

April 9, 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

First Vice President Bonnie Batchler called the meeting to order and asked Commissioner David Painter, Clermont County, to lead in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vice President Batchler reminded board members requiring parking reimbursement to see Sam Sheppard at the front of the room after the meeting.

Item #1B Approval of March 12, 2026, Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Vice President Batchler requested approval of the March 12, 2026, Executive Committee meeting minutes as distributed. A motion was provided by Council member Mark Jeffreys with a second from Trustee Dee Stone; motion passed.

Item #1C CEO's Report

OKI CEO Mark Policinski reported that shortly after the March Executive Committee meeting, the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) and the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet (KYTC) announced major changes to the Brent Spence Bridge project. The project cost has increased to \$4.4 billion, up from \$3.6 billion, and the construction footprint for this phase will be limited to access points within one mile on each side of the river. Mr. Policinski noted that this phase is expected to complete approximately 90% of the entire project. The new bridge is projected to be open for traffic in both directions by 2031, with all work complete by 2033. OKI will ask a representative from ODOT to present to the Board in the fall once construction is underway.

Mr. Policinski reported that OKI recently completed a survey on transportation needs and preferences for select populations—specifically, persons experiencing poverty, the elderly, the disabled, and zero-car households. OKI was informed this past week that the National Association of Government Communicators selected this project as the recipient of their Blue Pencil and Golden Screen Award, the association's highest honors. Mr. Policinski credited Metro for contributing \$40,000 in financial support and substantial technical expertise to the project without being solicited, and recognized Communications and Legislative Affairs Manager Julia Brossart for her day-to-day coordination and oversight of the effort. He also acknowledged the consulting firm C. Robinson and Associates for their work in locating and interviewing survey participants. Mr. Andrew Aiello, GM of Metro, noted that the partnership provided Metro with access to the survey data, which directly supports their goal of increasing mobility for all populations in the region.

Ms. Julia Brossart, Communications and Legislative Manager, provided an update on the status of the federal surface transportation reauthorization. The current highway bill expires September 30, 2026. She reported that U.S. Representative Sam Graves, Chair of the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, has announced he will retire at the end of the year and has

expressed a personal goal to mark up the surface transportation bill shortly after lawmakers return from recess, with a potential House floor vote in May. The National Association of Regional Councils has indicated a bill draft may be available as early as the following week. On the Senate side, Senator Capito, who chairs the Senate Public Works Committee, has acknowledged that time is growing short to complete the bill before the September 30 deadline, noting that only 64 scheduled floor debate days remain between the date of this meeting and the deadline.

Ms. Brossart indicated that even if the September 30 deadline is not met, there remains strong bipartisan will to pass the bill before the end of the calendar year.

Item #1D Finance Officer's Report

Finance Director Katie Hannum presented the financial statements for the period ending February 28, 2026, along with current cash information. As of April 3, 2026, OKI had:

\$642,100.00 – PNC Bank Commercial Checking Account

\$6,900.00 – PNC HSA/FSA Checking Account

\$1,057,000.00 – 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.

A motion to accept the Finance Officer's Report as presented was provided by Commissioner Kevin Turner with a second from Council member Susan Hoover; motion passed.

Item #2 Boone County Transportation Plan Update

OKI Strategic Initiatives Manager, Robyn Bancroft and Robert Franxman, Boone County Engineer and Assistant County Administrator, presented the 2025 Boone County Transportation Plan Update. Ms. Bancroft noted that the project was conducted over approximately ten months following the Board's approval in January 2025 to enter a contract with consultant Gresham Smith and was successfully completed in December 2025.

Ms. Bancroft described the extensive community outreach process that shaped the plan. Outreach tools included online surveys, 14 pop-up events at farmers markets, business meetings, and other community gatherings already scheduled by the county, a public meeting that drew approximately 150 attendees, and stakeholder meetings with the City of Florence, TANK, KYTC, and other key partners. The volume of community input was described as exceptional. The four most frequently cited priorities from the public were: reducing congestion (cited by over 75% of respondents), improving safety, better walking and biking connections, and freight management. These findings were consistent with technical data analysis.

