

STATE OF INDIANA

DISTRESSED UNIT APPEAL BOARD



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Distressed Unit Appeal Board Public Session Meeting Memorandum

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

Call to Order: A meeting of the Distressed Unit Appeals Board (“DUAB” or “Board”) was held April 14, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. EST at the Indiana Government Center – South, Conference Rooms 1 & 2, Wabash Hall, 302 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Members of the Board attending the meeting in person include Chairman Pete Miller, Beth Kelley, Jason Cockerill, Courtney Schaafsma, and Rep. Jeff Thompson. David Holt joined remotely. Dan Schmidt, Executive Director, and Stephen Lucas, General Counsel, were also in attendance.

Chairman Miller called the meeting to order and recognized compliance with the Open Door Law.

Chairman Miller introduced agenda item **2 – Approval of Minutes**. Mr. Cockerill made a motion to approve the minutes for the following meetings:

- 1) July 8, 2025 (Public Session and Executive Session)
- 2) October 14, 2025 (Executive Session)
- 3) January 13, 2026 (Executive Session)
- 4) March 3, 2026 (Executive Session)

Ms. Schaafsma seconded the motion. The motion was approved by consent.

Chairman Miller introduced agenda item **3 – Public Comment**. Mr. Miller noted that no one was present to provide public comments.

Chairman Miller introduced agenda item **4 – Executive Director Update**. Mr. Schmidt noted that the 2025 Excess Education Fund to Operations Fund Transfer List had been received. He reported that notification went out to five school corporations:

- 1) Lake Ridge Schools
- 2) Cloverdale Community Schools
- 3) School City of Mishawaka
- 4) MSD Warren County
- 5) Northeastern Wayne Schools

Each school corporation will have 90 days to provide a response to their placement on the List. At the next DUAB meeting after those 90 days, DUAB will acknowledge receipt of those responses.

Chairman Miller introduced agenda item **5 – Town of West Terre Haute Petition for Technical Assistance**. Dave Elkins, Town Council President, and Kevin Beaver, Town Clerk/Treasurer, presented the Town of West Terre Haute’s Petition for Technical Assistance. The Town has had a decreasing cash balance from 2022 through 2025 and forecasts that their cash shortage is going to continue. The Town has restructured its police department to reduce expenses. Similar significant steps will be needed to correct the Town’s cash position. Chairman

Miller asked what type of assistance the Town is requesting. Mr. Beaver responded that the Town is hoping for assistance with bookkeeping, accounting, and general business practices. Ms. Schaafsma asked the extent to which the Town has engaged with the Association of Indiana Municipalities (AIM). Mr. Elkins replied that the Town has contacted AIM, but he noted that the Town lacks the financial capacity to engage professional support. Chairman Miller thanked Mr. Beaver and Mr. Elkins for their presentation.

Chairman Miller moved to agenda item **6 – Board Discussion** and asked if there were any comments regarding West Terre Haute's Petition for Technical Assistance. Mr. Schmidt noted that he has been working with the Town for the last year. Mr. Schmidt explained the statutory framework for a technical assistance petition and noted that formal Board action was not required to continue the informal help already provided. Rep. Thompson said that moving toward a rate-based property tax system will force some hard decisions onto local units of government. Mr. Cockerill moved that the Board table the Town's Petition for Technical Assistance to May 12, 2026. Ms. Schaafsma seconded the motion. The Board adopted the motion by a roll call vote of 5 Ayes and 0 Nays.

Seeing no further business, Chairman Miller adjourned the meeting.