

# **Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities**

## **Annual Board Meeting**

**April 28, 2025**

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, Ms. Karen Kerr, Dr. Eileen Quinn, Mr. Connor Smenner and Ms. Cheryl Tyler-Folsom

Members Absent: n/a

### **I. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

Mr. Ron Volk, President, welcomed everyone to the Annual Meeting. He thanked special guests in the audience: Cami Roth Szirotnyak, Lucas County Clerk of Courts office; Kim Priestap, Ohio Attorney General's office; and Michele Grimm, Ohio State Representative. 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. Roll call was conducted and all Board members were present.

#### **C. Consent Agenda:**

After roll call, Mr. Volk made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda dated April 28, 2025 as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Axe. Motion carried unanimously.

1. March 24, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes – To approve the March 24, 2025 Board meeting minutes as submitted.

2. Ethics Council Recommendations – To accept the Ethics Council recommendation as noted in its minutes of March 24, 2025.

### **III. Keynote Speaker: Eric Chase, Cumulus Media**

Mr. Nabil Shaheen, Community Outreach and Communications Manager, introduced the keynote speaker, Mr. Eric Chase, a local radio host for Cumulus Media.

Mr. Chase spoke about sharing his story to empower others to help themselves or help others. His joy comes through purpose and purpose, he said, “gets you out of bed every morning. You don’t have to chase it. You can fulfill a personal mission or a mission for others. When you do something for others, it is often far more rewarding. Don’t chase happiness. Find your purpose and wake up with that every day.” His closing remark, “Don’t be the best in the world, be the best for the world.”

Mr. Shaheen thanked Mr. Chase for his 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 introduced the recipients of this year’s Community Partnership Awards.

1. Michele Grimm, Ohio State Representative
2. Captain Bryan Hollingsworth and Lieutenant Kelli Russell, Toledo Police Department
3. Proclaim FM
4. Julie Sanderson, Franklin Park Mall
5. Toledo Fire & Rescue Department

With the exception of Lieutenant Kelli Russell from the Toledo Police Department, all recipients were present to accept their awards. Officer Mohamad Nasser accepted Lieutenant Russell’s award on her behalf.

B. Special Recognitions:

1. Self-Advocate of the Year – Superintendent Myerholtz presented the 2024 Self Advocate of the Year Award to Ms. Shalanda Lawrence.
2. Staff Person of the Year – Superintendent Myerholtz presented the 2024 Staff Person of the Year Award to Ms. Elizabeth Waldron, Investigative Agent.
3. Manager of the Year – Ms. LaShunda Bolden on behalf of her colleagues, presented the 2024 Manager of the Year Award to Ms. Kathy Nail, Administrative Assistant.
4. 2024 Spirit Award – The prestigious Spirit Award is presented to someone who embodies the spirit of service and recognizes a lifetime of dedication to individuals with developmental disabilities. This year Superintendent Myerholtz presented the 2024 Spirit Award to Mr. London Mitchell, retired Public Information Manager for the Lucas County Board of DD.

V. **2024 Accomplishments/Priorities for 2025**

Superintendent Myerholtz introduced a video identifying the accomplishments of 2024 and then highlighted the 2025 priorities. “With legislative changes at both the state and federal levels that could have a significant impact on the work we do; we must do all we can to ensure that people we serve are included, empowered and recognized for the value they bring...The people we serve are individuals with unique hopes, talents, and dreams. And they have the right to access opportunity, to be seen, to be heard, and to be welcomed in all areas of life.”

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 7:53 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Axe. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michele Myerholtz, Superintendent

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Attest:

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Bill Axe, Recording Secretary

Approved by:

  
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Ronald C. Volk, President