Mr. Franxman described the plan's recommendation's structure. A universe of approximately 150 candidate projects was refined to 110 projects—103 physical projects and 7 studies—organized into five project types and five geographic regions of the county. Projects were prioritized into three tiers: Tier 1 (37 projects currently in progress or delivering immediate public benefit, including 13 Boone County facility projects and 22 KYTC projects); Tier 2 (approximately

45 projects of moderate priority, including bridge replacements and pavement rehabilitation); and a new category termed “Future Generation Considerations,” replacing the former “unscheduled needs” designation, which encompasses long-range concepts such as a multi-use trail connecting Kenton County to Gallatin County and potential new interchanges on I-71 and I-275.

Ms. Bancroft also highlighted the plan’s Advanced Technologies Brief, prepared at the direction of Boone County Judge Executive Gary Moore, which compiles current information on emerging transportation technologies for use as a public-facing resource. All Plan deliverables, including individual project sheets for Tier 1 and Tier 2 recommendations, are available on www.oki.org via a QR code provided in the presentation materials.

Ms. Bancroft noted that OKI will be developing a transportation plan update with Kenton County, led by OKI staff member Brett Porter.

A motion for OKI Resolution 2026-08 was provided by Commissioner T.C. Rogers with a second from Resident member Roger Kerlin: motion passed.

Item #3 Presentation of Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Report

Jeff Rinehart, Audit Manager with Zupka and Associates, presented via Microsoft Teams. Mr. Rinehart reported that Zupka and Associates performed both a financial and compliance audit of OKI for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. The audit examined internal controls and financial documents for all OKI transactions. The audit resulted in an unmodified (clean) opinion, which is the highest opinion available, with no findings, comments, or issues identified.

Mr. Rinehart also reported on the Single Audit, which is required because OKI expended over \$750,000 in federal awards during the fiscal year. The Single Audit also resulted in an unmodified opinion with no issues noted.

A motion to accept and file the Fiscal Year 2025 Audit Report was provided by Commissioner Stephanie Dumas with a second from Judge Executive Gary Moore; motion passed.

Item #4 Proposed Regional Water Quality Management Plan Amendment

OKI Senior Environmental Planner David Rutter presented a proposed major amendment to OKI’s Regional Water Quality Management Plan (Section 208 Plan). Mr. Rutter noted this item was for information only and no board action was required.

Mr. Rutter explained that OKI first adopted the Water Quality Management Plan in 1977 pursuant to Section 208 of the Clean Water Act. The plan has been updated many times since, and the current proposal constitutes Amendment #49. The amendment restructures the plan from a static, chapter-based document format into three components: a retained Executive Summary in PDF format, a retained Wastewater Facilities Planning document for Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, and Warren Counties, and an interactive StoryMap that replaces the full plan body. The StoryMap format allows users to navigate by topic, zoom into regional geology and water resource maps,

and access links to Ohio EPA's water quality reports, reducing the ongoing maintenance burden of republishing static data.

Mr. Rutter recognized water quality intern Taylor O'Rourke for her work in building the StoryMap. He noted that the plan is open for public comment through April 30, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.; comments may be submitted to David Rutter at drutter@oki.org. The updated plan is anticipated to return to the Board for approval at the June meeting, after which it will be submitted to Ohio EPA for the Governor's signature and transmission to USEPA.

Mr. Rutter indicated that data centers had not been incorporated into the current update, as the issue has only recently emerged as a significant concern, and that the plan does not make requirements of any entity but rather coordinates regional sewer service planning. Mr. Rutter noted that the upcoming June Groundwater Committee meeting will also include a presentation on data centers and a discussion of the Southwest Ohio Water Study. Lorrie Platt, Board Advisor, will send board members a direct link to the relevant website resources following the meeting.

Item #5 Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program

OKI Deputy Executive Director Bob Koehler presented the Fiscal Year 2027 Unified Planning Work Program (UPWP) Executive Summary for the Board's consideration. Mr. Koehler noted that the UPWP is required by the U.S. Department of Transportation and describes all planning activities OKI and its partners will undertake during the coming fiscal year, along with associated budgets. The FY 2027 program encompasses 27 distinct program elements and will result in over 170 discrete work products.

