

**SUMMIT COUNTY CHILDREN SERVICES
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
JULY 28, 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, Ray Jacobs- Security, Ann Ream, Erica Sabados, Deanna Shriver, JoAnn Dunson - Recording Secretary

Call to Order and Roll Call

- Chair Malick called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.
- Roll call was taken.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Chair Malick requested a motion to approve the minutes of June 23, 2026.
- Ms. Gracey moved to approve the minutes; seconded by Ms. Connell-Freund.
- All were in favor and the motion carried.

Public Comment

- Mr. Lavery submitted a letter requesting to speak during public comment
- Chair Malick reminded Mr. Lavery of prior guidance regarding discussing personal or private case information during public comment. He was instructed:
 - Not to reference personal cases in public session.
 - Submitted letters become public record; personal information must be omitted.
 - Any personal case concerns may be discussed privately with agency leadership.
- Mr. Lavery proceeded with general comments

Committee Reports

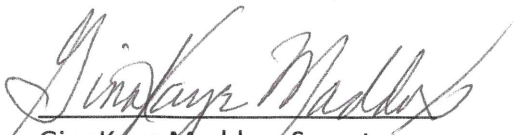
- **Resources Committee**
 - Committee Chair Bravo reported that the committee met today
 - Chief Financial Officer/Deputy Director Kearns presented the Financial Statement Report as of June 30, 2026.
 - **Resolution 07-2026-28/A**
 - Approval of 2027 Budget
 - Committee Chair Bravo made a motion to approve; seconded by Mrs. Stoyhoff.
 - All were in favor and the motion carried.
 - **Resolution 07-2026-28/B**
 - Approval of 2026-27 GLPL Insurance
 - Committee Chair Bravo made a motion to approve; seconded by Mr. Banks.
 - All were in favor and the motion carried.

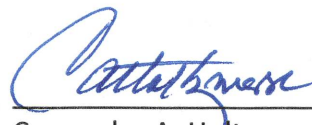
Executive Director's Report

- Executive Director Holtzmann highlighted the following:
 - Adult Protective Services (APS)- call-intake partnership with JFS.
 - Successful collaboration between IT, Intake, Hotline, and After-Hours teams to establish proper call routing.
 - Improved consistency and quality in APS screening.
 - 16 new foster homes were added.
 - Plans to update bathrooms and outdoor toys for family visitation.
 - Community Relations and Social Services are collaborating to add Independent Living Resources to Summit County Children Services (SCCS) website.
 - Board Room Technology Upgrade:
 - New microphones, cameras, projectors, lapel mics.
 - Ability to run separate presentations in adjoining rooms.
 - Improved meeting functionality overall.
 - Progress is being made on sidewalk project involving Akron right-of-way.
 - License agreement finalized with two-key gate access.
 - Next hurdle: tax-delinquent parcel transfer.
 - Highlighted bills relevant to agency operations:
 - College funding for foster youth.
 - House Bill 7 (childcare for children in foster care) continuation.
 - Mandate concerns regarding monthly caseworker visits.
 - Proposed electronic public notices.
 - Sponsored-adding language regarding juvenile court findings.
 - Discussion emphasized concerns about unfunded mandates and potential impact on agency workload.
 - Juvenile Court Statistics
 - 26 youth currently in detention; 62% have gun-related charges.
 - 97 youth on probation.
 - 2025 admissions to detention: 323 (down from 1500 in 2009).
 - Ohio Department of Youth Services (ODYS) admissions: 7 (down from 132 in 2009).
 - Recognition & Achievements
 - Kinship Unit nominated for Goodwill Employee Distinction Award.
 - Agency won Corporate Challenge for third consecutive year.
 - Celebration video available on Akron Corporate Challenge website; link to be emailed to board members.

Adjournment

- Chair Malick requested a motion to adjourn.
- Mr. Banks moved; seconded by Mrs. Stoyhoff.
- All were in favor and the motion carried.
- The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.


Gina Kaye Maddox, Secretary
Board of Trustees


Cassandra A. Holtzmann, JD, LPA
Executive Director