

**SUMMIT COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MAY 26, 2026 MEETING MINUTES**

Board Members	Board Members	Executive Team
✓ Keith Malick, Chair	✓ Traci Buckner	✓ Cassandra Holtzmann
✓ Patrick Bravo, Vice-Chair	✓ Anne Connell-Freund	_____ Darin Kearns
✓ GinaKaye Maddox, Secretary	✓ Beth Gracey	_____ Liz Mangon
✓ Anna Arvay	_____ Megan Recker	✓ Sushi Moore
_____ Omar Banks	_____ Katie Stoyhoff	✓ Catherine Van Horne
✓ Kemp Boyd		

Staff Present: Jon Hart, Maria Hopkins, Ray Jacobs-Security, Erica Sabados, Laura Sasser, Deanna Shriver, Jennifer Snyder, JoAnn Dunson - Recording Secretary

Call to Order and Roll Call

- Chair Malick called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.
- Roll call was taken.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Chair Malick requested a motion to approve the minutes of April 28, 2026.
- Ms. Connell-Freund moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Ms. Maddox.
- All were in favor and the motion carried.

Public Comment

- Mr. Lavery attempted to speak regarding a personal case.
- Board Chair Malick reminded the speaker multiple times that case-specific information, including names of children or individuals involved in Summit County Children Services (SCCS) cases, cannot be discussed in a public meeting due to confidentiality and public record laws.
- Mr. Lavery was advised to meet privately with agency leadership for further discussion.
- Executive Director Holtzmann reiterated the confidentiality requirements and offered to meet separately to understand the speaker's concerns.

Committee Reports

- **Citizens' Advisory Council (CAC)**
 - Committee Chair Gracey reported that CAC met in April.
 - Agency updates were provided and the new Foster Care Recruitment Campaign was presented.
- **Planning and Programs**
 - Committee Vice Chair Maddox reported that Planning and Programs met today.
 - February 24, 2026 meeting minutes were approved.
 - 2025 Data and Agency Goals Year End Report was presented.
- **Resources Committee**
 - Committee Chair Bravo reported that the committee met today.
 - Department Manager Deanna Shriver presented the Financial Statement Report as of April 30, 2026.
 - **Resolution 05-2026-26/A**
 - Approval of Summit County Children Services Amended Code of Regulations.
 - Committee Chair Bravo made a motion to approve; seconded by Ms. Connell-Freund.
 - All were in favor and the motion carried.
 - **Resolution 05-2026-26/B**
 - Approval of SCCS Board Policies and Procedures deemed necessary for the effective administration of the agency and its work under current legislation, regulations and best practice goals.

- Committee Chair Bravo made a motion to approve; seconded by Ms. Buckner.
- All were in favor and the motion carried.
- **Resolution 05-2026-26/C**
 - Approval of Board 2026 Professional/General/Umbrella Insurance coverage for the term of May 31, 2026 to August 14, 2026 from USI Insurance Services LLC through the carrier Old Republic at a cost of \$59,094 and Cyber Insurance coverage for the term of May 31, 2026 to August 14, 2027 from USI Insurance Services LLC through the carrier Corvus at a cost of \$17,030.
 - Payment issued to USI Insurance Services LLC for broker services in an amount not to exceed \$25,000, for a total amount not to exceed \$101,124.
 - Committee Chair Bravo made a motion to approve; seconded by Ms. Maddox.
 - All were in favor and the motion carried.

Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director Holtzmann highlighted the following:
 - Collaboration with Akron Police Department and SCCS on the JR6 policy has concluded.
 - The new policy has been finalized and implemented.
 - Foster Home count: 122 traditional foster homes and 88 kinship homes; 36 kinship homes licensed year-to-date.
 - Community Relations team has partnered with local businesses to offer discounts to foster families.
 - Foster care per diem rates increased.
 - County call-answering pilot program began on May 7th for Adult Protective Services.
 - Department Director Tracy Mayfield received the Champion of the Year Award and Supervisor Colleen Stewart also received an award for the state START program.
 - New training academy to launch June 1st to support professional development across Intake and Protective units.
 - This will help with placement for newly hired caseworkers
 - Strategic planning meetings are underway with Public Children Services Association of Ohio (PCSAO) to address potential future changes in property tax funding.
 - Child Abuse Prevention Month events were highly successful, with record or near-record participation:
 - Approximately 7,400 attendees at the Akron Zoo event.
 - Installation of 175 VAV units and CAT6 cable that operates the units.
 - IT and maintenance staff were recognized for their efforts.
 - Akron Mayor featured SCCS' need for foster families during the State of the City address.
 - Department Director Ann Ream shared WKYC reached out following the State of the City Address.
 - They conducted an interview with our agency and one of our foster families to help raise awareness for foster care needs.

Adjournment

- Chair Malick requested a motion to adjourn.
- Ms. Arvay moved; seconded by Ms. Gracey.
- All were in favor and the motion carried.
- The meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.


 GinaKaye Maddox, Secretary
 Board of Trustees


 Cassandra A. Holtzmann, JD, LPA
 Executive Director