

January 2026 Brown County Board of Developmental Disabilities

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

Time: 12:20 p.m.

Location: Board Office

- I. Pledge of Allegiance
- II. Prayer
- III. Call to order
- IV. Roll Call of Members
 - Angie Marlow Emily Ernst Sam Schweikart – absent with notice
 - Reggie McKenzie Patrick Klump – absent with notice Marty Paeltz
- V. Additions/Corrections to the Agenda
- VI. Guests
 - Timothy Carter, Grow Inc.
 - Timothy attended the meeting to showcase his crocheting talent with the board. He started crocheting when he was 8 years old and is able to crochet several different styles. He is currently working on making hats for cancer patients in Minnesota. He will be setting up at craft shows
- VII. Approval of November Meeting Minutes
 - Moved by: Marty Paeltz
 - Seconded by: Emily Ernst
- VIII. Approval of December Special Meeting Minutes
 - Moved by: Marty Paeltz
 - Seconded by: Emily Ernst
- IX. Reports:
 - a. Client Services Report
 - There are currently 261 individuals receiving SSA services and we are continuing to receive referrals weekly. On 11/20/2025, one individual went to SODC. There are a total of 172 waivers. In 2025, there were a total of 112 MUI's and so far this year, we have had 5. In December, we had 1 individual pass away. TCM productivity reports are being completed monthly and everyone is meeting or is above the 50% that is required. As of 01/01/2026, JoJean is a full-time SSA. We currently have 1 SSA position open. SSAs are continuing to work hard and are completing biweekly SSA meetings.
 - b. Fiscal Report
 - General fund has a balance of \$1,878,305.01
 - Residential fund has a balance of \$425,822.33

c. Superintendent's Report

Special Olympics is going well, the basketball team had 3 games last week and the team has made great progress. To keep their accreditation, they will have to participate in regional or state competition this year.

Connections Events for 2026 have been set and distributed.

Brown County Night to Shine is scheduled for February 13, 2026. There will be a table for DD.

SOCOG will be in the office at the end of February for Accreditation Readiness

The Sheriff's Office has been in contact about purchasing the Hamer Road land.

The Superintendent shared that there are numerous bills that remain under consideration in the Ohio Legislature that could directly or indirectly affect people with developmental disabilities, their families and county boards. There is still no plan to replace the estimated \$22 billion in lost revenue.

X. Unfinished Business:

a. Finance Committee Mtg

The Superintendent shared an updated from meeting with the Commissioner's meeting on December 8, 2025.

XI. New Business:

a. Levy Resolution

Moved by: Marty Paeltz

Seconded by: Reggie McKenzie

Roll Call

Angela Marlow

Emily Ernst

Reggie McKenzie

Marty Paeltz

b. Letter to superintendents about not providing educational services (ORC Requirement)

Moved by: Marty Paeltz

Seconded by: Reggie McKenzie

c. Superintendent's Contract (Executive Session) 1:10pm-1:21pm

Angela Marlow asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss Superintendent's Contract and employee compensation.

Moved by: Marty Paeltz

Seconded by: Reggie McKenzie

Roll Call

Angela Marlow

Emily Ernst

Reggie McKenzie

Marty Paeltz

Superintendent has submitted her retirement letter to the board with a request to extend her contract to July 1, 2026, due to Accreditation coming up.

All employees received a 4% increase, however the superintendent requested she not receive that 4% increase, however the board has brought it up for reconsideration and would like to make it retroactive to the beginning of January 2026. If that is not possible, then the board would just like to make it so her increase begins on the current pay period.

Angela Marlow asked for a motion to extend the superintendent’s contract to July 1, 2026.

Moved by: Marty Paeltz
Seconded by: Reggie McKenzie

Angela Marlow asked for a motion for Superintendent to receive a 4% increase retro active to the first full pay period of January, if that is not possible, then the second pay period of January 2026.

Moved by Marty Paeltz
Seconded by Emily Ernst

XII. Policy/Procedure Needing Board Approval: None

XIII. Adjournment: The regular board meeting of the Brown County Board of Developmental Disabilities was adjourned at 1:30.

Moved by: Emily Ernst
Seconded by: Reggie McKenzie

Respectfully Submitted,

_____ Date: _____

Emily Ernst, Recording Secretary

_____ Date: _____

Angela Marlow, President