

OHIO HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION COMBINED BOARD MEETING

**May 7, 2025, 12:30 p.m.
Hilton Downtown Columbus**

M I N U T E S

President Shane Craycraft called the combined meeting of the OHCA Board of Directors, Assisted Living Board, Home Care and Hospice Board, and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Board to order. Everyone introduced themselves. The table at the end of these minutes shows attendance.

The President pointed out that the OHCA Antitrust Compliance, Conflict of Interest, and Confidentiality Policies were linked to the agenda. He asked any board member who felt they had a conflict to avail themselves of the policies.

MEETING SPONSOR

Tom McCormick of Remedi Senior Care, the meeting sponsor, thanked the combined board for their business. He commented that the OHCA convention was a phenomenal event. Remedi was working toward a holistic view of its services.

Pete Van Runkle reminded board members to attend the reception with Champion Partners that afternoon.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Van Runkle conducted elections for officers, beginning with the constituency boards. He noted that the chairs of the constituency boards were voting members of the OHCA board.

Danielle Russo was nominated for Chair of the Assisted Living Board.

Motion: To close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ms. Russo.
Seconded; motion carried.

Amy Francis was nominated for Vice-Chair of the Assisted Living Board.

Motion: To close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ms. Francis.
Seconded; motion carried.

Gen Stelzer was nominated for Chair of the Home Care and Hospice Board.

Motion: To close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ms. Stelzer.
Seconded; motion carried.

Bryan Casey was nominated for Vice-Chair of the Home Care and Hospice Board.

Motion: To close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Casey.
Seconded; motion carried.

Joe Kowalski and Becky Sharp were nominated for Co-Chairs of the IDD Board.

Motion: To close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Kowalski and Ms. Sharp.
Seconded; motion carried.

Mike Scharfenberger, Kenn Daily, Chris Chirumbolo, Michael Coury, Robin Hillier, and Greg Miller were nominated for at-large positions on the OHCA Executive Committee.

As six individuals were nominated for five positions, the OHCA board proceeded to vote by secret ballot. Debbie Jenkins and Deanne Sprenger counted the votes.

For the OHCA board, Shane Craycraft remained President automatically. Janet Harris was nominated for President-Elect.

Motion: To close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Ms. Harris.
Seconded; motion carried.

Joe Cilone was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer.

Motion: To close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Cilone.
Seconded; motion carried.

BOARD MEETING SCHEDULE 2025-2026

President Craycraft noted the schedule of upcoming OHCA board meetings linked to the agenda and asked if anyone saw any conflicts.

MEMBERSHIP APPROVALS

Mr. Van Runkle said we did not have a formal membership report because another OHCA board meeting was scheduled for later in the month, but we did have a new member organization to approve and a member to reinstate.

Motion: To approve Heritage Healthcare and Retirement Communities as an active member and to reinstate the active membership of Bedrock Care.
Seconded; motion carried.

Ms. Jenkins announced that Mike Scharfenberger, Chris Chirumbolo, Michael Coury, Robin Hillier, and Greg Miller were elected to at-large positions on the OHCA Executive Committee.

BUDGET UPDATE

Mr. Van Runkle said Senate standing committees other than Finance were holding hearings on various pieces of the budget bill at the time of the combined board meeting. Our issues were in the Medicaid and Health Committees. After three weeks of hearings, Senators would submit amendments for the substitute bill, which were due May 16. We expected the substitute bill to emerge May 27, after which the Finance Committee would hold hearings. Senate passage of the budget bill was set for June 12.

The feedback from Senate Republicans was that they didn't intend to authorize more spending, so our requests needed to be budget-neutral. We adjusted our amendments to reflect this direction. For private rooms, we proposed to reinsert the \$160 million cap in current law. For PDPM, we requested a budget-neutral phase-in with a \$5 stop loss and stop gain. Our fair rental value proposal already was budget-neutral. For home and community-based services, both for aging and developmental disabilities, we had two amendments. One was for a very small 2% rate increase in the second year of the biennium plus rate review going forward. We did not expect that approach to gain any traction. The second set of amendments was just for rate review, which was budget-neutral in this biennium. We also had two amendments for hospice, one that went to 100% on the pass-through payments and one that went to 96%.

Bill Levering asked about the rate review proposal. Regarding private rooms, he asked for our estimate of utilization on private rooms, how many private rooms had been approved, and whether the managed care plans had to pay the add-on. Mr. Levering also asked whether new contracts would be required for Next Generation MyCare Ohio and who would be on the budget conference committee.

Mark Knepper asked about the amendment for the 1% hospice pass-through increase. Dan D'Amico asked about Medicaid underspending on SNFs. Linda Black-Kurek asked if we were pointing out that Medicaid rates were below costs.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Jenkins reminded everyone of the premiere of our docuseries, People Worth Caring About, that evening. Erin Hart reviewed the timing of the event and shuttles to get people there.

Scott Unverferth asked those present to purchase raffle tickets for the District 3 golf outing at the end of May. Mr. Scharfenberger thanked everyone who participated in the golf outing at convention. We raised more than \$66,000 for PAC.

The meeting was adjourned.

Attendance:

First	Last	Status	5/7
Shane	Craycraft	P-ATL	P
Michael	Scharfenberger	1	P
Kenn	Daily	2	
Scott	Unverferth	3	P
Jim	Taylor	4	P
Jill	Herron	5	P
Bill	Levering	6	P
Ronnie	Wilheim	7	
Bill	Weisberg	8	
Scott	Sprenger	IPP-9	P
Janet	Harris	10	P
Dan	D'Amico	11	P
Nicole	Sprenger	12	P
Michael	Coury	13	P
Robin	Hillier	14	P
Shane	Stewart	15	P
Linda	Black-Kurek	ATL	P
Chris	Chirumbolo	ATL	P
Joe	Cilone	ATL	P
Chase	Kohn	ATL	
Diane	Liliestedt	ATL	
Greg	Miller	ATL	P
Jerry	Schroer	ATL	P
Danielle	Russo	AL	P
Gen	Stelzer	HCH	P
Joe	Kowalski	ID	P
John	Renner	NP	
Sarah	Koch	13A	P
Brent	Classen	ALB	P
Amy	Francis	ALB	P
Charlotte	Kister	ALB	P
Matt	Pool	ALB	P

Gwynn	Ryder	ALB	P
Kyle	Schmidlapp	ALB	P
Tim	Dotson	IDB	P
Chelsea	Pozderac	IDB	P
Sherry	Rinck	IDB	P
Becky	Sharp	IDB	P
Jo	Spargo	IDB	P
Bill	Arfaras	HCHB	P
Victoria	Barkin	ALB	P
Bryan	Casey	HCHB	P
Gina	Covelli	HCHB	P
Laura	Dales	HCHB	P
Mark	Knepper	HCHB	P
Denise	Leonard	Gst	P
Deanne	Sprenger	Gst	P
Todd	Bergdoll	Stf	P
Diane	Dietz	Stf	P
Erin	Hart	Stf	P
Debbie	Jenkins	Stf	P
Jason	Umstot	Stf	P
Peter	Van Runkle	Stf	P