

Lucas County Board of DD

Special Board Meeting

August 10, 2026

Place of Meeting: Administration Building
1154 Larc Lane, Toledo, Ohio

Time: 12:30 P.M.

Members Present: Ms. Cheryl Tyler-Folsom, President, presided
Mr. Bill Axe, Ms. Karen Kerr and Mr. Ron Volk

Members Present Virtually: Ms. Megan DeSloover and Dr. Eileen Quinn

Members Absent: Mr. Conor Smenner

I. Call to Order:

Ms. Cheryl Tyler-Folsom, President, called the meeting to order at 12:42 p.m. Following roll call, the Board excused the absence of Mr. Conor Smenner.

II. Executive Session:

Mr. Axe made a motion to go into Executive Session at 12:44 p.m. to discuss Personnel Matter and Collective Bargaining. Seconded by Dr. Quinn. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote:

Mr. Bill Axe voted - yes
Ms. Megan DeSloover voted - yes
Ms. Karen Kerr voted - yes
Dr. Eileen Quinn voted - yes
Mr. Conor Smenner - absent
Ms. Cheryl Tyler-Folsom voted - yes
Mr. Ron Volk voted - yes

Ms. DeSloover exited the virtual Teams Meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Motion by Mr. Axe to return to regular session at 1:55 p.m. following discussion of the above. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote:

Mr. Bill Axe voted - yes
Ms. Megan DeSloover - absent
Ms. Karen Kerr voted - yes
Dr. Eileen Quinn voted - yes

Mr. Conor Smenner - absent
Ms. Cheryl Tyler-Folsom voted - yes
Mr. Ron Volk voted - yes

III. Discussion Topics Requiring Board Action:

Motion by Mr. Volk to adopt Resolution #26-05 (attached), Finding that additional local funding will be needed and authorizing preparatory steps for consideration of a Developmental Disabilities Tax Levy. Seconded by Ms. Kerr. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote:

Mr. Bill Axe voted - yes
Ms. Megan DeSloover - absent
Ms. Karen Kerr voted - yes
Dr. Eileen Quinn voted - yes
Mr. Conor Smenner - absent
Ms. Cheryl Tyler-Folsom voted - yes
Mr. Ron Volk voted - yes

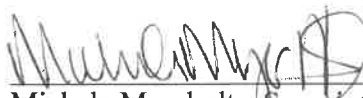
Motion by Ms. Kerr to adopt Resolution #26-06 (attached), Approving the Bridges Program wind-down and phased elimination of the Bridges Positions. Seconded by Mr. Axe. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote:

Mr. Bill Axe voted - yes
Ms. Megan DeSloover - absent
Ms. Karen Kerr voted - yes
Dr. Eileen Quinn voted - yes
Mr. Conor Smenner - absent
Ms. Cheryl Tyler-Folsom voted - yes
Mr. Ron Volk voted - yes

IV. Adjournment:

Motion by Ms. Kerr to adjourn the meeting at 2:07 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Volk. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,


Michele Myerholtz, Superintendent/CEO

Attest:

Bill Axe, Recording Secretary

Approved by:


Cheryl Tyler-Folsom, President

LUCAS COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

**RESOLUTION FINDING THAT ADDITIONAL LOCAL FUNDING WILL BE NEEDED
AND AUTHORIZING PREPARATORY STEPS FOR CONSIDERATION OF A
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES TAX LEVY**

RESOLUTION NO. 26-05

August 10, 2026

WHEREAS, the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities ("Board") is established pursuant to Chapter 5126 of the Ohio Revised Code and is responsible for planning, funding, coordinating, and providing services and supports to eligible individuals with developmental disabilities residing in Lucas County; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 5126.04 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Board must plan and set priorities based on available resources and assess the facility and service needs of eligible individuals residing in Lucas County; and

WHEREAS, the Board has reviewed current financial information, long-range forecasts, operational requirements, and anticipated service demands; and

WHEREAS, the number and complexity of individuals requiring services and supports continue to grow, including the need for more intensive and costly home and community-based waiver services; and

WHEREAS, the costs associated with providing and coordinating services and supports, including local waiver-match obligations, provider-capacity initiatives, transportation, technology, and health and safety supports, continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, inflationary pressures and increased costs of goods, services, and required supports have reduced the purchasing power of existing revenues; and

WHEREAS, based upon current projections, existing revenues will be insufficient on a sustained basis to meet the Board's necessary requirements while maintaining quality services, protecting health and safety, and fulfilling its statutory responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Sections 5705.03, 5705.19(L), 5705.222, and 5705.25 of the Ohio Revised Code establish the process through which a developmental disabilities tax levy may be considered and submitted to the electors, with the Lucas County Board of County Commissioners retaining the statutory authority to determine the necessity of and submit such a levy; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to document its preliminary funding determination, authorize development of one or more funding options, and begin consultation with appropriate county officials before considering any formal levy request.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities:

Section 1. The Board finds and determines that additional local revenue will be needed to provide for the current and future necessary requirements of the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities and to carry out its responsibilities under Ohio law.

