

**Lake Development Authority (LDA)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2025**

Call to Order: Chairman Lindrose called to order the December 17, 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 3:03 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, John Uhran (Vice Chairman) and Art Lindrose (Chairman). Kevin Freese attended via telephone.

Guests: Nicholas Belluardo, Quinten Reed and Chad Felton from the News Herald

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

Approval of Minutes: The members of the Board were provided with electronic copies of the minutes from the November 19, 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. John Uhran abstained.

Reports and Communications of Officers and Committees:

Chairman’s Report: Mr. Lindrose gave his thanks to everyone for serving another year on the Board and wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Executive Director’s Report: Members of the Board were provided with an electronic copy of Mr. Mohorcic’s report in advance. Mr. Mohorcic briefly discussed the Lake Development Authority’s 2025 organizational performance. Overall, 2025 was a solid year. A brief discussion was held regarding Key Performance Indicators and the Objectivities and Key Results Worksheet.

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 the Fairport Transient Maria Breakwater Project is back on track. She further discussed the Grand River to Lake Erie Active Transportation Plan Grant was approved and the LDA was awarded \$150,000 in federal funding which will be available in 2026. A brief discussion was had regarding the 2026 budget and budget adjustments which were attached to her report.

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 the sunken barge has been removed and the first crib installed and the Mentor Harbor Channel Wall Revetment Project will be completed the end of January 2026. Ms. Keister advised the Coastal Planning Study is continuing and will be working with Smith Group into 2026 on this project. Ms. Keister briefly discussed the Workforce Board and the four (4) 2-year contracts that will be up for bid, 2-Youth Providers, Adult and Dislocated Provider and staffing for the One-Stop Business Services Provider which will run from July 1, 2026 through June of 2028.

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 discussed the Terminal Building walkthrough and a meeting with regards to the furnishings and layout of the building. He advised the application for the State grant for the T-Hangers is being prepared for submission to ODOT. Mr. Belluardo further discussed ODOT provided a status update on the Economic Impact Statement that is being conducted of all airports, which is done every ten (10) years, that will provide us with data and metrics impacting our area and should be completed around April or May of 2026. Mr. Belluardo and Mr. Mohorcic discussed Runway 5/23 and the updated survey that was not completed regarding the new threshold for approaching planes which is a data matter not a safety matter and is being rectified now. Mr. Belluardo discussed meeting with Willoughby-Eastlake Schools with regards to submitting a Workforce Development grant to build a program within the school system to teach UAS drones, pilot training and aviation knowledge.

Reports of Committees: None.

Other Economic Development Items: None.

Resolutions and Motions:

RESOLUTION 2025-49; RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE, AND DELIVER A MAINTENANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR 2026 MAINTENANCE SERVICES AT LAKE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AIRPORT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH MAINTENANCE SERVICES AGREEMENT, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR 2026 LAKE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AIRPORT PURPOSES. 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 2025-50 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OFFICE OF AVIATION AS PART OF THE FY2026 OHIO AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR TERMINAL BUILDING DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION; TERMINAL ACCESS ROAD; SNOW REMOVAL, EQUIPMENT BUILDING; AND RUNWAY AND TAXIWAY REHABILITATION. 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 2025-51 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL TO SUBMIT A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, OFFICE OF AVIATION AS PART OF THE FY2026 OHIO AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR AUTOMATED WEATHER OBSERVING SYSTEM. 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 2025-52 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2025

BUDGET FOR THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH 2025 BUDGET, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR 2025 LDA PURPOSES. 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 2025-53 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET FOR LAKE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AIRPORT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH AMENDED 2025 BUDGET, APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR 2025 LAKE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AIRPORT PURPOSES. 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 2025-54 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING A 2026 BUDGET FOR THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH BUDGET APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR 2026 LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY PURPOSES. 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 2025-55 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE 2026 BUDGET FOR THE LAKE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AIRPORT AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUCH 2026 BUDGET APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR 2026 LAKE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AIRPORT PURPOSES. A motion was made to approve the resolution by Mr. Siegel and 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 conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning 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, Mr. Uhran-Aye and Mr. Wassum-Aye.

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

Second Executive Session: Mr. Lindrose entertained a motion to go into executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(3) relating to conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning 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, Mr. Uhran-Aye and Mr. Wassum-Aye.

While in second 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 4:06 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: None

Board Remarks: The Board was invited to stay after the meeting for a Christmas party and to select a Poinsettia as a Christmas gift.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Wassum to adjourn the meeting at 4:07p.m., at which time the meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted by:
Mary Perry