



**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
COLUMBUS METROPOLITAN LIBRARY
96 SOUTH GRANT AVENUE, COLUMBUS
DECEMBER 2, 2025**

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Donna Zuiderweg called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. The following trustees were present for quorum: Bob Bitzenhofer, Danny Eakins, Joseph Garrity, Niki Hampton, Melissa Klosterman-Lando, Cynthia Latney, Stephen Lawrence, Toni Johnson Liggins, Bob Morris, Lauren Rummel, and Donna Zuiderweg. Toni Bell, Holly Dabelko-Schoeny, and John Neil Lindsey were absent.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Board Chair Announcements: Donna Zuiderweg announced that Dean Hindenlang has resigned from the governing board; Bob Bitzenhofer will take over as chair of the planning committee.

B. CEO Announcements: Erika Clark Jones provided an update on the levy passage.

III. COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

There were no requests for community participation.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

There were no presentations planned this evening.

V. MEETING MINUTES

Donna Zuiderweg asked for a motion to approve the following meeting minutes:

Community Advocacy Council.....October 6, 2025
Planning CommitteeOctober 15, 2025
Board MeetingOctober 21, 2025

Niki Hampton moved to approve the motion; Joseph Garrity seconded; motion carried. A voice vote was taken, and the following trustees voted to approve the minutes: Bob Bitzenhofer, Danny Eakins, Joseph Garrity, Niki Hampton, Melissa Klosterman-Lando, Cynthia Latney, Stephen Lawrence, Toni Johnson Liggins, Bob Morris, Lauren Rummel, and Donna Zuiderweg.

VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

A. Financial Statements

Anthony Perry, CFO, presented the financial statements through October 2025 and a list of recent 2025 contracts and purchase orders.

Donna Zuiderweg asked for a motion to approve the financial report. Cynthia Latney moved to approve the motion; Bob Bitzenhofer seconded; motion carried. A voice vote was taken, and the following trustees voted to approve the report: Bob Bitzenhofer, Danny Eakins, Joseph Garrity, Niki Hampton, Melissa Klosterman-Lando, Cynthia Latney, Stephen Lawrence, Toni Johnson Liggins, Bob Morris, Lauren Rummel, and Donna Zuiderweg.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

None of the actions presented this month meet the requirements of the consent agenda.

VIII. ACTION AGENDA

A. Action 25-11-01: ADAMH Allocation to the Franklin County Coroner's Office for a Suicide Investigation and Postvention Specialist

Sue Villilo, Vice-President/Assistant System Chief Clinical Officer, recommended that the board of trustees approve the distribution of \$100,000 to the Franklin County Coroner's Office to support the staff position of suicide investigation and postvention specialist. Dr. Nathaniel Overmire, Franklin County Coroner, briefly spoke about the position.

Donna Zuiderweg asked for a motion to approve the action. Danny Eakins moved to approve the motion; Melissa Klosterman-Lando seconded; motion carried. A voice vote was taken, and the following trustees voted to approve the action: Bob Bitzenhofer, Danny Eakins, Joseph Garrity, Niki Hampton, Melissa Klosterman-Lando, Cynthia Latney, Stephen Lawrence, Toni Johnson Liggins, Bob Morris, Lauren Rummel, and Donna Zuiderweg.

B. Action 25-11-02: Ohio Department of Behavioral Health State Fiscal Year 2026 Pass-through Funding #2

Sue Villilo recommended that the board of trustees approve the distribution of pass-through funds from the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health (DBH), formerly known as the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Donna Zuiderweg asked for a motion to approve the action. Danny Eakins moved to approve the motion; Toni Johnson Liggins seconded; motion carried. A voice vote was taken, and the following trustees voted to approve the action: Bob Bitzenhofer, Danny Eakins, Joseph Garrity, Niki Hampton, Melissa Klosterman-Lando, Cynthia Latney, Stephen Lawrence, Toni Johnson Liggins, Bob Morris, Lauren Rummel, and Donna Zuiderweg.