Highlights of the program include: continuation of the Transportation Alternatives Program for non-motorized transportation planning and project funding; advancement of OKI's prioritization process; commencement of development of the FY 2028–2031 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP); continued evolution of OKI's Geographic Information System (GIS) data sets and artificial intelligence applications; an update to the travel model's mode choice component and development of a new base year model; continued technical support and data updates for the Raven 911 system; initiation of background research for the 2050 Metropolitan Transportation Plan; maintenance of the OKI Green Space Environmental and Mitigation Mapper, housing dashboard, and fiscal impact analysis model; an in-house update of the OKI Freight Plan; continued Rideshare and Clean Air programs; continuation of the 5310 Program for elderly and disabled transportation planning; leadership of the North Warren County Transportation Plan (anticipated completion by June of the following year); planning activities in support of Indiana partners; and the Kenton County Transportation Plan, to be led by OKI staff member Brett Porter.

A motion for OKI Resolution 2026-09 was provided by Mr. Kurt Weber, Warren County Engineer with a second Council member Susan Vaughn; motion passed.

Item #6 Certification of the Urban Transportation Planning Process

Deputy Executive Director Bob Koehler presented the annual Certification of the Urban Transportation Planning Process for the Board's consideration. Mr. Koehler explained that each year OKI is required to ask the Board to affirm that the agency is conducting the continuing

transportation planning process in conformance with all applicable federal regulations. He noted that every four years USDOT conducts a formal review and has consistently found OKI to be meeting or exceeding all U.S. Department of Transportation planning requirements.

A motion for OKI Resolution 2026-10 was provided by Mayor Charlie Cleves with a second from Council member Bob Boehner; motion passed.

Item #7 Intermodal Coordinating Committee Report

OKI staff member Andy Reser, Manager of Transportation Programming, reported that the Intermodal Coordinating Committee met on Tuesday, April 7, 2026. The committee heard a presentation on the proposed Regional Water Quality Management Plan Amendment and approved an administrative modification to the Transportation Improvement Program. The committee recommended Board approval of four resolutions: Boone County Transportation Plan, FY 2027 UPWP, Certification of the Urban Transportation Planning Process and OKI TIP Amendment #7.

Item #8 Amendment #7 to the OKI Fiscal Years 2026–2029 Transportation Improvement Program

Mr. Andy Reser presented TIP Amendment #7, which includes seven highway projects and thirteen transit projects. Key elements of the amendment include:

Highway projects include: an additional 10% of OKI funds for the Fairfield Pleasant Avenue multi-use path; addition of detailed design phases for three OKI-funded projects—the Trenton EV Charging project, Forest Park EV Charging project, and Forest Park Winton Road multi-use path; addition of a design phase for KYTC’s rest area truck parking expansion; removal of funding for the NKU Three Mile Road sidewalk project due to inactivity; and addition of the Dearborn County Saint Peters Road Bridge replacement project.

Transit projects include: revisions to funding for four Butler County RTA projects; addition of one SORTA security equipment project; and for TANK, movement of state-and-local (SNK) funded demand response bus replacements from FY 2026 to FY 2027, deletion of a bus replacement project in FY 2027, revision of local match to state match for an SNK bus replacement project, and addition of three projects for equipment, software, and facility renovations.

A motion for OKI Resolution 2026-11 was provided by Commissioner Kevin Turner with a second from Council member Floyd Crocher; motion passed.

Item #9 Other Business

There was no other business to come before the Board.

Item #10 Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was provided by Trustee Jonathan Sams with a second from Council member Brian Gath; motion passed.

The next meeting is Thursday, May 14, 2026, at 10:30 a.m., an Executive Committee meeting.

