

**Lake Development Authority (LDA)  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
November 19, 2025**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Lindrose called to order the November 19, 2025, meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lake Development Authority (“Board”) held at Lake Erie Conference Room, 105 Main Street, Suite B501, Painesville, Ohio 44077 at 3:00 p.m. with the roll call and pledge of allegiance. Board members in attendance included Nate Hicks, Bill Martin, Ron Wassum, Wally Siegel, John Rampe and Art Lindrose (Chairman). Kevin Freese attended via telephone. John Uhran (Vice Chairman) was absent.

**Guests:** Nicholas Belluardo

**Others in attendance:** Patrick Mohorcic, Amy Cossick, Myranda Keister, Brandon Dynes (Legal Counsel) and Mary Perry.

**Motion:** A motion was made by Mr. Hicks and seconded by Mr. Siegel to amend the Resolution previously adopted as Resolution 2025-41 Willoughby-Eastlake Memorandum of Understanding FAA Grant to be numbered as 2025-45 as it was erroneously numbered 2025-41 at the October Board meeting.

**RESOLUTION 2025-45 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO APPLY FOR A FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION AVIATION WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT GRANT AND TO ENTER INTO A NON-BINDING MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH WILLOUGHBY-EASTLAKE SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR EDUCATION OF AIRCRAFT PILOTS AS PROVIDED FOR BY THE GRANT AND ITS AIRCRAFT PILOTS PROGRAM.** A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Wassum. The Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

**Approval of Minutes:** The members of the Board were provided with electronic copies of the minutes from the October 22, 2025, Board meeting in advance. A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Wassum to approve the minutes as presented. All members voted affirmatively to approve.

**Reports and Communications of Officers and Committees:**

**Chairman’s Report:** Mr. Lindrose wished to thank the Commissioners for reappointing him and Mr. Martin to the Port Board.

**Executive Director’s Report:** Members of the Board were provided with an electronic copy of Mr. Mohorcic’s report in advance. Mr. Mohorcic had nothing further to add.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Staff Reports:**

**Deputy Executive Director - Mrs. Amy Cossick:** Members of the Board were provided with an electronic copy of Ms. Cossick’s report in advance. Ms. Cossick advised proposals for airfield landscaping, snow removal

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and maintenance service are currently being reviewed and a recommendation or approval will be presented at the December Board meeting. Ms. Cossick is working on a six-month plan for 2026 with the primary focus on public awareness and refreshing the website on social media. Moving forward Ms. Cossick will be providing all articles regarding any projects or special groundbreakings that the LDA attends within the Board packets.

**Director of Planning – Ms. Myranda Keister:** Members of the Board were provided with an electronic copy of Ms. Keister's report in advance. Ms. Keister advised Shoreline has removed the sunken barge and installation of the first crib is completed and rock is being delivered to install the last crib. Ms. Keister advised that \$5 million has been spent so far on the project and updated videos have been posted on the website. Ms. Keister advised that the Coastal Planning Study has been having regular meetings regarding future projects and adding Smith Group's ideas on securing the shoreline. The Workforce Board has slowed down for the rest of the year and is currently working on RFP bids for 2026. The LDA annual meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16, 2025, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Auburn Career Center and a year-end update along with the 2025 Annual Report will be provided at that time.

**Director of Lake County Executive Airport:** Members of the Board were provided with an electronic copy of Mr. Belluardo's report in advance. Mr. Belluardo advised that the terminal building is coming along and he purchased the first piece of décor for the building: a wood prop with brass tips. Current pictures of the terminal building were provided. Mr. Belluardo advised that they are working through the T-hangar application for grants to support construction of the new T-Hangars. Mr. Belluardo discussed the slats on the airport fence have not been approved and therefore a snow fence will be put in place for the time being. Mr. Belluardo advised that work has begun on the new approach lights and doesn't foresee any delays or concerns. Mr. Belluardo visited Perry High School and met with students regarding jobs in aviation with the students showing much interest.

**Reports of Committees:** None.

**Other Economic Development Items:** None.

**Resolutions and Motions:**

**RESOLUTION 2025-46; RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH BRANDON DYNES, ESQ. AND THRASHER DINSMORE & DOLAN, L.P.A. FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2026 AND 2027.** A motion was made to approve the resolution by Mr. Siegel which was seconded by Mr. Wassum. The Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2025-47 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY NAMING MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, INC. AS LAKE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AIRPORT CONSULTANT AND ENGINEER AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE AND DELIVER AN AGREEMENT WITH MICHAEL BAKER INTERNATIONAL, INC. FOR AIRPORT CONSULTING AND ENGINEERING SERVICES AT THE LAKE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AIRPORT.** Mr. Mohorcic briefly discussed the Resolution. A motion was made to approve the resolution by Mr. Siegel which was seconded by Mr. Wassum. The Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

**RESOLUTION 2025-48 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A LEGAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH RUSS BALTHIS, ESQ. AND KUTAK ROCK, LLP FOR CAPITAL LEASE BOND FINANCING COUNSEL.** Mr. Mohorcic briefly discussed the Resolution. A motion was made to approve the resolution by Mr. Siegel which was seconded by Mr. Wassum. The Board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Lindrose entertained a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(3) relating to disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action. A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Wassum. Mr. Lindrose requested roll call vote and the result was Mr. Hicks-Aye, Mr. Martin-Aye, Mr. Rampe-Aye, Mr. Siegel-Aye and Mr. Wassum-Aye.

While in executive session the Board discussed the pending and/or imminent court actions.

Mr. Lindrose entertained a motion to close executive session and return to public meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Wassum to reconvene the public meeting at 3:53 p.m. Mr. Lindrose requested roll call. All members voted affirmatively to close executive session and return to the public meeting.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Mr. Belluardo provided a presentation regarding the logistics pertaining to the airport buildings, ramp space, tarmac and possible scenarios for the future. Mr. Mohorcic briefly discussed possibilities for terminal building usage and possible tenants.

**Board Remarks:** None

**Adjournment:** A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Wassum to adjourn the meeting at 4:39 p.m., at which time the meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Mary Perry