



CITY OF ST. LOUIS MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of the August 12, 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, Lashly & Baer

1. Call to Order

The virtual meeting of the MHB Executive Committee was called to order at 2:01 PM by Chair Donna Schmitt.

2. Approve June 10, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Vice Chair Rob Poirier moved, and Secretary/Treasurer Julia López seconded the motion to approve the June 10, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. August 21, 2025, Board Meeting Agenda preview

The Executive Committee reviewed and discussed the draft agenda for the August 21 Board meeting. Deputy Director Serena Muhammad informed the committee that Christi Griffin, Executive Director of the Ethics Project planned to make community comments related to her desire to bring the Trust-Based Relational Intervention to St. Louis. This resulted from her attendance at a VPC sponsored luncheon. Serena wanted to know if information about this program should be provided to the Board in advance of the meeting. Chair Donna Schmitt indicated that there was no need to send information in advance.

Executive Director Cassandra Kaufman discussed the planned presentation by Amy Blouin, Executive Director of the Missouri Budget Project, to inform the Board about the upcoming state “budget cliff” and related budgetary issues that could impact MHB’s funded partners.

Lastly, a resolution honoring Trustee Linda Grayson’s life and board service would be presented, followed by a moment of silence. The board briefly reviewed the remaining draft agenda items and had no further comments or questions.

4. Other Business

The committee did not discuss other business.

5. Adjourn

There being no other business before the committee, Donna Schmitt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Rob Poirier, which was unanimously approved. The August 12, 2025, Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:18 PM.