

Governance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: February 23, 2026

Time: 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Location/Platform: Teams

Attendance Remote

Members Present: Chair- Matt Smith, Jennifer Pitman

Staff Present: Becky Ehling, Brittney Stephens

Guests Present: Paige Sheridan, Chelsea Engel, Jena Short

Absent: Nate Strange, Abby Melampy

1. Welcome & Attendance

The meeting was opened by Chair Matt Smith at 3:32 p.m.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

Minutes from December 8, 2025 were reviewed and made official.

3. Policy Discussion

Staff, along with OMJ Directors and Easterseals, will begin working on the second third of the policies for the 2026 review cycle.

4. Roster Discussion

Becky Ehling provided an update on the Board roster.

- Sarah Johnson's paperwork is currently with Butler County for processing.
- Tracy is working to make a connection with 80 Acres regarding the business vacancy in Butler County.
- Amy and Becky will work on filling the Aspire/WIOA Title I vacancy in Butler County.
- Michael Howell will be replaced from the Board due to lack of engagement.
- Scott Gaffert will provide a contact for TQL related to the Clermont County vacancy. Becky will follow up with Scott to make the connection.
- Becky plans reach out to the State regarding guidance on filling the labor union vacancy in Clermont County and will send an email requesting direction.
- For the Warren County vacancy, Becky would like to fill the position with a child care facility representative.

5. Fiscal Agent Discussion

At this time, there is no update regarding the fiscal agent. The matter remains in the hands of the County Commissioners.

Becky asked for thoughts from current members regarding potentially switching counties or operating independently.

- Matt Smith expressed that he is in favor of operating independently.
- Jennifer Pittman asked what actions could be taken to encourage the counties to make a decision regarding the fiscal agent.

Matt suggested bringing forward a motion from this Committee to move the fiscal agent discussion back into active consideration.

Becky will draft the proposed motion and present it to the Governance Committee so it can be taken before the full Board.

6. Adjournment

Chair Matt Smith adjourned the meeting at 4:03 p.m.