



Board of County Commissioners Regular Meeting

Lisa A. Sobecki, President
Pete Gerken
Anita Lopez

June 30, 2026 - 11:00 AM
Commissioners' Hearing Room
1st Floor, One Government Center
Toledo, OH 43604

MINUTES

Pledge of Allegiance - Oregon City Schools 1st Graders

Call to Order

Commissioner Sobecki called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. Commissioners Gerken and Lopez were present.

Approve Previous Meeting Minutes

The previous meeting's minutes were approved.

Presentation

1. - Honoring Trina Clayborne-Spence on her Retirement
2. - Strategic Plan Update — Department of Building Regulations
Dave Golis, Director, and Jacob Foley.
3. - Lucas County Child Protection Task Force Final Report Presentation- Doris B.B. Tolliver, Esq., Lucas County Child Protection Task Force Facilitator
Randy Muth, Executive Director of Children Services

Commissioners

Jessica Ford requested approval of item #4; Michael Hart requested approval of items 5-7.

4. - Acceptance of the Lucas County Child Protection Task Force Final Report

Resolution No. 2026-464

Commissioner Gerken moved to approve; Commissioners Gerken, Lopez and Sobecki voted yes.

5. - Authorizing Economic Development Partnership Agreements for the Calendar Year 2026

Resolution No. 2026-465

Commissioner Gerken moved to approve; Commissioners Gerken, Lopez and Sobecki voted yes.

6. - Appointments to the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County

Resolution No. 2026-466

Commissioner Gerken moved to approve; Commissioners Gerken, Lopez and Sobecki voted yes.

7. - Appointment to the Lucas County Children Services Board of Trustees

Resolution No. 2026-467

Commissioner Gerken moved to approve; Commissioners Gerken, Lopez and Sobecki voted yes.

Prosecutor

Sarah Weglian was present and requested approval of the following:

8. - Approval of VOCA/SVAA (Victims of Crime Act/State Victim Assistance Act) Grant Applications for the Toledo/Lucas County Victim-Witness Assistance Program Administered by the Lucas County Prosecutor for the 2026-2027 Funding Cycle

Resolution No. 2026-468

9. - Approval of FY26 VAWA (Violence Against Women Act) Grant Application for the Toledo/Lucas County Victim-Witness Assistance Program's "VAW Response Team" Administered by the Lucas County Prosecutor

Resolution No. 2026-469

Commissioner Sobecki moved to approve; Commissioners Sobecki, Gerken and Lopez voted yes.

Juvenile Court

Emily Simpson was present and requested approval of the following:

10. - Approval of an Addendum to the Agreement Resolution No. 2025-606 with the Toledo Symphony for Musical Instruction for the Community Treatment Center at the Lucas County Juvenile Court

Resolution No. 2026-470

Commissioner Sobecki moved to approve; Commissioners Sobecki, Gerken and Lopez voted yes.

Economic Development

Jamie Beier Grant was present and requested approval of the following:

11. - Award of Contract to RMH Concrete & Foundations, Inc. for PY2024 Community Development Block Grant Allocation Program to the City of Oregon Sidewalk Improvement Project Located in the City of Oregon, Lucas County, Ohio

Resolution No. 2026-471

Commissioner Gerken moved to approve; Commissioners Gerken, Lopez and Sobecki voted yes.

Workforce Development

Chad Olson was present and requested approval of the following:

12. - Authorization to Exercise the Second and Final One-Year Contract Renewal Option with Harbor, Inc to provide Adult and Dislocated Worker Career Services for Fiscal Year 2027

Resolution No. 2026-472

13. - Authorization to Enter into a Data Sharing and Confidentiality Agreement with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services,(ODJFS) to Share and Authorize Use of ODJFS Unemployment Information (UI) in Workforce Area #9 (Lucas County)

Resolution No. 2026-473

14. - Permission to Enter into a Sub-grant Agreement between the Lucas County Board of Commissioners, Lucas County Workforce Development Board, the Lucas County Department of Workforce Development, Lucas County Department of Job and Family Services, and the

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for Disbursement of Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act Funds to Workforce Area #9 (Lucas County)

Resolution No. 2026-474

Commissioner Lopez moved to approve; Commissioners Lopez, Gerken and Sobecki voted yes.

Facilities

Jeff Nowak was present and requested approval of the following:

15. - Permission to Advertise for Bids for the Demolition of the Former Lucas Canine Care and Control Building Located at 410 S. Erie Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604

Resolution No. 2026-475

16. - Approval of an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Lucas County Sheriff's Office for Assignment of Two Deputies at the Lucas County Shared Services Building Located at 3737 W. Sylvania Avenue, Toledo, Ohio

Resolution No. 2026-476

17. - Permission to Amend the Contract with Mannik and Smith Group for Professional Services for the Demolition of the Former Child Studies Institute Located at 428 10th Street, Toledo, Ohio 43604

Resolution No. 2026-477

Commissioner Sobecki moved to approve; Commissioners Sobecki, Gerken and Lopez voted yes.

