

**OHIO HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION
PAC BOARD**

**September 18, 2026, 9:00 am
MEETING**

MINUTES

Co-chair Mike Scharfenberger called the meeting to order. The roster at the end of these minutes shows Board attendance.

The Co-chair asked Board members to avail themselves of the OHCA Antitrust Compliance, Conflict of Interest, and Confidentiality Policies linked to the agenda and to bring forward any conflicts.

The minutes from the January 29, 2025 meeting were reviewed and approved by unanimous affirmation.

The meeting began with Co-chair Scharfenberger outlining the agenda, which included updates on PAC expenditures and balances, current updates from Todd, and future budgeting. Michael provided an update on a significant change in the Medicaid leadership, reporting that Maureen would be stepping down as Director of Medicaid, with Steven Vogt set to take over as the new director per information received by Todd Bergdoll. The group discussed the potential implications of this change, including its impact on policy and future operations.

Diane Dietz then presented the 2025 PAC expenditures.

Discussion then turned to PAC activities and candidate relationships, noting that both Bill Reinecke and Jerry Cirino are running for Senate presidency. Todd explained that the decision may not be finalized until after the primary elections in 2026, and emphasized the importance of considering both candidates and their teams due to their support of long-term care issues. The discussion also touched on the potential influence of incoming governor Vivek and House Speaker Matt Huffman on future policy decisions.

The Board then discussed the status of the mandamus and where things stand with respect to ODM's request for a stay of the decision and subsequent reconsideration. Diane reported that our legal team expects a relatively quick decision, though nothing is guaranteed.

The group discussed political strategy and legislative outreach efforts. Todd reported on successful meetings with various legislators across Ohio, noting that building relationships with these representatives has been more effective than focusing only on leadership. The Board then discussed the importance of clarifying misrepresentations about state financial obligations and the need to validate or clarify the actual numbers involved in the lawsuit.

With respect to PAC contributions, the Board discussed the need to better track contributions from board members and various leaders for which meetings have been held. Co-chair Scharfenberger explained that many contributions come from meetings in different regions of the state.

With no other issues to bring before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

PAC Board Member	Sep-25
Mike Scharfenberger	P
Joe Cilone	P
Michael Coury	P
Chris Chirumbolo	P
Ronnie Wilhelm	P
Andrew Fishman	P
Jerry Schroer	P
Shane Craycraft	P
Linda Black-Kurek	
Scott Unverferth	
Todd Bergdoll	P
Diane Dietz	P