

January 8, 2026 – 10:30 a.m.
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Ohio-Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments

Attendance record for OKI board members along with guests and staff follows the minutes.

Item #1A Administrative

President Josh Gerth called the meeting to order at 10:32 a.m. and he asked Resident member and Treasurer Ken Reed to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Gerth reminded everyone that today's meeting is the final meeting for the 2025 Board of Directors term and thanked members for their service. He shared that there will be a board member orientation for new and returning members on February 12 at 9:30 a.m. at OKI.

He stated that the OKI Annual Luncheon will be on Tuesday, February 17 at Hard Rock Casino featuring Larry Krauter, CEO of CVG as the keynote speaker with additional remarks from Congressman Dave Taylor (OH – D2). OKI board members can attend the event at no charge; however, all board members need to register in advance.

Item #1B Approval of November 13, 2025, Executive Committee meeting minutes

President Gerth requested approval of the November 13, 2025, executive committee meeting minutes as distributed. Council member Susan Vaughn, City of Hamilton provided a motion with a second from Commissioner Denise Driehaus, Hamilton County; motion passed.

Item #1C CEO's Report

OKI CEO Mark Policinski highlighted a front-page story in the *Northern Kentucky Tribune* regarding OKI's success in building consensus, noting that the Board has approved **\$1.27 billion** in investments over the last 22 years. He also discussed the upcoming expiration of the current five-year Transportation Bill, noting that the next bill will focus on traditional infrastructure, technology infusion, and regulatory reform. He added that Congressman Taylor, who sits on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, could provide additional insight in his remarks at the OKI Annual Luncheon.

Mr. Policinski recognized a few board members - Commissioner Driehaus is the new president of the Ohio Association of County Commissioners, a position previously held by past OKI president, Commissioner David Painter of Clermont County. Additionally, Judge Gary Moore, Boone County was recently selected for induction into the Kentucky Transportation Hall of Fame and at the Northern Kentucky-Greater Cincinnati African American Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Ron Washington, Covington received the Impact Partner Award and Resident member, Vestal Simms-Howell received the James Clingman Award.

Item #1D Finance Officer's Report

Director Hannum presented the financial statements for the period ending November 30th along with current cash information. As of January 2, 2026, OKI had:

\$863,331.21 - PNC Bank Commercial Checking Account

\$4,000 - PNC HSA/FSA Checking Account

\$847,840.26— Star Ohio Money Market Mutual Fund Account

Director Hannum reported there has been no recent activity on OKI's line of credit and no outstanding balance at report date. She further reported on Balance Sheet, Revenue and Expense information. Resident member and Treasurer Ken Reed provided a motion with a second from Commissioner Stephanie Summerow Dumas, Hamilton County; motion passed.

Item #2 Adoption of the OKI Public Participation Plan

Ms. Julia Brossart, Communications and Legislative Affairs Manager presented the updated Public Participation Plan. The Plan, which is updated every four years, meets the planning regulations of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act regulations and has been revised for readability and increased outreach to elderly, low-income, and disabled populations. She shared there were no comments received during the public comment period. A motion was provided for OKI Resolution 2026-01 by Trustee Shannon Hartkemeyer, Butler County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks with a second from Commissioner Kevin Turner, Dearborn County; motion passed.

Item #3 Intermodal Coordinating Committee Report

OKI staff, Mr. Andy Reser, Manager of Transportation Programming, reported that the ICC met on January 6, 2026. The committee heard from Deputy Director Bob Koehler regarding proposed minor changes to OKI's prioritization process, Manager Julia Brossart provided an update on OKI's Public Participation Plan, the committee heard a report on OKI's Capital Fund Balances and approved a TIP administrative modification.

Item #4 ICC Members 2025 Attendance

OKI staff, Mr. Andy Reser, shared the 2025 Intermodal Coordinating Committee (ICC) attendance, which was included in the board meeting materials packet. He said the average monthly attendance is 38 committee members for the nine meetings in 2025 (61 members in ICC).

Item #5 Amendment #5 for OKI FY26-29 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Andy Reser, Manager of Transportation Programming, presented Amendment #5, which includes four highway and seven transit projects. Details include:

- Removes Detail Design and Environmental phases from Clermont TID Bach-Buxton Roundabout project (PID 122959)
- Cancels Hamilton County OES EV Charging project per LPA request (PID 120145)
- Revises Right of Way funding amount and swaps construction funds from STBG to CMAQ for Oasis Trail Phase 1 (PID 122971)

- Adds Right of Way acquisition for I-75 reunification project near Lockland (PID 125213)
- Revises funding for BCRTA Operating Assistance (PID 117998)
- Removes Clermont County Transit support vehicle project (PID 123185)
- Revises SORTA 5307 Preventative Maintenance (PIDs 118380 & 125092)
- Adds operating assistance project for SORTA Paratransit (PID 125144)
- Revises Warren County transit projects for operating assistance/vehicle replacement/preventative maintenance (PIDs 118346 & 118348)

A motion for OKI Resolution 2026-02 was provided by Resident member Hank Menninger with a second from Council member Susan Hoover, Norwood; motion passed

Item #6 Election of 2026 Board of Directors

Members of the Nominating Committee include Shannon Hartkemeyer, Roger Kerlin, Karl Schultz, Julie Smith-Morrow, and Tom Voss. They provided an explanation of the election process and presented the 2026 nominating committee report, which was distributed to all members in attendance. All nominations, including Executive Committee proposed in the nominating committee report, were accepted by the Board of Directors with a motion from Council member Floyd Crocher, Trenton and a second from Resident member Roger Kerlin; motion passed.

