

MINUTES – combined work session and regular meeting
Thursday, August 20, 2026

Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board
Board Meeting

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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, August 20, 2026 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

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

ALSO PRESENT

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

I. SUMMIT DD 2027 BUDGET

The 2027 proposed Budget request is in the amount of \$92,772,082 for the Operating Fund, \$87,893 for the Gifts and Donations Fund, \$1,981,724 for the Permanent Improvement Fund, and \$9,659,347 for the Medicaid Reserve Fund. The 2027 budget anticipates revenue to increase approximately 22%, operating expenses to decrease less than 1% in comparison to the 2026 approved budget and projects a net positive result of \$3.1M. The increase in revenue is largely due to the expiration of the property tax rollback and reflects collection at the full millage passed by voters in 2023. Expenses have held to the reductions made in the sustainability plan. The salary budget includes a reduction of 28.5 FTEs in March of 2026 and an increase of seven new FTEs in 2027, with an overall 3% wage increase. Employee benefit costs for 2027 include an increase of 5% for medical insurance and 2% for dental insurance offset by one premium holiday month.

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WORK SESSION *(continued)*

I. SUMMIT DD 2027 BUDGET *(continued)*

Medicaid costs are budgeted to increase in line with state service cost projections and account for typical waiver growth. The direct contract services line item includes funding from the local tax levy to provide non-Medicaid services and supports to individuals including early childhood support, behavior supports in residential and day settings, speech and language expertise, technology supports and continued investment in provider supports. The budget for this line item has decreased compared to 2026 as a result of programmatic cuts in the sustainability plan. The budgeted 2026 operating fund balance of \$24,069,333, plus projected 2027 net positive position results in a projected fund balance of \$27,205,475 at the end of 2027. Ms. James asked the Superintendent how she feels about the 2027 budget overall. The Superintendent responded that she feels confident about the budget and is comfortable that the reductions made through the sustainability plan will carry forward through the levy plan. The 2027 Summit DD budget has been recommended for approval by the August Finance & Facilities Committee.

II. JULY FINANCIALS

Revenue in July included first half homestead exemption tax settlement of \$511,200. Expenditures in July included payment of \$14,800 for the JFS caseworker contract, payment of \$45,700 for Ring Central cloud-based phone system, payment of \$17,000 for annual UKG subscription, and payment of \$21,400 for renewal of antivirus software. July ended in deficit spending of \$7,867,477 with a fund balance of \$30,961,144. The July financial statements have been recommended for approval by the August Finance & Facilities Committee.

III. CONTRACT WITH THE JUDGE ROTENBERG CENTER

The request is to enter into a placement contract with the Judge Rotenberg Center for a youth who has been receiving services there since 2023. The Board's participation for this contract year has been renegotiated and is capped at \$350,000, which equates to a figure that is in-line with what is anticipated to be the Board's on-going costs to serve this individual as an adult. Summit DD staff remain active members of the care team and will continue to partner with DODD and Ohio Medicaid to plan for this individual's ultimate transition into adult service programming which will occur in September 2027. Mr. Cramer asked where services will be rendered when this individual becomes an adult. The Superintendent replied that is yet to be determined but the Board's projected costs are based on service in Ohio through a home and community-based waiver.

The work session adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

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BOARD MEETING

The **regular monthly meeting** of the Summit County Developmental Disabilities Board convened at 5:44 p.m.

I. ROLL CALL

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

II. PUBLIC COMMENT

Leslie Frank, a parent and community member, asked about reducing three SSAs in the 2027 budget. The Superintendent replied there are no planned staff reductions in 2027. The 2027 budget reflects the addition of three new SSA staff.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. JULY 16, 2026 (combined work session/regular meeting)

R E S O L U T I O N

No. 26-08-01

Resolved that the Board approve the minutes of the July 16, 2026 combined work session/regular meeting. Mr. Dodson made the motion and Mr. Cramer seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

IV. BOARD ACTION ITEMS

A. JULY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

R E S O L U T I O N

No. 26-08-02

Resolved that the Board approve the July financial statements. Mrs. Gaugler made the motion and Ms. Schrack seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

B. CONTRACT WITH THE JUDGE ROTENBERG CENTER

R E S O L U T I O N

No. 26-08-03

Resolved that the Board approve a contract with The Judge Rotenberg Center for the period July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2027 in an amount not to exceed Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000), and that the Superintendent be authorized to sign said contract. Ms. Schrack made the motion and Mr. Dodson seconded. The motion was approved with a no vote from Mrs. Gaugler.

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BOARD MEETING *(continued)*

V. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

The Superintendent noted that on the State front discussions are ongoing relative to DODD's plan to pay the non-federal share of Medicaid match for several county boards of DD that are in financial distress in exchange for those county boards relinquishing certain Medicaid administrative functions. Whether and/or how that decision might impact other county boards, whether that model or something similar can be deployed statewide, and what functions county boards may be required to relinquish remain unclear. The Superintendent will keep the Board apprised.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

RESOLUTION

No. 26-08-04

Resolved that the Board enter into Executive Session in compliance with Sunshine Law, Ohio Revised Code 121.22, Section G, Subsection (1) to consider the employment of a public employee. Upon reconvening the Board may or may not conduct additional business. Mr. Dodson made the motion and Mr. Briggs seconded.

Roll Call Vote: Mr. Dodson - yes, Mr. Briggs - yes, Mrs. Schrack – yes, Ms. James – yes, Mr. Cramer – yes, Mrs. Gaugler - yes

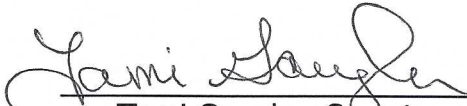
The motion was unanimously approved.

The regular session of the Board Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

The Board entered Executive Session at 5:52 p.m.

The Board Meeting reconvened at 6:07 p.m.

There being no further business, the Board Meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.


Tami Gaugler, Secretary