

**Lake Cumberland Area Development District  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, November 20, 2025 @ 11:00 am CST (12:00 pm ET)**

**Call to Order**

Judge-Executive John Frank, Chairman called the meeting to order at 11:00 am CT in the large conference room of the LCADD in Russell Springs, Kentucky. This meeting was held in-person as well as by Zoom.

**Opening Prayer**

Prayer was given by Judge- Executive Jimmie Greene.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Ms. Sharon Payne led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call**

Ms. Caprishiia Nevels, Assistant gave the roll call. A quorum was established.

**Approval of Minutes**

Chairman Frank asked for a motion to approve the minutes for July 23rd ,2025 at Board of Directors Meeting. Motion to approve was made. Seconded by Mayor Eddie Thomas. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

**SS4A Update**

Ms. Leslie Lester, Community Development Specialist gave an update on Safe Streets and Roads for All. SS4A is a grant program that funds regional, local and tribal initiatives through grants to prevent roadway fatalities and serious injuries. This program supports the U.S. Department of Transportation's National Roadway Safety Strategy and the goal of zero roadway deaths using a safe system approach. Ms. Lester gave a presentation on exactly how local governments are using this new program to get the information needed to make roadways safer.

**Guest Speaker**

Chairman Frank introduced Ms. Karen Kelly, Chief of Staff for Congressman Hal Rogers Office. Ms. Kelly gave an update of the most recent bills passed in Congress along with information about the EDA funding. Ms. Kelly expressed that if any of the local governments need assistance to reach out to Hal Rogers office and they are always there to assist.

**CEDS Update**

Ms. Lyndsey Brown, Executive Deputy Director presented an updated Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for Lake Cumberland Area Development District. This update included the applications submitted throughout the 10 counties along with 2 paid off loans with 32 open loans. The population by county, median household per capita income, poverty rate and unemployment rates. The resolution will be submitted to the EDA and Department for Local Government. Chairman John Frank asked for a motion to approve the updated resolution. Motion made by Mr. Garland Hoskins. Seconded by Mr. Curtis Hardwick. All in favor. Motion Carried.

### **Opioid Abatement Update**

Ms. Andrea Hughes, Project Work/Case Manager presented a presentation on the Opioid Abatement Program. This program was created by the Kentucky General Assembly to distribute shares of more than \$900 million dollars. These funds are split between local governments and state. Project Work is a creative approach to focus on the employment quality and sustainability of recovering individuals and provide targeted support and services for their success through LCADD 10-County region. Today, Project Work has 165 participants enrolled, 46 of those have completed training and are employed. Trainings offered: Lineman, CDL, Peer Support, Fiber Optics, Welding (Cohort), Master Logger and Hospitality. Services Offered: Child Care, Transportation, Court Cost & Fines, required clothes for training, DOT Physicals and Gas Cards. Ms. Hughes reported Project Work is doing exactly what it was meant to do- remove barriers, build skills and help people return to the workforce to build confidence and stability.

### **Director's Report**

Mr. Wright reported on the items listed below:

- Mr. Waylon Wright reported LCADD and the Labor Cabinet and Economic Development Cabinets hosted a road show which was a collaboration between those two and was hosted by LCADD and Cumberland's Workforce Board.
- Mr. Waylon Wright gave an update of the new Workforce Building in Somerset. Mr. Waylon Wright, Myra Wilson and Karen Miller had a meeting in Frankfort about the new building with other partners at Cumberland's Workforce Center.
- Mr. Waylon Wright reported him and other executive Committee Members went to Salt Lake City, Utah for the NADO Conference in October, 2025. Judge Executive Randy Dial represented LCADD on NADO's Transportation Panel
- Mr. Waylon Wright reported that in accordance with the by-laws the chairman needs to appoint a nominating committee.

### **Other Business**

Chairman John Frank appointed the following as the Nominating Committee:

Taylor County- Judge Executive Barry Smith  
City Of Liberty- Dr. Sam Haddad  
Citizen Member of Green County- Jay Shoftner

Chairman Frank asked for a motion to adjourn at 12:07 p.m. Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Curtis Hardwick. Seconded by Mr. Nick Hazel. All in Favor. Motion Carried.

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Judge Executive John Frank, LCADD Chairman



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Mayor Robert Lawson, LCADD Secretary

