendent thanked Weaver Industries and all providers and employers serving in the vocational training and employment space for creating and supporting meaningful jobs for people with disabilities.

The Summit County Employment Collaborative is hosting its NDEAM event on October 28th at House 330. The event will highlight how Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) can assist people with disabilities of all ages get ready to work and find jobs through career exploration, skill building and job placement.

Summit DD is partnering with the Autism Society of Greater Akron and Sand Run Pharmacy to provide accessible vaccine clinics for individuals and their families who might need a little extra support. There will be a clinic at Summit DD's Cuyahoga Falls location on Tuesday, October 21 and another at Summit DD's Barberton location on Tuesday, October 28th.

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BOARD MEETING *(continued)*

VI. VICE PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Ms. James commented that while these are complex times, she encouraged everyone to stay positive and wished all good health and peace.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

R E S O L U T I O N

No. 25-10-04

Resolved that the Board enter into Executive Session in compliance with Sunshine Law, Ohio Revised Code 121.22, Section G, Subsections (1) and (4) to discuss the employment of public employees and collective bargaining matters. Upon reconvening, the Board may or may not conduct additional business. Mrs. Ricks made the motion and Mrs. Gaugler seconded.

<u>Roll call vote:</u>	Ms. James – yes	Mr. Briggs - yes
	Mrs. Gaugler – yes	Mrs. Youssef - yes
	Mrs. Ricks - yes	Mr. Dodson - <i>Excused</i>
	Mr. Cramer – yes	

The motion was unanimously approved.

The regular meeting of the Board adjourned at 5:49 p.m.

The Board entered into Executive Session at 5:50 p.m.

The Board meeting reconvened at 6:33 p.m.

VIII. ADDITIONAL ACTION ITEM

A. REVISED SUMMIT 2026 STAFFING REPORT

R E S O L U T I O N

No. 25-10-05

Resolved that the Board authorize a reduction in positions of employment as indicated on the revised HR/LR Staffing Report. Mrs. Gaugler made the motion and Mrs. Ricks seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

There being no further business, the Board Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.



Gregg Cramer, Secretary