C. Action 25-11-03: Ohio Department of Behavioral Health Funding for Behavioral Health Disaster Preparedness Plan Development

Kelly Bragg, Strategic Planning Manager, recommended that the board of trustees approve the distribution of \$24,480 in grant funding from the Ohio Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) to Illuminology, a vendor who will assist ADAMH staff in developing a comprehensive behavioral health disaster preparedness plan.

Donna Zuiderweg asked for a motion to approve the action. Cynthia Latney moved to approve the motion; Niki Hampton seconded; motion carried. A voice vote was taken, and the following trustees voted to approve the action: Bob Bitzenhofer, Danny Eakins, Joseph Garrity, Niki Hampton, Melissa Klosterman-Lando, Cynthia Latney, Stephen Lawrence, Toni Johnson Liggins, Bob Morris, Lauren Rummel, and Donna Zuiderweg.

D. Action 25-11-04: ADAMH Approval for Calendar Year 2026 Professional Services Contracts

Allison Watters, Senior Director of Finance, recommended that the board of trustees authorize the CEO to execute contracts for calendar year 2026 with identified vendors or otherwise authorize expenditures to support the board's operations at the ADAMH building at 447 East Broad Street or Franklin County Crisis Care Center at 465 Harmon Avenue.

Donna Zuiderweg asked for a motion to approve the action. Joseph Garrity moved to approve the motion; Bob Bitzenhofer seconded; motion carried. A voice vote was taken, and the following trustees voted to approve the action: Bob Bitzenhofer, Danny Eakins,

Joseph Garrity, Niki Hampton, Melissa Klosterman-Lando, Cynthia Latney, Stephen Lawrence, Toni Johnson Liggins, Bob Morris, Lauren Rummel, and Donna Zuiderweg.

E. Action 25-11-05: City of Columbus Funding for the Crisis Care Center 2025-2027

Allison Watters, Senior Director of Finance, recommended that the board of trustees authorize the CEO to execute a grant agreement with the City of Columbus to provide \$300,000 in funding for operation of the Franklin County Crisis Care Center.

Donna Zuiderweg asked for a motion to approve the action. Cynthia Latney moved to approve the motion; Lauren Rummel seconded; motion carried. A voice vote was taken, and the following trustees voted to approve the action: Bob Bitzenhofer, Danny Eakins, Joseph Garrity, Melissa Klosterman-Lando, Cynthia Latney, Stephen Lawrence, Toni Johnson Liggins, Bob Morris, Lauren Rummel, and Donna Zuiderweg. Niki Hampton abstained.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

Donna Zuiderweg announced that two long-serving CEOs in the ADAMH system of care have announced their retirements. In recognition of their remarkable impact and years of dedicated service, resolutions were drafted to honor each of them as they begin their well-earned next chapters.

A. Resolution 25-11-01: Ceremonial Resolution Recognizing Duane Casares and His Retirement

Donna Zuiderweg read the resolution:

***WHEREAS**, the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board of Franklin County recognizes the outstanding dedication and leadership that Duane Casares has devoted to the ADAMH network and Franklin County community; and*

***WHEREAS**, Duane Casares has served Directions for Youth and Families for 35 years in various roles, most recently as CEO since 2011, and under his leadership, the agency has grown to be one of the leading mental and behavioral health providers to central Ohio youth and their families; and*

***WHEREAS**, ADAMH is honoring Duane Casares upon the occasion of his retirement for his remarkable dedication to advancing trauma-informed care and uplifting the mission of Directions for Youth and Families; and*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the ADAMH Board of Franklin County on December 2, 2025, that the ADAMH Board of Trustees hereby honor Duane Casares' commitment to ADAMH and our entire community.*

Donna Zuiderweg asked for asked for a motion to adopt the resolution. Toni Johnson Liggins moved to approve the motion; Bob Bitzenhofer seconded; motion carried. A voice vote was taken, and the following trustees voted to adopt the resolution: Bob Bitzenhofer, Danny Eakins, Joseph Garrity, Niki Hampton, Melissa Klosterman-Lando, Cynthia Latney, Stephen Lawrence, Toni Johnson Liggins, Bob Morris, Lauren Rummel, and Donna Zuiderweg.