Systems Solutions

Ash Barnes was present and requested approval of the following:

18. - Approval of the Statement of Work for Oracle Learn Module

Resolution No. 2026-478

Commissioner Gerken moved to approve; Commissioners Gerken, Lopez and Sobecki voted yes.

Risk Management

Diane Robinson was present and requested approval of the following:

19. - Permission to Accept Grant Funding from the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation Safety Intervention Grant

Resolution No. 2026-479

20. - Approval of Entering into an Agreement for the Group Retrospective Rating Program for Workers' Compensation for 2027

Resolution No. 2026-480

Commissioner Sobecki moved to approve; Commissioners Sobecki, Gerken and Lopez voted yes.

Office of Management & Budget

Cheri Crane was present and requested approval of the following:

21. - Affirming the Actions of the Lucas County Public Defender Commission by the Board of County Commissioners, Lucas County, Ohio, including contracting with the Toledo Legal Aid Society, Inc. for Public Defender Services in Maumee Municipal Court for CY 2026

Resolution No. 2026-481

22. - Affirming the Actions of the Lucas County Public Defender Commission by the Board of County Commissioners, Lucas County, Ohio, including Contracting with the Toledo Legal Aid Society, Inc. for Public Defender Services in Oregon Municipal Court for CY 2026

Resolution No. 2026-482

23. - Affirming the Actions of the Lucas County Public Defender Commission by the Board of County Commissioners, Lucas County, Ohio, including Contracting with the Toledo Legal Aid Society, Inc. for Public Defender Services in Sylvania Municipal Court for CY 2026

Resolution No. 2026-483

24. - Appropriation Resolution

Resolution No. 2026-484

25. - Permission to Amend the Contract with Maximus US Services, Inc. to Exercise Option Year 2 for Professional Services to Prepare the County-Wide Cost Allocation Plan for the Year 2027

Resolution No. 2026-485

Commissioner Lopez moved to approve; Commissioners Lopez, Gerken and Sobecki voted yes.

Executive Session

Trent Burner was present and requested an executive session to discuss personnel matters related to appointments, compensation, discipline, collective bargaining, and tables of organization/chart of positions.

Commissioner Sobecki made a motion to enter into executive session at 12:35 p.m.

Commissioners Sobecki, Gerken and Lopez voted yes.

Commissioner Sobecki made a motion to exit the executive session at 2:00 p.m.

Commissioners Sobecki, Gerken and Lopez voted yes.

Human Resources

26. - Appointment of Nicole Hopkins to fill the Position of Staff Attorney in the Child Support Enforcement Division

Resolution No. 2026-486

27. - Appointment of Layla McFalls to fill the Position of Legal Secretary in the Child Support Enforcement Division

Resolution No. 2026-487

28. - Appointment of Jalen Jackson to fill the Position of Security Officer 2 in the Job & Family Services Department

Resolution No. 2026-488

29. - Appointment of Tony Oaks to fill the Position of Plant Maintenance Specialist I in the Water Resource Recovery Facility

Resolution No. 2026-489

30. - Amendment to the Table of Organization and Chart of Positions for the Department of County Administration

Resolution No. 2026-490

31. - Promotion of Bridgette Kabat to the Position of Chief of Operations in the Department of County Administration

Resolution No. 2026-491

32. - Promotion of Lori Welling to the Position of Community Engagement & Administrative Coordinator in the Job and Family Services Department

Resolution No. 2026-492

Commissioner Sobecki moved to approve; Commissioners Sobecki, Gerken and Lopez voted yes.

Adjournment

The Board adjourned their meeting at 2:02 p.m.



Jody L. Balogh, Clerk of the Board

The next open meeting will be held on June 30, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Hearing Room, 1st Floor, One Government Center, Toledo, Ohio.

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Lucas County Child Protection Task Force Recommendations

Presented to the Lucas County Board of Commissioners

June 30, 2026

Task Force Charge & Process

- Launched in May 2025 to examine and improve the local child protection system
- Charge focused on equity, transparency, accountability, and community voice
- The Task Force was intentionally structured to build shared understanding before moving to solutions.
- Approach designed to:
 - Engage multi-sector collaboration across community partners
 - Ensure inclusive engagement with diverse perspectives
 - Leverage structured consensus-building process
 - Prioritize recommendations using a tiered approach





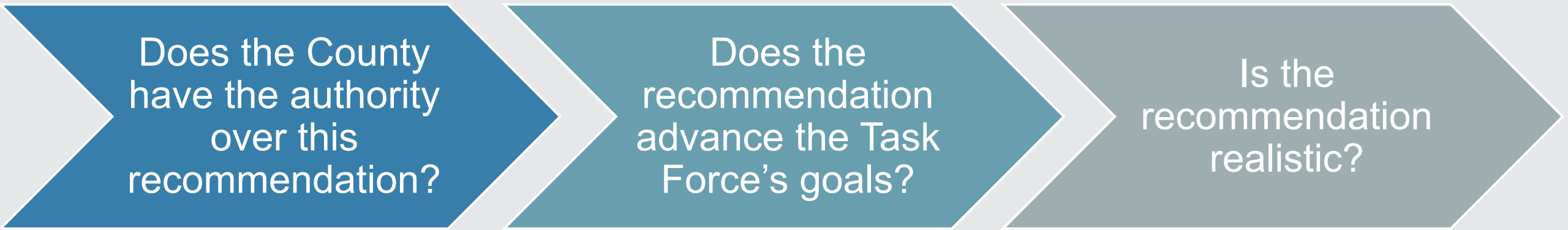
Vision and Guiding Principles

- Families experience dignity, respect, and safety
- Systems reflect equity and cultural responsiveness
- Transparent and accountable decision-making
- Strong collaboration across agencies and community



Recommendations Framework

The process was designed to support durable, realistic implementation.



