

**Lake Development Authority (LDA)
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
February 25, 2026**

Call to Order: In the absence of the Chairman Lindrose and Vice Chairman Uhran, the February meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lake Development Authority was called to order by the Executive Director and Secretary Rampe on February 25, 2026, which was held at Lake Erie Conference Room, 105 Main Street, Suite A505, Painesville, Ohio 44077 at 3:01 p.m. with roll call and pledge of allegiance. Mr. Dynes, legal counsel, opened the floor for nominations of the presiding officer of the Board to serve over the Board of Directors meeting for today and to execute any documents that might be necessary in the absence of Chairman Lindrose and Vice Chairman Uhran. A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Wassum for John Rampe to be the presiding officer of the Board of Directors meeting for February 25, 2026. All members voted affirmatively to approve.

Board members in attendance included Bill Martin, Ron Wassum, Wally Siegel, John Rampe and Michele Johnson. Kevin Freese attended via telephone. Nate Hicks, John Uhran (Vice Chairman) and Art Lindrose (Chairman) were absent.

Guests: Bill Opalich, Eastlake Port Authority

Others in attendance: Patrick Mohorcic, Amy Cossick, Brandon Dynes (Legal Counsel), Nicholas Belluardo (Airport Manager), Quenton Reed (Airport Consultant) and Mary Perry.

Approval of Minutes: The members of the Board were provided with electronic copies of the minutes from the January 21, 2026 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: Chairman Lindrose was absent so no report was provided.

Executive Director's Report: Members of the Board were provided with an electronic copy of Mr. Mohorcic's report in advance. Nothing further to report. Mr. Mohorcic introduced the newest Board Member Michele Johnson. Ms. Johnson gave a brief description of her background.

Public Comments: Bill Opalich introduced himself and a discussion was had regarding the CEI plant and the dredging of the Chagrin River.

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 gave a brief update on the bid opening for the tree removal at the Lake County Executive Airport. She advised the Tax Incentive Review Council will meet on March 10, 2026 at which time reports for 2025 Enterprise Zon Company from Lubrizol and Weston will be presented. Ms. Cossick also discussed the capital request budget application for the 2026 Fairport Harbor Breakwater Project.

Director of Planning – Ms. Myranda Keister: Members of the Board were provided with an electronic copy of Ms. Keister's report in advance. In the absence of Ms. Keister, Mr. Mohorcic briefly discussed Ms. Keister's report discussing Lubrizol keeping its headquarters in Lake County.

Director of Lake County Executive Airport: Members of the Board were provided with an electronic copy of Mr. Belluardo's report in advance. Mr. Reed discussed the donation of two (2) Oshkosh Broom trucks for the airport. Mr. Reed further discussed the possibility of having the Military Heritage Show at the Lake County Executive Airport with further discussions being had before a final decision is made. Mr. Reed also discussed briefly the Kennedy Parkway Extension. A question was raised regarding runway 23 approaches and Mr. Belluardo briefly discussed the current progression.

Reports of Committees: None.

Other Economic Development Items: None.

Resolutions and Motions:

RESOLUTION 2026-03; RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY (LDA) AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AND EXECUTE A REAL ESTATE PURCHASE OPTION AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE WILLOUGHBY EASTLAKE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, AND SOMMERS DEVELOPMENT GROUP, LLC FOR CERTAIN PARCEL(S) OF LAND LOCATED IN THE CITY OF WILLOUGHBY. Mr. Dynes 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 2026-04 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 ESTABLISH AND PROVIDE A LAKE COUNTY SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE COUNTY AND TO ACCEPT AND DISTRIBUTE FUNDS FROM THE NOPEC ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT TO IMPLEMENT ENERGY SAVINGS OR ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS IN LAKE COUNTY. 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 2026-0 RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LAKE DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO NEGOTIATE, EXECUTE, AND DELIVER TASK ORDER NO. 01 – KENNEDY PARKWAY EXTENSION DESIGN (REVISION 1) WIT MICHAEL BAKER, INC. IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE HUNDRED FIFTY-SIX THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS AND 00/100 (\$156,500.00) FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ROADWAY AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES AT THE LAKE COUNTY EXECUTIVE AIRPORT. 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.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- I. Election of Officers:** Tabled until next Board meeting.
- II. Trees near the Airport:** Mr. Dynes briefly discussed the current status of trees penetrating navigable airspace.

Board Remarks: Mr. Rampe commented that Katie Spatz was preparing to row across the Pacific.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Mr. Siegel and seconded by Mr. Wassum to adjourn the meeting at 3:36 p.m., at which time the meeting was adjourned by consensus.

Respectfully submitted by:
Mary Perry