The 2026 Officers are:

President	Josh Gerth
First Vice President	Bonnie Batchler
Second Vice President	Mark Jeffreys
Past President	Gary W. Moore
Treasurer	Kenneth F. Reed
Secretary	Mark R. Policinski

Item #7 2026 Budget Committee Appointments

President Elect Josh Gerth asked members to review the 2026 Budget Committee Appointments presented on the large screen. He read aloud the following appointments:

1. Kenneth F. Reed, Resident Member, OKI Treasurer, *Chair*
2. Josh Gerth, Resident member, President
3. Bonnie Batchler, Clermont County Board of Commissioners, First Vice President
4. Mark Jeffreys, City of Cincinnati, Second Vice President
5. Gary W. Moore, Boone County Fiscal Court, Past President
6. T.C. Rogers, Butler County Board of Commissioners
7. Steve Pendery, Campbell County Fiscal Court
8. Kevin Turner, Dearborn County Board of Commissioners
9. Stephanie Summerow Dumas, Hamilton County Board of Commissioners
10. Kris Knochelmann, Kenton County Fiscal Court
11. David G. Young, Warren County Board of Commissioners

A motion to accept the budget committee appointments was provided by Mayor Chris Reinersman, Independence, KY with a second from Trustee Shannon Hartkemeyer, Butler County Association of Township Trustees & Clerks; motion passed.

Item #8 Other Business

President Gerth reminded members of the board orientation that will take place prior to the February executive committee meeting. A continental breakfast will be provided.

Item #9 Adjournment

Resident Member Ken Reed, Treasurer, provided a motion to adjourn the meeting with a second from Commissioner Denise Drihaus, Hamilton County; motion passed.

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County Planning Commissions (9)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate								
				Jan. 8 - Board '25	Feb. 13 - E.C.	Mar. 13 - E.C.	Apr. 10 - Board	May 8 - E.C.	June 12 - Board	Sept. 11 - E.C.	Oct. 9 - Board
Boone Co. Planning Commission	Randy	Bessler		Y							
Butler County Planning Commission	David C.	Fehr		Y							
Campbell County Planning & Zonning Commission	Sharon	Haynes		Y							
Clermont County Planning Commission	Darrin	Hinners									
Dearborn County Planning Commission	Nicole	Daily		Y							
Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission	David	Okum	Steve Goodin	Y							
Kenton County Planning Commission	Gailen	Bridges		Y							
PDS of Kenton County	Joshua Wice effective Sept. 2025	replaced Sharmili Reddy	Andy Videkovich								
Warren County Regional Planning Commission	Ryan	Cook	Christian Pajo	Y							
Municipal Planning Commissions 40,000 + population (4)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate								
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City of Cincinnati Planning Commission	Emily	Ahouse		Y							
City of Fairfield Planning Commission	Greg	Kathman		E							
City of Hamilton Planning Commission	Laura	Nelson									
City of Middletown Planning Commission	Claire	Fetters		Y							

Voting Ex-Officio Members (3)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	Jan. 8 - Board '25	Feb. 13 - E.C.	Mar. 13 - E.C.	Apr. 10 - Board	May 8 - E.C.	June 12 - Board	Sept. 11 - E.C.	Oct. 9 - Board	Nov. 13 - E.C.
Indiana Department of Transportation	Chris	Wahlman	Terry Summers									
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet	Robert	Yeager	Mike Bezold	Y								
Ohio Department of Transportation	Doug	Gruver	Scott Brown									
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Butler County RTA	Christopher	Lawson	Matthew Dutkevicz	Y								
SORTA (Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority)	Andrew Aiello effective Sept. 2025	replaced Darryl Haley	Khaled Shammout	Y								
TANK (Transit Authority of Northern KY)	Gina	Douthat	TBA	E/R								
Resident Members (20)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate									
Resident member	Craig	Beckley		E								
Resident member, The Port	Laura N.	Brunner		E								
Resident member	Jeff	Earlywine		Y								
Resident member, Boone County Engineer	Rob	Franxman		Y								
Resident member, Warren County Board of Commissioners	Shannon	Jones										
Resident member	Liz	Keating		Y								
Resident member	Roger	Kerlin	Chris Reinersman	Y								
Resident member, Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce	Eric	Kranz										
Resident member	Henry (Hank) E.	Menninger, Jr.		Y								

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<u>Guests</u>	<u>OKI Staff</u>
Greg Long, City of Cincinnati	L. Platt
Khaled Shammout, Metro	Julia Brossart
Emily Loudermilk, Clermont County	Andy Meyer
Matthew Crowe, TANK	Bob Koehler
Stanislav Beresford, Trenton	Timothy Strautberg
Lilha Foley, Hamilton Co.	Summer Jones
Jada Kramer, Hamilton Co.	Regina Fields
Jeff Wallace, Woolpert	Brett Porter
Charles Robinson, City of Cincinnati	Katie Hannum
Lauren O'Brien, Verdantas	Taylor O'Rourke
Matthew Kremer, Ft. Thomas	Margaret Minzner
Andy Ellison, Ft. Thomas	David Rutter
Annalese Cahill, DSD	Madeline Brinker
Caroline McKinney, Liberty Twp.	Elizabeth Niese
Andrew Byer, Indian Hill	Liren Zhou
Katie Eagen, American Structurepoint	David Shuey
Nick Okuley, City of Mason	Robyn Bancroft