SC ADM Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 5:30pm

Akron Children's Hospital; Considine Professional Building 215 W Bowery St

Akron, OH 44308

Conference Center

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I. Call to Order

II. Approval of minutes from July 28, 2026, Board Meeting

III. Swearing in of New Board Member, John Petures by the Honorable Linda Tucci-Teodosio

IV. Introduction of 2026-2027 ADM Board Shadow, Monique Johnson

V. Board Education - Eva Szigethy, MD, PhD, Chair, Pediatric Psychiatry and Behavioral Health; The Lois C. Orr Endowed Chair in Pediatric Psychiatry

VI. Ownership, Linkage & Accountability

- A. Chair Report
- B. Executive Director Report
- C. Chief Clinical Officer Report

VII. Comments from Public and Announcements

VIII. Consent Agenda

- A. ADM Funding Awards Report
- B. New Contracts & Authorization to Sign

IX. Committee Reports

- A. Committee Reports
  1. Fiscal Oversight Committee- Henry Johnson, Chair
     Last Meeting: Tuesday, September 8, 2026
  2. Assurance Committee - Sylvia Trundle, Chair
     Last Meeting: Tuesday, September 15, 2026

X. Unfinished Business

- A. None

XI. New Business

- A. Executive Limitations & Board Self-Monitoring
  1. Executive Director Response to Monitoring
     - a. Policy 1.3 Access and Equity
       - a. Vote on Compliance
     - b. Policy 2.5 Financial Conditions & Activities
       - a. Vote on Compliance
     - c. Policy 2.6 Asset Protection
       - a. Vote on Compliance

XII. Adjournment

The next meeting of the Summit County ADM Board of Directors will be held on Tuesday, October 27, 2026, at 5:30pm at the Dr. Fred Frese Residential Center.

Minutes for SC ADM Board of Directors Meeting

07/28/2026 | 05:31 PM - 07:15 PM - 05:00 Eastern Time (US & Canada)
SCPH Auditorium

Attendees (11)

Monica Andress; Crystal Burnett; Dr. Margaret Halter; Henry Johnson; James E. Merklin; Utomhin Okoh; Marc Lee Lee Shannon; Stephen L Strayer; Sylvia Trundle; Dr. Valerie Kreider; Karen Talbott

Committee Members Absent

Dr. Tania Lodge

ADM Board Staff Present

Aimee Wade, Executive Director; Jennifer Peveich, Associate Director of Operations; Kimberly Patton, Associate Director of Clinical Services; Dr. Doug Smith, Chief Clinical Officer; Amy Woodland, Manager of Communications; Dominique Curley, Executive Administrative Assistant

Other Parties Present

Barbara Van Dike, CHC Addiction Services; Tracy Yaeger, PhD, Portage Path Behavioral Health; Leslie Powlette Stoyer, Community Support Services; Jill Oldham, Greenleaf Family Center; Megan Kleidon, Red Oak Behavioral Health; Tammy Jensen, Oriana House; Kevin Kreider, Community Member; Kayla Craig, Coleman Health Services; Jess Rist, IBH Addiction Recovery; Eric Black, Community Member; Brian Harnak, Summit County Executive Office; Cassandra Galloway, Child Guidance & Family Solutions; Meredith Myers, IBH Addiction Recovery; Michael McGlinchy, IBH Foundation Board; Reilly Perme, PNC Bank

Call to Order

With a quorum present, Chair, Dr. Margaret Halter called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

Swearing in of Monica Andress, Karen Talbott and Dr. Valerie Kreider by the Honorable Judge Joy Malek Oldfield

Chair Dr. Halter began the meeting by inviting Monica Andress, Karen Talbott and Dr. Valerie Kreider to join Honorable to be sworn in by Judge Joy Malek Oldfield as a member of the Summit County ADM Board of Directors.

Approval of minutes from June 23, 2026, Board Meeting

MOTION: Sylvia Trundle **SECOND:** Henry Johnson

That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors approve the minutes of the June 23rd, 2026, meeting of the Board of Directors as presented.

