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*** MEETING MINUTES ***

City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees
Minutes of the February 19, 2026 Hybrid Board Meeting

Trustee	Attendance	Trustee	Attendance
Donna Schmitt, Chair	In person	Mario Hamell	Absent
Robert Poirier, Vice Chair	In person	Marcia Hayes-Harris	In person
Julia López, Sec./Treas.	In person	Carolyn Jackson	In person
Andi Blaylock	In person	Brian Phillips	Zoom
Vander Corliss	In person	Cassandra Pinkston	Absent
Ronald Griffin	In person	Janice Thomas	Absent

Others Attending:

Evanna Burkett (Zoom)
Matt McBride, General Counsel, Lashly & Baer
Cassandra Kaufman, Executive Director
Serena Muhammad, Deputy Director
Susan Kabat, Controller
MHB Staff

- 1a. **Call to Order** – The regular meeting of the City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:48 p.m. by Chair Donna Schmitt.
- 1b. **Community Comments** – There were no community members present who wished to address the Board.
2. **Approval of the January 2026 Board Minutes** – The motion to approve the January 15, 2026, meeting minutes was made by Vander Corliss, seconded by Ronald Griffin, and passed unanimously.
3. **Financial Statements Presentation** – The Finance-Investment Committee was scheduled to meet February 9, 2026 to review and approve the FY26 second quarter financial statements, however a quorum was not present. Controller Susan Kabat provided a presentation of the Q2 financial statements to trustees and staff present. The full Board reviewed the financial statements following Susan Kabat’s presentation.
4. **Trustee Application Review Training** – Deputy Director Serena Muhammad facilitated a training session for Trustees on reviewing the FY27 – 29 Community Mental health Fund and Community Children’s Services Fund Applications.

5. **Staff Report** – Executive Director Cassandra Kaufman provided a written report on the major activities and accomplishments of the staff covering the period from January 16, 2026 – February 19, 2026. The report was posted to the Trustee Portal following the meeting.
6. **Adjournment** – There being no further business before the Board, Carolyn Jackson made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Marcia Hayes-Harris. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting of the City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

