



Ohio Attorney General's Charitable Advisory Council
10 a.m. May 19, 2025
Meeting by Teams
Minutes

Participants

Advisory Council members: David Ball-Chair, Erik Farley-Vice Chair, Erynn Beaton, Howie Beigelman, Mark Cardwell, Erin Childs, Mary Gallagher Monica Moloney, Jane Pfeifer

Ohio Attorney General's Office Charitable Law Staff: Dan Fausey, Thaddius Townsend, Beth Short, Lynette Santoro-Au, Robert Beckett, Sophia Hussain, Steven Hofmann

The meeting was called to order by David Ball at 10:03am

All present introduced themselves.

Minutes Following a motion for approval from Monica Moloney, seconded by Howie Beigelman, the minutes were unanimously approved.

Current issues in the Charitable Sector Chairman Ball invited Council members to share their observations of challenges in the sector. He started by sharing that churches may become targets for ICE raids which would be a change to the sensitive location policy. Mark Cardwell reported on the fear and trepidation nonprofit organizations have shared with OANO related to funding and policies. Erik Farley believes that education and communication are key. Mary Gallagher shared hospitals are feeling the attacks on Medicaid funding and are sharing stories to advocate asking for relief from tariffs that will impact materials used for medical interventions. Howie Beigelman reminded us to pay attention to "what is actually being said vs what is being reported" regarding antisemitism. Jane Pfeifer illustrated the impact of policies on food pantries. Erin Childs is working with Pro Bono Partnership of Ohio's charities to address the impact of changes in federal funding and contracts. Erynn Beaton shared that the Glenn School at The Ohio State University is increasing long-term research of nonprofits in Ohio.

Update from the Charitable Law Section-- Dan Fausey shared information about the General Assembly's efforts to examine gaming issues and that there are bills introduced, including one that could affect Bingo. The Section is reviewing the sale of a non-profit hospital to a for-profit entity, a transaction case that has been intense. Economic crimes is a growing area of concern in the office. Mr. Fausey noted that treating cases criminally rather than just civilly has become a common practice. Assistant AG Hussain summarized a case she recently handled involving a property where a receiver was appointed to sell the land that was abandoned by a defunct charity. Robert Beckett and Steven Hofmann provided an update and demonstration on the new registration platform, CRISP. Among the improvements is an updated research function, aligned codes with the IRS, wider search options, cleaner presentation of information, and download capabilities. The Section anticipates a late June launch giving registrants time before the November and May deadlines to become familiar with the changes.

Education updates--Beth Short shared that nearly 4000 Ohioans have graduated from Charitable University. Prompted by the three-year certificate expiration, new modules for CU are being developed.

Other business.

Our next meeting is scheduled for August 18, 2025.

Adjournment--Having no other business for the good of the order, and with thanks for everyone's attendance and participation, David Ball adjourned the meeting at 11:32am

Respectfully submitted,
Lynette Santoro-Au