Municipalities w/Population over 5,000	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	Feb. 12 - E.C.	Mar. 12 - E.C.	Apr. 9 - Board	May 14 - E.C.	June 11 - Board	Sept. 10 - E.C.	Oct. 8 - Board	Nov. 12 - E.C.
Springdale, OH	Jeffrey	Anderson		Y	Y	Y					
Taylor Mill, KY	Mark	Kreimborg									
Trenton, OH	Floyd	Croucher			Y	Y					
Union, KY	Kimberly	Tuyn		Y	Y	Y					
Villa Hills, KY	Seth	Thompson		Y	Y	Y					
Wyoming, OH	Dan	Driehaus	Jodi Woffington	Y							
Boards of Township Trustees 40,000 + population (7)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	Feb. 12 - E.C.	Mar. 12 - E.C.	Apr. 9 - Board	May 14 - E.C.	June 11 - Board	Sept. 10 - E.C.	Oct. 8 - Board	Nov. 12 - E.C.
Anderson Township	Dee	Stone	Katie Nappi	Y		Y					
Colerain Township	Dan	Unger	Tiphonie Mays	E	R	R					
Green Township	Tony	Rosiello	Frank Birkenhauer	Y	Y	Y					
Liberty Township	Steve	Schramm	Caroline McKinney	R	E	Y					
Miami Township	Mary	Makley Wolff	Steve Kelly	Y	E	Y					
Union Township	Michael	Logue	Cory Wright	E		R					
West Chester Township	Amanda	Ortiz	Lisa Brown	Y	Y	R					
Boards of Township Trustees Under 40,000 population (4)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	Feb. 12 - E.C.	Mar. 12 - E.C.	Apr. 9 - Board	May 14 - E.C.	June 11 - Board	Sept. 10 - E.C.	Oct. 8 - Board	Nov. 12 - E.C.
Butler Co. Assoc. of Township Trustees & Clerks	Shannon	Hartkemeyer	Gary Salmon	Y	Y						
Clermont County Township Association	Tom	Peck	Teresa Hinnners	Y		Y					
Hamilton County Township Association	TBD										
Warren Co. Assoc. of Twnshp. Trustees & Clerks	Jonathan	Sams	Jeff Wright	Y	Y	Y					

Public Officials from Kentucky and Indiana (4)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	Feb. 12 - E.C.	Mar. 12 - E.C.	Apr. 9 - Board	May 14 - E.C.	June 11 - Board	Sept. 10 - E.C.	Oct. 8 - Board	Nov. 12 - E.C.
Boone County Fiscal Court	Jesse	Brewer		E	E	Y					
Kenton County Fiscal Court	Dan	Bell				E					
Campbell County Fiscal Court	Brian	Painter	Tom Lampe								
Greendale, IN	TBD										
County Planning Commissions (9)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	Feb. 12 - E.C.	Mar. 12 - E.C.	Apr. 9 - Board	May 14 - E.C.	June 11 - Board	Sept. 10 - E.C.	Oct. 8 - Board	Nov. 12 - E.C.
Boone Co. Planning Commission	Randy	Bessler		Y	Y	Y					
Butler County Planning Commission	David C.	Fehr									
Campbell County Planning & Zoning Commission	Sharon	Haynes		Y		Y					
Clermont County Planning Commission	TBD										
Dearborn County Planning Commission	Nicole	Daily		E	E	E					
Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission	David	Okum	Anne McBride	Y	Y	Y					
Kenton County Planning Commission	Paul	Darpel		E		Y					
PDS of Kenton County	Joshua	Wice	Andy Videkovich	R	Y	E					
Warren County Regional Planning Commission	Ryan	Cook	Hadil Lababidi	Y	E	R					
Municipal Planning Commissions 40,000 + population (4)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	Feb. 12 - E.C.	Mar. 12 - E.C.	Apr. 9 - Board	May 14 - E.C.	June 11 - Board	Sept. 10 - E.C.	Oct. 8 - Board	Nov. 12 - E.C.
City of Cincinnati Planning Commission	Emily	Ahouse		Y	Y	Y					

