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Charitable Advisory Council
Minutes
May 4, 2026

Advisory Council members in attendance: Rev. Dr. David Ball, Erynn Beaton, Erin Beaton, Erik Farley, Mary Gallagher, Monica Moloney, Jane Pfeifer, Tom Poulson

Ohio Attorney General's Office Charitable Law Staff: Section Chief Dan Fausey, Director of Charitable Outreach and Education Beth Short, Charitable Outreach Coordinator Lynette Santoro-Au, Assistant Attorney General Andrew Parra

Call to order
The meeting was called to order by Beth Short at 10:05am

Minutes from the November meeting were approved with a **Motion** from Mary Gallagher and a **Second from** Erik Farley, and a unanimous vote.

Observations of the sector
David Ball began a discussion about the Secretary of State changing the permanent revocation of status. If a charity has not filed their articles of continuance for 2 years their status will be revoked permanently. This is a change to the existing policy of sending notices. Charities can start over using the same name. **Erik Farley** shared that obtaining federal grants continues to be a challenge for the sector. If grants still exist and are obtained, there is a stagnation in funding. He also shared the latest news that the Southern Poverty Law Center is currently facing federal criminal scrutiny that is affecting its funding. **David Ball** introduced a discussion about fundraising platforms overreaching and the fraudulent claims regarding the platform fees. He shared that donor requests are not always honored and there are constraints placed on the distribution of those donations. Jane Pfeifer introduced the topic of the 990 form and potential IRS revisions for more transparency regarding foreign funding, terrorism concerns, the Johnson amendment and fiscal sponsorship. The last revamp of the form was in 2008.

Updates from the Charitable Law Section
Andrew Parra discussed the portions of the Ohio Revised Code giving the section the authority to request investigative records. He highlighted a case dealing with NE Ohio Neighborhood Health Services. Initially the group rejected our request for records, and we took them to court. This delayed our ability to address the meat of the complaint for some 6-12 months while waiting for the court to force compliance. **Dan Fausey** shared our weekly Clearing House process to review complaints.

Other issues
Dan Fausey reviewed the Charitable Bail Statute, shared a little about the registration process for charities, and summarized three bills affecting issues of standing that are currently being reviewed by the General Assembly. He also shared that there are other bills under consideration that address charitable bingo, online gambling, and scholarship granting organizations. Beth Short shared Mark Cardwell is no longer the Interim Director for OANO and Howie Beigelman has moved to Israel. She also reminded the Advisory Council that their terms coincide with the term of office of the AG and that a final report would be due at the end of the year.

Adjournment—Having no other business for the good of the order, and with thanks for everyone's attendance and participation, the meeting was adjourned at 11:26am

Respectfully submitted,
Lynette Santoro-Au.