B. Resolution 25-11-02: Ceremonial Resolution Recognizing Linda Jakes and Her Retirement

Donna Zuiderweg read the resolution:

***WHEREAS**, the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board of Franklin County recognizes the outstanding dedication and leadership that Linda Jakes has devoted to the ADAMH network and Franklin County community; and*

***WHEREAS**, Linda Jakes has served Concord Counseling Services for 38 years in various roles, most recently as CEO, and has served as chair of the Provider Leadership Association and as a key contributor to ADAMH's Behavioral Health Workforce Council, and*

***WHEREAS**, ADAMH is honoring Linda Jakes upon the occasion of her retirement for her compassionate commitment to helping people and for her many years of service to the entire community; and*

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the ADAMH Board of Franklin County on December 2, 2025, that the ADAMH Board of Trustees hereby honor Linda Jakes' commitment to ADAMH and our entire community.*

Donna Zuiderweg asked for asked for a motion to adopt the resolution. Cynthia Latney moved to approve the motion; Melissa Klosterman-Lando seconded; motion carried. A voice vote was taken, and the following trustees voted to adopt the resolution: Bob Bitzenhofer, Danny Eakins, Joseph Garrity, Niki Hampton, Melissa Klosterman-Lando, Cynthia Latney, Stephen Lawrence, Toni Johnson Liggins, Bob Morris, Lauren Rummel, and Donna Zuiderweg

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

In the absence of the committee chair, Joe Florenski, Senior Director of Administration, provided an update on the finance meeting that was held on November 10, 2025.

Niki Hampton, chair of the nominating committee, provided an update on the nominating committee that was held on November 12, 2025.

XI. PRIORITY PROJECT REPORTS

Priority reports in the packet included the advocacy and engagement efforts and the media report.

XII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Donna Zuiderweg asked for a motion to move into executive session for the purpose of the compensation of a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual. Bob Bitzenhofer approved the motion; Niki Hampton seconded; motion carried. A roll call was taken, and the following board members approved the move into executive session: Bob Bitzenhofer, Danny Eakins, Joseph Garrity, Niki Hampton, Melissa Klosterman-Lando, Cynthia Latney, Stephen Lawrence, Toni Johnson Liggins, Bob Morris, Lauren Rummel, and Donna Zuiderweg.

Trustees entered the executive session at 6:55 p.m. The session ended at 7:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS CONTINUED

Donna Zuiderweg asked for a motion to approve CEO contract amendment. Toni Johnson Liggins moved to approve the motion; Bob Bitzenhofer seconded; motion carried. A voice vote was taken, and the following trustees voted to approve the CEO contract amendment: Bob Bitzenhofer, Danny Eakins, Joseph Garrity, Niki Hampton, Melissa Klosterman-Lando,

Cynthia Latney, Stephen Lawrence, Toni Johnson Liggins, Bob Morris, Lauren Rummel, and Donna Zuiderweg.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Donna Zuiderweg asked for a motion to adjourn: Joseph Garrity moved to approve the motion; Stephen Lawrence seconded; motion carried. A voice vote was taken, and the following trustees voted to adjourn: Bob Bitzenhofer, Danny Eakins, Joseph Garrity, Niki Hampton, Melissa Klosterman-Lando, Cynthia Latney, Stephen Lawrence, Toni Johnson Liggins, Bob Morris, Lauren Rummel, and Donna Zuiderweg.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Recorder: Diane Peterson

Donna M. Zuiderweg

Donna Zuiderweg, Chair

Holly Dabelko-Schoeny

Holly Dabelko-Schoeny, Secretary