



Dropout Prevention and Recovery Advisory Council

Date: October 28, 2025

Council members present: John Hagan, Adam Clark, Sheila Vitale, Dean Manke, Tiffany Delong, Cris Gulacy-Worrel, Bill Watson, Mark Lamoncha

Department staff in attendance: Colleen Grady, Lori Wood, Lily Bartholomew, Katie Beahr

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Hagan called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m. With eight members present, a quorum was met.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Bill Watson made a motion to approve the September meeting minutes. Dean Manke seconded the motion. September 2025 minutes were approved unanimously.

22+ PROGRAM DISCUSSION

Colleen Grady provided a brief overview of the revamped 22+ Program. As the program is still in the early planning process, the Council discussed any questions they would have for the program managers. The Career Tech Office will be joining the DOPR Advisory Council in November to provide updates and answer the council members' questions. The Council members are interested in the expectations, guidelines, and requirements of the new program.

SCHOOL SURVEY DISCUSSION

The Department is putting together a community school survey regarding various topics and opportunities for feedback. The questions include details on the school's adopted cell phone policy, positives and concerns related to STAR testing, and what type of Math and ELA support from the Department and SSTs would be beneficial. Community school leaders and sponsors will receive the survey within the next couple of weeks.

FUTURE MEETING DATES

Future meeting dates were offered as follows:

- January 20, 11:00am-1:00pm
- February 24, 11:00am-1:00pm
- March 23, 11:00am-1:00pm
- April 23, 11:00am-1:00pm

The Council approved the meeting options.



DEPARTMENT UPDATES

The following updates were provided to the Council.

- 10/31 – Community School Annual Budget
- 11/1 – Sponsor Annual Report – Special Education Services & Expenditures
- 11/7 - Deadline to [submit form](#) for optional district roll-up of certain startup community school performance data for Ohio School Report Cards
- 11/14 - Last day to apply for the [Ohio School Bus Safety Grant Program](#)
- 11/18-21 - [OCALICON 2025](#) takes place online

NEW BUSINESS

The Department's Deputy Director for the Division of Primary and Secondary Education, Diane Allen, will be attending the November Council meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Cris Gulacy-Worrel made a motion to adjourn the meeting, and Bill Watson seconded the motion. There were no objections offered. Chair Hagan adjourned the Council meeting at 12:37pm.