Does the County
have the authority
over this
recommendation?

Does the
recommendation
advance the Task
Force's goals?

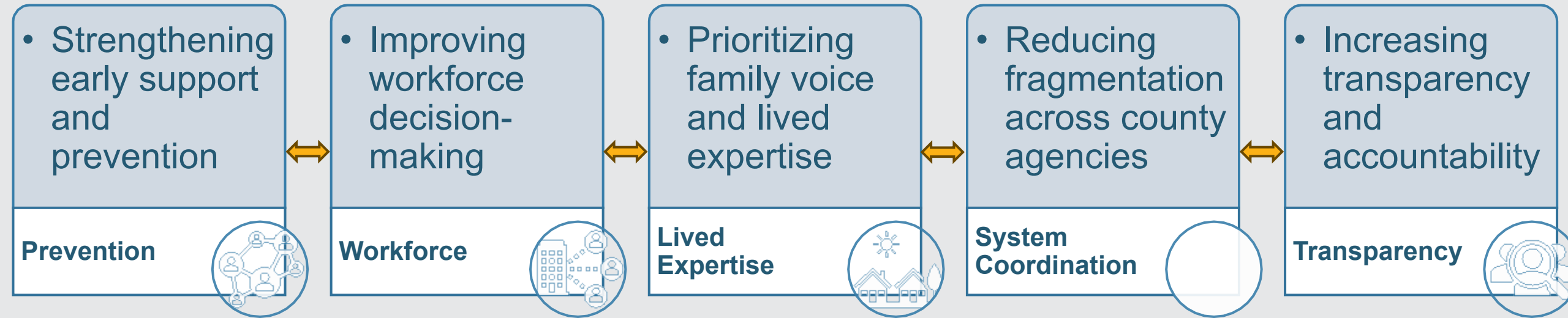
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Task Force Recommendations



Connected Strategies for Impact



Prevention and Family Support

Goal: Strengthen early support systems — making it easier for families to access help before issues escalate.

Recommendation 1: Expand Community-Based Visitation, Engagement, and Prevention Spaces

Recommendation 2: Map Services for Child Maltreatment Prevention and Improve Family Navigation and Resource Access

Recommendation 3: Implement Coordinated Prevention Networks and Post-Reunification Support

Why This Matters:

- Reduces the need for deeper system involvement by helping families access support earlier
- Produces better outcomes for children and families
- Reduces strain on the child protection system



Workforce

Goal: Improve consistency, equity, and decision-making at critical points in the system, particularly at intake and early engagement.

Recommendation 4: Deliver Equity-Centered Workforce Training and Front-Door Practice Reform

Why This Matters:

- The quality and consistency of frontline decision-making directly shapes outcomes for children and families
- Investing in workforce capability ensures decisions are more equitable, informed, and aligned with best practice.



Lived Expertise

Goal: Ensure that individuals with lived experience are not just consulted, but are embedded in leadership, governance, and system improvement.

Recommendation 5: Embed Lived Experience Leadership Across Governance, Practice, and Accountability

Why This Matters:

- Systems are more effective when they are informed by the people who have experienced them firsthand
- Embedding lived expertise improves trust, relevance, and the quality of decision-making and system design



System Coordination

Goal: Improve how agencies and partners work together — improving alignment, reducing fragmentation, and supporting more stable outcomes for children and families.

Recommendation 6: Launch Comprehensive Equity-Focused Kinship and Foster Care Recruitment

Recommendation 7: Increase Coordination to Reduce Placement Disruptions and Promote Stability of Foster Youth

Why This Matters:

- More diverse and aligned caregivers increase the likelihood of culturally connected placements that support belonging and long-term well-being for children
- Stronger system coordination minimizes gaps between services, ensuring families experience seamless support throughout their involvement



Transparency and Accountability

Goal: Strengthen transparency, oversight, and public trust through clearer feedback loops and independent review mechanisms

Recommendation 8: Reestablish a Lucas County Ombudsman with Public Reporting Authority

Why This Matters:

- Strong accountability and transparency build public trust and ensure the system is responsive to families and the community.
- Clear oversight and feedback loops also support continuous improvement and better long-term outcomes.





Implementation Considerations

- Phase implementation with defined milestones, ownership, and timelines to ensure steady progress and accountability
- Establish a cross-agency implementation team with clear governance structures and designated leads responsible for execution
- Support implementation with regular progress reviews and mechanisms to address barriers in real time
- Track success through measurable outcomes and transparent reporting to ensure visibility, accountability, and continuous improvement





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