

Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities**Annual Board Meeting****April 22, 2024**

Place of Meeting: Larc Lane Center-Training Center
1155 Larc Lane, Toledo, Ohio

Time: 6:30 P.M.

Members Present: Mr. Ron Volk, President, presided
Mr. Bill Axe, Ms. Megan DeSloover, Dr. Eileen
Quinn, Mr. Connor Smenner and Ms. Cheryl Tyler-
Folsom

Members Absent: Ms. Linnie Willis

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks

Mr. Ron Volk, President, welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting. He thanked special guests in the audience: Anita Lopez, Lucas County Commissioner; George Sarantou, Toledo City Councilman; Paula Hicks-Hudson, Ohio State Senator; Nate Turner, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities; and Scott Noonan, Maumee City Councilman. Mr. Volk then introduced the Board members.

II. Board Business:**A. Oath of Office:**

As required by the Ohio Constitution, Board members took the oath of office, which was administered by Judge Jack Puffenberger of the Lucas County Probate Court. Judge Puffenberger thanked Board members for their service on the Board.

B. Call to Order:

Mr. Volk, President, thanked Judge Puffenberger. He then called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m. Following roll call, the Board excused the absence of Ms. Linnie Willis.

C. Consent Agenda:

Mr. Volk made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated April 22, 2024 as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Axe. Motion carried unanimously.

1. March 25, 2024 Board Meeting Minutes – To approve the March 25, 2024 Board meeting minutes as submitted.
2. Ethics Council Recommendations – To accept the Ethics Council recommendation as noted in its minutes of March 25, 2024.

III. **Keynote Speakers: Jordan Burriola and Melissa Mayfield**

Ms. Michele Myerholtz, Superintendent, introduced keynote speakers Mr. Jordan Burriola and Ms. Melissa Mayfield. Jordan was the 2020 Self-Advocate of the Year. He along with his mother, Melissa were awarded the February 2021 Special Recognition Award.

Jordan and his mother spoke to their experiences and journey of self-advocacy over the years.

Mr. Nabil Shaheen, Community Outreach and Communications Manager, thanked Jordan and Melissa for their presentation.

IV. **Feature Presentations:**

The Community Partnership Awards are presented to organizations, businesses and individuals in our community who partner with the Board to improve LIFE for individuals with developmental disabilities so they can reach their full potential. LIFE is the acronym for the Board's Core Values:

- L – Living LIFE
- I – Inclusion
- F – Freedom of Choice
- E – Everyone has worth

A. Community Partnership Awards

Mr. Shaheen along with Mr. Burriola introduced the recipients of this year's Community Partnership Awards.

1. Alpha Omega Gym
2. Bubba's 33
3. JupMode

All recipients were present to accept their awards.

B. Special Recognitions:

1. Self-Advocate of the Year – Superintendent Myerholtz presented the 2023 Self Advocate of the Year Award to Ms. Jorita Fox.

2. Staff Person of the Year – Superintendent Myerholtz presented the 2023 Staff Person of the Year Award to Ms. Cindy Deye, Community Connections Trainer.
3. Manager of the Year – Superintendent Myerholtz presented the 2023 Manager of the Year Award to Ms. Erica McElmurry, MUI Coordinator.
4. 2023 Spirit Award – Mr. and Mrs. Rick and Sidnee Henzler were chosen as the 2023 Spirit Award winners. Mr. London Mitchell, retired Public Information Manager, presented this prestigious award which embodies the spirit of service and recognizes a lifetime of dedication to individuals with developmental disabilities.

V. **2023 Accomplishments/Priorities for 2024**

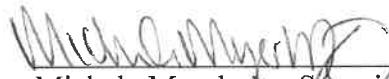
Superintendent Myerholtz introduced a video identifying the accomplishments of 2023 and highlights of the 2024 priorities.

VI. **Closing Remarks/Adjournment**

On behalf of the Board, Mr. Volk congratulated all award winners, community partners and Board staff. He thanked everyone for all of the important work they do for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Mr. Volk made a motion to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Axe. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Michele Myerholtz, Superintendent

Attest:



Bill Axe, Recording Secretary

Approved by:



Ron C. Volk, President