VOTE: Verbal Vote - Motion Passed (1 Abstention: Karen Talbott)

RESOLUTION: 7-26-01

Board Education - Calendar Year 2027 Budget Presentation

- Associate Director Jennifer Peveich presented the proposed Calendar Year (CY)2027 Budget, providing an overview of projected revenues, expenditures, budget assumptions, funding priorities, cash balance projections, and capital improvement planning.
- Associate Director Peveich reviewed revenue assumptions and the budget totaling approximately $56.3 million, including preliminary state and federal funding estimates and levy revenue projections based on a 3.45-mill levy rate, with levy revenues projected to represent 83% of total revenue receipts.
- Associate Director Peveich reviewed CY2027 expenditure assumptions and the proposed operating budget totaling approximately $52.7 million, including allocations for board administration, behavioral health services (mental health and substance use disorder), and other program priorities. The budget includes continuation of the Value-Based Purchasing program with nine providers, approximately $1.76 million in workforce development funding to support contract agency recruitment and employee engagement, and the University of Akron partnership which provides a pathway to employment with ADM contract agencies. Other expenditure items covered included projected adjustments for administrative salaries, fringe benefits, and ongoing program and service funding needs throughout the levy cycle.
- Associate Director Peveich reviewed the CY2027–CY2032 Cash Balance Forecast, including a projected 2027 ending operating cash balance of approximately $25.9

million, and provided an update on the Permanent Improvement Fund and long-term financial outlook.

- Board members and ADM Board staff discussed revenue sustainability, workforce recruitment and retention strategies, crisis service expansion, provider contract adjustments, operating reserves, and capital project timelines. The Board also highlighted the continued investment in the Value-Based Purchasing program with nine providers as a key component of advancing quality outcomes, accountability, and strategic service delivery.

MOTION: James Merklin **SECOND:** Henry Johnson

That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors approve the CY2027 ADM Board Budget.

VOTE: Verbal Vote - Motion Passed (1 Abstention: Karen Talbott)
RESOLUTION: 7-26-02

Ownership, Linkage & Accountability

A. Chair Report - Dr. Margaret Halter, Board Chair

- Dr. Halter formally announced the following Board committee appointments: Monica Andress to the Assurance Committee and Executive Compensation Committee; Valerie Kreider to the Assurance Committee and Governance Committee; and Karen Talbott to the Assurance Committee and Governance Committee.
- Dr. Halter reported that the updated Conflict of Interest reporting process is being relaunched through SurveyMonkey. She noted that the revised disclosure form includes clearer language and an improved format to facilitate the aggregation and tracking of responses, addressing questions identified with the previous reporting process.
- Dr. Halter advised that Dominique will distribute the SurveyMonkey link to all Board members before the close of the meeting. Board members were requested to complete the Conflict of Interest Statement by July 31, 2026. Members requiring additional time were asked to notify Dr. Halter.
- Dr. Halter reminded Board members to complete the Board of Directors meeting evaluation using the QR code provided on the annotated meeting agenda.

B. Executive Director Report - Aimee Wade, Executive Director

- Director Wade provided an update on recent local, state, and federal advocacy efforts around new proposed rule through Office of Budget and Management for federal grants, highlighting the organization's collaboration with community partners to respond to proposed federal rule changes that could significantly impact behavioral health services and other essential community resources. She also shared that outreach was conducted with local, state, and federal elected officials and that responses have been received from several legislative offices. The public comment period has concluded, with planned implementation of the final rule anticipated on October 1, 2026. A copy of communication sent to OMB was shared with the board, which included a request to pause the implementation timeline.
- Director Wade updated the Board on the organization's recent suicide prevention response following an increase in suicides across the county. She reported that staff expanded prevention and awareness efforts through coordinated outreach with media partners and local government agencies to strengthen community awareness and support.
- Director Wade concluded by recognizing the continued partnership of the local Suicide Prevention Coalition and the Ohio Suicide Prevention Foundation and announced that Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) suicide prevention training will be offered to Board members during the upcoming Board of Directors Retreat.

C. Chief Clinical Officer Report - Dr. Doug Smith, Chief Clinical Officer

- Dr. Smith, Chief Clinical Officer, provided an update on behavioral health initiatives within the Summit County Jail, including enhancements to the intake process designed to improve inmate flow and support more comprehensive medical and behavioral health assessments upon entry.
- Dr. Smith shared recent national and global mental health data, highlighting the increasing prevalence and impact of mental illness, as well as the continued need to expand access to evidence-based behavioral health treatment.
- Dr. Smith also informed the Board of the FDA's approval of a new medication for Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), summarizing its clinical effectiveness and noting important considerations regarding side effects and patient safety.

