



## **Regular Board Meeting March 28, 2024**

**Donzella Administration Building – 1275 Lakeside Avenue E, Cleveland, OH 44114  
and broadcasted live via Zoom – 5:31 pm**

### **1. Regular Meeting Opening**

#### **A. Convene**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Allison Frazier at 5:31pm.

#### **B. Roll Call**

Members present: Allison Frazier, Lisa Hunt, Mozelle Jackson, Steven Licciardi, Cynthia Schulz

Members absent: Alaina McCruel, Stephen Scheidt

### **2. Minutes**

RESOLVED, that the minutes of the regular meeting of the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities held February 22, 2024, a copy of which is made a part of the permanent record of this meeting, be accepted as directed by the President, without objection, and approved as published.

Motion by Mozelle Jackson, second by Steven Licciardi.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Lisa Hunt, Mozelle Jackson, Steven Licciardi, Cynthia Schulz

### **3. Donations**

RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities gratefully accepts one donation of unspecified value.

Motion by Lisa Hunt, second by Lisa Hunt.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Lisa Hunt, Mozelle Jackson, Steven Licciardi, Cynthia Schulz

### **4. Financial Statements**

RESOLVED, that the Operating Fund Statement and the Statements of Revenue and Expenditures - Planned and Actual for the year-to-date period ending February 29, 2024, be accepted and filed for audit; the payment of vouchers for the period February 1, 2024 to February 29, 2024 be ratified; and that all statements and voucher summaries are made a part of the permanent record of this meeting.

Motion by Lisa Hunt, second by Lisa Hunt.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Lisa Hunt, Mozelle Jackson, Steven Licciardi, Cynthia Schulz

## 5. Announcements

Vice President, Allison Frazier turned the meeting over to Dr. Amber C. Gibbs, Superintendent & CEO. Dr. Gibbs gave the following announcements:

- We had a fantastic month with all the activities going on for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Following is a list of some of the events/activities:
  - On March 1<sup>st</sup> we held a legislative breakfast. Individuals, families, staff, and providers were in attendance, meeting with some of our area legislators.
  - Four advocates along with Dr. Gibbs and some of our staff attended the DD Awareness and Advocacy Day at the Ohio Statehouse on March 12. Also in attendance were many advocates, families, and providers. Our sensory mobile vehicle was on hand at the event.
  - Two individuals we serve attended the National Self-Direction Conference in Baltimore, Maryland, March 14-15. Tierra Williams and Jackie Smith were selected as recipients of the scholarship fund that was established through donations given when previous Superintendent, Kelly Petty retired.
  - On March 15, the Cuyahoga County Rockets, Special Olympics basketball team played (and defeated) the Cuyahoga DD Tigers made up of members of our staff. This was a fundraiser for Harvest for Hunger and for the Rockets team, each receiving donations of \$725.
  - The Cleveland Monsters hockey team sponsored their first sensory-friendly game on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Our staff met with the Monsters staff to train them on how to welcome and include those with sensory needs.
  - On March 28<sup>th</sup>, the artists who completed the mural at Big Creek Center gathered to be recognized with a plaque at the building.
  - The Mobile Sensory Vehicle will be in attendance at the Eclipse Festival at the Cleveland Science Center on April 8<sup>th</sup>.

## 6. Status Reports

There were no significant changes in the status reports.

## 7. New Business

### A. Provider for Youth Residential Home

RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities approves hereby and authorizes the Superintendent to enter into a contract with ViaQuest, Inc. to provide daily operation services in the Fowles Home effective March 4, 2024, through December 31, 2024, AND to approve payment for 2024 not to exceed \$776,000; and,  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is authorized hereby to take any and all actions necessary to carry out these transactions.

Motion by Steven Licciardi, second by Allison Frazier.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Lisa Hunt, Mozelle Jackson, Steven Licciardi, Cynthia Schulz

### B. Consumer Support Services Respite Contract

RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities approves hereby and authorizes the Superintendent to enter into a renewal contract with Consumer Support Services of Independence, Ohio to provide respite services in one Cuyahoga DD-owned home for the period April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025 for a sum not to exceed \$55,000; and,  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is authorized hereby to take any and all actions necessary to carry out these transactions.

Motion by Steven Licciardi, second by Lisa Hunt.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Lisa Hunt, Mozelle Jackson, Steven Licciardi, Cynthia Schulz

**C. Tahgis Imports Inc. Respite Contract**

RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities approves hereby and authorizes the Superintendent to approve an agreement with Tahgis Imports Incorporated to provide respite services in two Cuyahoga DD-owned homes effective April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, for a total cost not to exceed \$200,000; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is authorized hereby to take any and all actions necessary to carry out these transactions.

Motion by Mozelle Jackson, second by Steven Licciardi.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Lisa Hunt, Mozelle Jackson, Steven Licciardi, Cynthia Schulz

**D. D.D. West Company Respite Contract**

RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities approves hereby and authorizes the Superintendent to approve an agreement with D.D. West Company to provide respite services in a Cuyahoga DD - owned home effective April 1, 2024 through March 31, 2025, for a total cost not to exceed \$1,400,000; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is authorized hereby to take any and all actions necessary to carry out these transactions.

Motion by Cynthia Schulz, second by Steven Licciardi.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Lisa Hunt, Mozelle Jackson, Steven Licciardi, Cynthia Schulz

**E. Cuyahoga DD Website**

RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities approves hereby and authorizes the Superintendent to enter into a contract with The FORM Group, of Chagrin Falls, OH for the development of a new Cuyahoga DD website for the period April 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024 for a sum not to exceed \$75,000; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Superintendent is authorized hereby to take any and all actions necessary to carry out these transactions.

Motion by Steven Licciardi, second by Lisa Hunt.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Lisa Hunt, Mozelle Jackson, Steven Licciardi, Cynthia Schulz

**8. Comments from the Floor**

- Lori Oliver, Chief Program Officer and Jenna Graska, Director of Adult Services of Achievement Centers for Children informed the Board that they are currently accepting registrants for their camp programs. They detailed the different camps they are running and handed out brochures.
- Valentina Gulyayeva and her son Matvey approached the podium for comment. Ms. Gulyayeva talked about the need for literacy and post-secondary options for young people with developmental disabilities. She talked about the lack of supports at local colleges and universities.

**9. Adjournment**

RESOLVED, that the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities hereby adjourns.

Motion by Cynthia Schulz, second by Steven Licciardi.

Final Resolution: Motion Approved

Aye: Allison Frazier, Lisa Hunt, Mozelle Jackson, Steven Licciardi, Cynthia Schulz

Meeting adjourned at 6:37 pm.

**Next Meeting** - April 25, 2024 at 5:30 pm, Donzella Administration Building, 1275 Lakeside Ave E, Cleveland, OH 44114 and broadcast via Zoom. Zoom link will be shared on the Cuyahoga DD website at [cuyahogadd.org](http://cuyahogadd.org) at least three days prior to the meeting.

Certified by:

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Stephen Scheidt, President

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Mozelle Jackson, Secretary