

Board Member Requirements



2022-2023 Board Members

Pictured from left to right: (Front Row) Otto Nicely, Stephanie Meyer (Secretary), Beth Headley (Middle Row) Erika Steece, Ruby Schindler (Back Row) Jami Cameron (President) and Roberta Phlipot (Vice President).

The Mission of the Defiance County Board of Developmental Disabilities (DCBDD) is to enrich the lives and meet the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and their community throughout their lifetime.

Duties and Responsibilities

- Organizational leadership.
- Approve policies, contracts, and budget items.
- Develop and adopt a strategic plan.

Membership and Appointments

The Defiance County Board of Developmental Disabilities must consist of seven members per Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Sections 5126.021-5126.0218. Of the seven members, five are appointed by the Defiance County Commissioners and two are appointed by the Defiance County Probate Judge. Three board members must be immediate family members of an individual eligible for county board services (adult or early intervention/children's) or of an individual eligible for residential services/supported living.

Board Members are appointed to four-year terms and are eligible to serve three consecutive terms. They receive no compensation for their service.

Eligibility

Board members must be Defiance County residents and have various professional backgrounds, be community leaders, and/or be family members of individuals with disabilities.

The following individuals MAY NOT serve as board members per ORC 5126.023:

- Elected public officials (except for a township trustee, township fiscal officer, or individuals excluded from the definition of a public official or employee in ORC 102.01).
- An immediate family member of another board member of the DCBDD.
- A current employee of any county board, including the DCBDD.
- An immediate family member of an employee of the DCBDD.
- A former employee of the DCBDD whose employment ceased less than four calendar years before they would begin to serve as an DCBDD board member.
- A former employee of a county board other than the DCBDD whose employment ceased less than two calendar years before they would begin to serve as an DCBDD board member.
- An individual whose immediate family member is a board member or an employee of a provider agency (unless there is no conflict of interest).
- An individual whose immediate family member serves as a Defiance County Commissioner, unless the individual was a member of the county board before October 31, 1980.

Board Meetings

Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm at the DCBDD Conference Room. Agency business, policy, budgets, and program planning are discussed during board meetings. Staff and community members are always welcome and encouraged to attend.

- Each board member is to attend regularly scheduled monthly meetings (and must not fail to attend four or more regularly scheduled board meetings within one year) as well as an additional four hours of training in the field of developmental disabilities per year.

For more information, including agendas and minutes, visit www.defiancedd.org and view the "Our Board" section under the "About Us" tab.