Comments from Public and Announcements

Amy Woodland, Manager of Communications, SC ADM Board;

- Ms. Woodland provided an update on community outreach initiatives, highlighting continued efforts to expand awareness and visibility of available resources. Upcoming outreach materials include the distribution of 400 community yard signs, mirror stickers, and 988 awareness wristbands.
- Ms. Woodland emphasized that direct community engagement and outreach remain a primary strategy for increasing awareness and access to resources. An updated list of community events will be shared in the near future to support continued engagement opportunities.
- Ms. Woodland requested Board members and guests share any connections with local parks or community venues that may provide opportunities for additional visibility, including potential billboard placements to further extend outreach efforts.

Consent Agenda

MOTION: James Merklin **SECOND:** Lt. Utomhin Okoh

<u>That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors approve the funding awards for July 2026 and having funds available and certified by the Fiscal Officer as required by ORC 5705.41(D) the Board Authorizes the Executive Director to sign the contracts presented in the attached list on behalf of the ADM Board, in accordance with the requirements contained within ORC 340.</u>

VOTE: Verbal Vote - Motion Passed (1 Abstention: Karen Talbott)

RESOLUTION: 7-26-03

Committee Reports

A. Fiscal Oversight Committee - Henry Johnson, Chair

- Chair Henry Johnson reported that Executive Director Wade provided an update on the 2026 funding application process, noting that the process has concluded, the majority of provider contracts have been executed, and staff are gathering feedback to further improve the new funding application process.
- Chair Henry Johnson reported that the Committee reviewed the Policy 2.4 Financial Planning and Budgeting Monitoring Report for the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Executive Director Wade reported compliance with Policy 2.4, and the Committee recommended no changes to the policy.

- Chair Henry Johnson reported that Associate Director Jennifer Peveich presented the proposed FY2027 ADM Board Budget, including projected revenues, expenditures, cash balance forecasts, and long-term financial planning assumptions. Following discussion, the Committee expressed support for advancing the proposed FY2027 Budget to the full Board for consideration.
- Chair Henry Johnson announced that the next Fiscal Oversight Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. in the SC ADM Board Trailblazer Conference Room.

B. Governance Committee - James Merklin, Chair

- Chair James Merklin reported that the Committee reviewed Board recruitment efforts and recommended offering a position in the 2026–2027 Board Shadow class to a prospective participant. The Committee also discussed continued expansion of the Board Shadow Program, development of a participant feedback survey, and opportunities to further strengthen recruitment.
- Chair James Merklin shared that the Committee discussed long-term governance development initiatives, including a comprehensive review of the Board Policy Manual to ensure it reflects evolving governance practices and organizational priorities.
- Chair James Merklin reported on Board development initiatives, including key takeaways from the 2026 Govern for Impact Conference and opportunities to enhance Board education through governance-focused training, educational modules available through Governance Coach, and governance refreshers for current and new Board members.
- Chair James Merklin advised that the Committee approved distribution of a Board Education Survey to identify priorities for future Board development and recommended renewal of the Governance Coach platform subscription to support ongoing governance education and resources.

C. Assurance Committee - Sylvia Trundle, Chair

- Chair Sylvia Trundle reported that the Assurance Committee meeting that was scheduled for July 14, 2026, was canceled. She shared that a SurveyMonkey meeting times survey will be distributed in advance of the next meeting, scheduled for September 15, 2026.

Unfinished Business - None

None

New Business

A. Executive Limitations & Board Self-Monitoring

1. Executive Director Response to Monitoring

2. Policy 2.4 Financial Planning and Budgeting

a. Vote on Compliance

MOTION: Lt. Utomhin Okoh **SECOND:** Crystal Burnett

That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors find the Executive Director in compliance with Policy 2.4 Financial Planning and Budgeting.

VOTE: Verbal Vote - Motion Passed (1 Abstention: Karen Talbott)
RESOLUTION: 7-26-04

Adjournment

MOTION: Henry Johnson **SECOND:** Sylvia Trundle

That the Summit County ADM Board of Directors move to adjourn this Regularly Scheduled Meeting of Tuesday, July 28th, 2026.

VOTE: Verbal Vote - Motion Passed **RESOLUTION:** 7-26-05

Next Meeting Scheduled: Tuesday, September 22, 2026, at 5:30pm at Akron Children's Hospital.

The meeting ended at 7:15pm.