



CITY OF ST. LOUIS MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of the June 10, 2025, Virtual Meeting of the Executive Committee

Board Officers	Attendance
Donna Schmitt, Chair	Zoom
Rob Poirier, Vice-Chair	Zoom
Julia López, Secretary/Treasurer	Zoom

Others Attending:

Serena Muhammad, Deputy Director
 Matthew S. McBride, General Counsel

1. Call to Order

The virtual meeting of the MHB Executive Committee was called to order at 2:00 PM by Chair Donna Schmitt.

2. Approve May 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Rob Poirier moved, and Julia López seconded the motion to approve the May 13, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. June 18, 2025, Board Meeting Agenda preview

The Executive Committee reviewed and discussed the draft agenda for the June 18 Board meeting. Deputy Director Serena Muhammad informed the committee that during the June Board Meeting, Trustees would be asked to approve a recommendation to increase funding awards for the Little Bit Foundation and River Roads Lutheran School. The Executive Committee had questions about the timing of the requested change. The Deputy Director reviewed the difference in the decision-making process for the competitive cycle and renewal applications. The committee was in favor of moving forward with the resolution to increase the awards after discussing how the recommendation would reallocate funding from an award that had requested less funding during the renewal application process. The board briefly reviewed the remaining draft agenda items and did not have further comments or questions about those items.

4. Update on activities since May 15, 2025, Board Meeting

The trustees heard an update on MHB's participation in the Behavioral Health Strike Team that is led by the Missouri Department of Mental Health Office of Disaster Services. Trustees asked questions about whether the Sidewalk Talk model could also be used to respond to individuals experiencing grief and loss as a result of the May 16 tornado. The board chair suggested that we use the upcoming board meeting to thank Lisa Potts for her role in bringing the Sidewalk Talk partnership to St. Louis and highlight her work.

5. Other Business

The committee did not discuss other business.

6. Adjourn

There being no other business before the committee, Rob Poirier made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Julia López, which was unanimously approved. The June 10, 2025, Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:31 PM.