



**Minutes of the Regularly Scheduled Meeting
Board of Directors
Platte County Connections
Tuesday, March 17, 2026**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:31pm by Dr. Shafe.

Members Present: Dr. Michael Shafe, Jeff Koski, Nancy Felix, Sandra Thomas, Blake Sherer, Stuart Anderson

Members Absent: n/a

Members Present Online: Dr. Jeffrey Kingsley, Susan Finn, Adam Tholen, Bill Bing

Staff Present: Diane Bickham, Drew Ehrlich, Martha Jaynes, Chad Sinnwell, Tim Coleman, Nikki Peterson, Jeff McMillian

Staff Present Online: n/a

Guests: Christi Carlson – Center for Human Service, Cassidi Jobe – Summit Future Foundation; Amy Allison – The Farmer’s House; Kimbal Mothershead – VSI; Cathy Huddleston – NTRC; Jessi Conner & Shayla Mendy – Park Hill School District

Roll Call: Guests were welcomed and introduced.

Approval of PCC Board Agenda – March 17, 2026: A motion was made by Nancy Felix and seconded by Sandra Thomas to approve the agenda. The motion was approved.

Approval of PCC Board Minutes – October 21, 2025: A motion was made by Sandra Thomas and seconded by Dr. Kingsley to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was approved.

CFO Report

Drew shared preliminary Q1 2026 financial overview, noting operations remain stable and predictable.

The PCC balance sheet has remained consistent over time, with the primary change being appreciation of The Catayoc Family Trust of Platte County Connections. The fund has increased in value from \$202K to \$382K since its inception in 2010-Q3, despite distributing \$42,500 to support grants the past four years.

Drew recommended two 2026 funding grants from The Catayoc Family Trust of Platte County Connections to support the grant program, for review and a BOD vote:

1. \$10K annual distribution. This was indirectly authorized when the PCC budget was approved, and consistent with the four years this grant program has been active.
2. \$20K incremental distribution, intended to be on-time, to address service gaps caused by the State of Missouri’s recent transition from the Autism Project to the Family Flexible Assistance Program (FFAP). The PCC funds are intended to support ~20 families, with a \$1,000 cap per recipient, for therapies, equipment, and other qualifying needs.

PCBS/PCC remains a funder of last resort. Grant applicants must demonstrate two failed attempts at funding from other sources, though an FFAP rejection letter is enough to tap the incremental funds.



A motion was made by Bill Bing and seconded by Blake Sherer to recommend approval of the \$30,000 in grant funding.

The motion passed unanimously.

Given the relationship between PCC and PCBS, during the PCBS Board meeting that immediately followed the PCC Board meeting, a motion was made by Sandra Thomas and seconded by Nancy Felix to confirm approval of the additional \$30,000 funding.

A roll call vote was called for and the Board members voting was as follow:

- Dr. Michael Shafe – Yes; Jeff Koski – Yes; Nancy Felix – Yes; Sandra Thomas – Yes; Blake Sherer – Yes; Dr. Jeffrey Kingsley – Yes; Susan Finn – Yes; Adam Tholen – Yes; Stuart Anderson – Yes.

The motion passed unanimously (9-0).

Community Member Position Open

Martha introduced Karen Bryant as a candidate to fill the open community member position following the recent resignation of the PCC BOD President, Lori Griffith.

Karen Bryant was described as an active community member, serving on the Platte County R-3 School Board and shared about her personal history as a parent and advocate for her son through education, social support, and employment, including creating Tucker Time Coffee.

Board discussion confirmed the requirement to maintain community member representation and that Ms. Bryant meets eligibility criteria.

A motion was made by Bill Bing and seconded by Sandra Thomas to appoint Karen Bryant as a community member to the PCC Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further business to discuss, it was moved by Sandra Thomas and seconded by Dr Shafe to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:56pm.

Minutes taken by:

Tim Coleman

PCBS Executive Support Assistant