City of Fairfield Planning Commission	Greg	Kathman				Y					
City of Hamilton Planning Commission	Laura	Nelson				Y					
City of Middletown Planning Commission	Claire	Fetters-Binegar				Y					
Voting Ex-Officio Members (3)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	<i>Feb. 12 - E.C.</i>	<i>Mar. 12 - E.C.</i>	<i>Apr. 9 - Board</i>	<i>May 14 - E.C.</i>	<i>June 11 - Board</i>	<i>Sept. 10 - E.C.</i>	<i>Oct. 8 - Board</i>	<i>Nov. 12 - E.C.</i>
Indiana Department of Transportation	TBD										
Kentucky Transportation Cabinet	Robert	Yeager	Mike Bezold	Y	Y	Y					
Ohio Department of Transportation	Doug	Gruver	Suzanne Enders	Y	Y	Y					
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Butler County RTA	Christopher	Lawson	Matthew Dutkevicz	R	R	R					
SORTA (Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority)	Andrew	Aiello	Khaled Shammout	E	Y	Y					
TANK (Transit Authority of Northern KY)	Gina	Douthat	Matthew Crowe	Y	Y	Y					
Resident Members (20)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	<i>Feb. 12 - E.C.</i>	<i>Mar. 12 - E.C.</i>	<i>Apr. 9 - Board</i>	<i>May 14 - E.C.</i>	<i>June 11 - Board</i>	<i>Sept. 10 - E.C.</i>	<i>Oct. 8 - Board</i>	<i>Nov. 12 - E.C.</i>
Resident member	Craig	Beckley				E					
Resident member	Gailen	Bridges				Y					
Resident member, The Port	Laura	Brunner		E		E					
Resident member	Chris	Dobrozsi				Y					
Resident Members Continued (20)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	<i>Feb. 12 - E.C.</i>	<i>Mar. 12 - E.C.</i>	<i>Apr. 9 - Board</i>	<i>May 14 - E.C.</i>	<i>June 11 - Board</i>	<i>Sept. 10 - E.C.</i>	<i>Oct. 8 - Board</i>	<i>Nov. 12 - E.C.</i>
Resident member	Jeff	Earlywine		Y	Y	E					
Resident member	Josh	Gerth		Y	Y	E					

Resident member	Liz	Keating									
Resident member	Roger	Kerlin	Chris Reinersman	Y	Y	Y					
Resident member, Dearborn County Chamber of Commerce	Eric	Kranz				E					
Resident member	Henry (Hank) E.	Menninger, Jr.		Y	Y	E					
Resident member, Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber	Pete	Metz		Y	Y	Y					
Resident member	Pamela E.	Mullins			Y	Y					
Resident member	Rick	Probst		Y	Y	Y					
Resident member & Treasurer	Kenneth	Reed		Y	Y	E					
Resident member	Sal	Santoro		Y	E	E					
Resident member	Karl	Schultz	Joe Braun	Y		Y					
Resident member	Vestal	Simms-Howell	Juliet Simms	Y	Y	Y					
Resident member	Thomas	Voss	Charlie Cleves	Y	Y	Y					
Resident member, Southbank Partners	Will	Weber				Y					
Resident member	Melissa	Wideman				Y					

Other Elected Officials and Persons Responsible to Elected Officials from Special Purpose Districts (10)	First Name	Last Name	Exec. Comm. Alternate	Feb. 12 - E.C.	Mar. 12 - E.C.	Apr. 9 - Board	May 14 - E.C.	June 11 - Board	Sept. 10 - E.C.	Oct. 8 - Board	Nov. 12 - E.C.
Hamilton County Engineer	Eric	Beck		Y	Y	Y					
Hamilton County Board of Commissioners	Denise	Driehaus									
Boone County Engineer	Rob	Franxman		Y		Y					
Clermont County Engineer	Jeremy	Evans									
Dearborn County Engineer	J. Todd	Listerman		Y	E	E					
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Clermont Co. Board of Commissioners	David	Painter		Y	Y	Y					

Hamilton County Board of Commissioners	Alicia	Reece										
Kenton County Public Works	Michael	Stork		Y		E						
Warren County Engineer	Kurt	Weber				Y						
Butler County Engineer	Gregory	Wilkins		E	E	E						
<u>Guests</u>	<u>OKI Staff</u>	<u>Con't OKI Staff</u>										
Lauren O'Brien, Verdantas	L. Platt	Yokow Glaisie										
David Kennedy, City of Loveland	David Shuey	Summer Jones										
Tracie Braun, Clermont Cty	Regina Fields	Gavin Campbell										
Kyle Tansy, UES	Sam Sheppard	James Pickering										
Sandy Amanor, KYTC	Jenny Newcomb											
Megan Pittman, KYTC	Andy Meyer											
Mayor Jim Hamberg	Katie Hannum											
Lisa Brown, WCT	David Rutter											
Katie Eagen, ASI	Bob Koehler											
Nick Okuley, City of Mason	Taylor O'Rourke											
Dan Pozniak, DSD Advisors	Timothy Strautberg											
Jennifer Shuey, DLZ	Rachel Stuckey											
	Julia Brossart											
	Robyn Bancroft											
	Michael Outrich											
	Maxwell McGill											
	Jersson Pachar											
	Elizabeth Niece											
	Brett Porter											