



**City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees' Executive Committee  
Minutes of the May 14, 2024, Virtual Meeting**

<b>Board Officer</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Donna Schmitt, Chair	Absent
Rob Poirier, Vice Chair	Zoom
Julia López, Secretary/Treasurer	Absent

**Others Attending:**

Matthew S. McBride, Lashly & Baer, General Counsel  
 Cassandra Kaufman, Executive Director  
 Serena Muhammad, Deputy Director  
 Mitch McElvoy, Medical Resident with Dr. Poirier at Barnes-Jewish Hospital  
 Blythe Bernhard, Education Reporter, St. Louis Post-Dispatch  
 Gerry Connolly, Community Member

**1. Call to Order**

The virtual meeting of the MHB Executive Committee was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Executive Director Cassandra Kaufman.

**2. No Quorum**

As there was not a quorum present, the April 9, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting minutes were tabled until the June 11 Committee meeting. All other items discussed were for informational purposes only due to the lack of a quorum.

**3. Compare and Contrast Community Children's Services Fund Statute and SB1447 Proposed Early Childhood Sales Tax**

General Counsel Matt McBride shared the high-level distinctions between the Community Children's Services Fund statute and the proposed SB1447 Early Childhood Sales Tax. It was discussed that the Missouri Spring Legislative Session would end Friday, May 17 and that it was highly unlikely that the bill would advance. Staff are keeping track of questions and will prepare a Frequently Asked Questions in the event the sales tax should pass. As MHB staff are frequently working in the community, some are beginning to receive questions about the proposed Early Childhood Sales Tax.

**4. Review May 16, 2024, Tentative Board Meeting Agenda**

The Executive Committee received a copy of the agenda in the Board packet emailed on Friday, May 10. Since the Executive Committee regularly meets on the second Tuesday of the month which in May occurred after the Board packet was sent, no discussion of the tentative agenda for the upcoming meeting occurred.

**5. Adjournment** – There being no other business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 2:19 PM.