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**\*\*\* MEETING MINUTES \*\*\***

*Minutes of the June 17, 2021, Virtual Board Meeting*

Trustee	Web meeting	Trustee	Web meeting
Mary Calzaretta		Phil Minden	X
Terrell Carter	X	Cassandra Pinkston	X
Marguerite Grandelious	X	Robert Poirier	X
Linda Grayson	X	Carla Rose	X
Carolyn Jackson	X	Donna Schmitt	X
Julia López	X	Yusef Scoggin	X

Others Attending:  
 William Kuehling, Counsel  
 Jama Dodson, Executive Director  
 MHB Staff

**Call to Order** – The Meeting of the Saint Louis MHB Trustees was called to order at 5:49 p.m. by Vice Chair Terrell Carter.

**Community Comments** – There were no community members present who wished to address the Trustees.

**Approval of the May 2021 Board Minutes** – The motion was made by Phil Minden and seconded by Carla Rose to approve the May 20, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

**Transference of Named Executive Director Serving on Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Commission** – The motion was made by Phil Minden and seconded by Carolyn Jackson to transfer the named Executive Director serving on the TIF Commission. The motion passed unanimously.

**Nomination of Prospective Trustee** – The motion was made by Donna Schmitt and seconded by Carla Rose to recommend Dennis Trask to the Mayor for appointment to a three-

year term as a MHB Trustee, subject to approval by the St. Louis Board of Aldermen. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution to Establish an Early Childhood Community Advisory Board** – After much discussion and a polling of all Trustees, a motion was made by Terrell Carter and seconded by Carolyn Jackson to table a vote on the Resolution to establish the Early Childhood Community Advisory Board. Instead, the MHB Executive Committee will convene to rework the proposal and has authority to act for the full Board to bring this item to conclusion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution to Accept Federal Funding** – This Resolution is broken into two discrete parts – ReCAST and American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding. Therefore, the Trustees voted on both. The first motion related to the ReCAST funding was made by Phil Minden and seconded by Yusef Scoggin and the second motion related to the ARP funding was made by Carla Rose and seconded by Terrell Carter to accept the additional Federal funding. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution to Accept Application Process Changes** – The motion was made by Donna Schmitt and seconded by Carolyn Jackson to approve the Resolution to accept FY23 changes to the Saint Louis MHB application process. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution to Approve the FY22 Agency Budget** – After Donna Schmitt and Susan Kabat discussed the year-end comparison of FY21 revenue/expense actual to budget followed by presentation of the proposed FY22 budget, a motion was made by Carolyn Jackson and seconded by Terrell Carter to approve the FY22 Budget Resolution. After some discussion, the motion passed unanimously.

**Staff Report** – Jama Dodson presented the Executive Director's report for the period May 21, 2021 – June 17, 2021. A written report was distributed as usual. The report included the following highlights:

- The retirement reception on June 9 had a great turnout and not only said goodbye to Jama but welcomed Cassandra as the new Executive Director.
- Kristin Cowart participated in Mental Health America's Annual Conference: From Resiliency to Recovery virtually June 10-11.
- Serena Muhammad met with Mayor Jones and members of her administration to discuss the work of the St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission. As a result of the meeting, the VPC will continue to strengthen its partnership with the City to enhance the Gun Violence Response Network and other community engagement activities.

- Controller Susan Kabat, Katie Zitt, and Jama have been working steadily, with the review of the Finance Committee, to prepare the FY22 agency budget for approval at the June Board meeting.
- MHB has engaged UMSL's Community Innovation and Action Center to facilitate the development of an organizational theory of change, theory of action, and single outcome framework to guide MHB's future funding and quantify our community impact. The development of the Theory of Change or Roadmap to Community Change and the Outcome Framework are key activities and critical milestones in the new strategic plan. The process, results, and the final products will be grounded in a framework of Health Equity and Racial Justice. Kiley Bednar, Interim Co-Director at UMSL CIAC and Erica Henderson, Principal & CEO, Innovative Design Edge, LLC will serve as the facilitation team spearheading this process. MHB staff, along with Trustees interested in contributing will participate in a process consisting of six 2-hour working sessions beginning June 8 and concluding August 24.

**Adjournment** – There being no further business, Yusef Scoggin made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Phil Minden. The motion passed, and the meeting of the Saint Louis MHB Trustees adjourned at 7:38 p.m. Since there is no scheduled meeting in July, the next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **August 19, 2021**.