Section 2. The Superintendent/CEO, with assistance from the Finance Director, Legal Counsel, and other appropriate staff and advisors, is authorized and directed to develop one or more funding and levy options for the Board's future consideration. The options shall address, as applicable, the anticipated revenue need, proposed millage or annual revenue amount, type and duration of levy, authorized statutory purpose, proposed election date, first tax and collection years, countywide territory, and projected effect upon taxpayers.

Section 3. In developing the options, the Superintendent/CEO is authorized to consult with the Lucas County Board of County Commissioners, Lucas County Auditor, Lucas County Prosecuting Attorney, Lucas County Board of Elections, and other appropriate public officials or advisors concerning the statutory process, required certifications, election timing, ballot requirements, and supporting financial information.

Section 4. Before the Board makes any formal request that the Lucas County Board of County Commissioners submit a tax levy to the electors, the Superintendent/CEO shall present a recommended proposal to the Board. The Board shall take any additional action required to select the proposed levy terms, request any required certification from the Lucas County Auditor, and approve a formal request to the Lucas County Board of County Commissioners.

Section 5. The Superintendent/CEO is authorized to transmit a certified copy of this Resolution to the Lucas County Board of County Commissioners and other appropriate county officials as notice of the Board's preliminary funding determination and as a request to begin consultation regarding available funding options and the applicable statutory process.

Section 6. This Resolution does not request submission of a particular levy to the electors, approve any specific millage or annual revenue amount, select a levy term or election date, or exercise any authority reserved by law to the Lucas County Board of County Commissioners, Lucas County Auditor, or Lucas County Board of Elections.

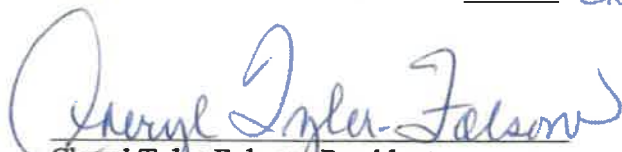
Section 7. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and its committees that resulted in such formal actions were conducted in meetings open to the public in compliance with applicable law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

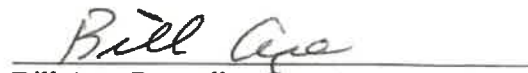
Section 8. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Adopted this 10th day of August, 2026.

Action Taken:

Cheryl Tyler-Folsom – President Y
Karen Kerr – Vice President Y
Bill Axe – Recording Secretary Y
Ron Volk – Board Member Y
Dr. Eileen Quinn – Board Member Y
Megan DeSloover – Board Member EXCUSED
Conor Smenner – Board Member EXCUSED


Cheryl Tyler-Folsom, President


Bill Axe, Recording Secretary

LUCAS COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE BRIDGES PROGRAM WIND-DOWN AND PHASED
ELIMINATION OF THE BRIDGES POSITIONS**

RESOLUTION NO. 26-06

August 10, 2026

WHEREAS, R.C. 5126.05(A)(7) authorizes the Board to authorize all positions of employment, and R.C. 5126.0220 directs the Superintendent to recommend changes needed to increase program effectiveness; and

WHEREAS, the Bridges program consists of one Bridges Transition Specialist position in the Professional bargaining unit and one Bridges Transition Supervisor management position; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent, Human Resources, and Finance reviewed referrals, active workload, OOD authorizations, billings, receipts, direct personnel costs, and remaining transition obligations after the recently completed budget process; and

WHEREAS, the review showed materially insufficient continuing Bridges work to sustain two full-time positions and program receipts materially below the cost of the two positions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lucas County Board of Developmental Disabilities:

Section 1. The Board approves a phased wind-down of the Bridges program. New Bridges referrals and commitments shall cease as soon as operationally lawful, and active direct Bridges operations shall end no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 13, 2026, subject to an orderly transition that protects individuals and completes legal, contractual, billing, and records obligations.

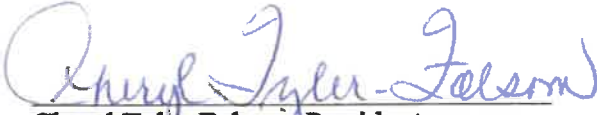
Section 2. All formal action concerning this Resolution was taken in an open meeting, and all deliberations were conducted in compliance with R.C. 121.22.

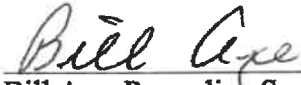
Section 3. This Resolution takes effect immediately upon adoption.

Adopted this 10th day of August, 2026.

Action Taken:

Cheryl Tyler-Folsom – President Y
Karen Kerr – Vice President Y
Bill Axe – Recording Secretary Y
Ron Volk – Board Member Y
Dr. Eileen Quinn – Board Member Y
Megan DeSloover – Board Member _____
Conor Smenner – Board Member _____


Cheryl Tyler-Folsom, President


Bill Axe, Recording Secretary