



***** MEETING NOTICE *****

TO: Trustees & Other Interested Persons
FROM: Cassandra Kaufman, Executive Director
DATE: January 10, 2025
SUBJECT: Board Meeting on **Thursday, January 16, 2025, at 5:45 PM, 15th Floor Summit Conference Room, Peabody Plaza, 701 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63101 and via Zoom**
<https://stlmhb.zoom.us/j/89621928740?pwd=RzVEUjl2RHIHL01lQk0zRWtzeHNNZz09>
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**CITY OF ST. LOUIS MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING
TENTATIVE AGENDA
January 16, 2025**

BOARD MEETING

- 1. Community Comments**
Opportunity for individuals from the St. Louis community to comment on issues concerning the Community Children's Services Fund and the Community Mental Health Fund or other issues related to behavioral health needs of children and/or adults. Speakers must sign up in advance and limit comments to three minutes.
- 2. Approval of the November 2024 Board Minutes**
The Trustees will vote whether to approve the meeting minutes from the last meeting held November 21, 2024. Minutes are distributed to all recipients on the MHB contact list.
- 3. Appointment of Officers Nominating Committee**
Board Chair Donna Schmitt will announce the individuals selected to serve on the Officers Nominating Committee, charged to recommend next year's slate of officers--among other duties--in accordance with MHB by-laws.
- 4. Resolution to Approve Updates to Employee Handbook**
Personnel Committee Chair Linda Grayson will present the resolution to approve updates to MHB's Employee Handbook.

The Tentative Agenda was posted on the website of the MHB prior to 24 hours before the meeting of the Board of Trustees and has also been posted on the website of the City of St. Louis, MO. Agenda items may be withdrawn or modified before or during the public meeting at the discretion of the Board.

5. Resolution to Support Mental Health Care for Childcare Workforce

Program Committee Member Marcia Hayes-Harris will present the resolution to approve funding from the Community Children’s Services – Early Childhood Emerging Needs Fund to increase the availability of mental health services for childcare providers providing services in the city.

6. Agency Presentation

In recognition of National Human Trafficking Awareness Day on January 11, Katie Rhoades, founding executive director of Healing Action Network will present on the issues of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation in the St. Louis area and on the organization’s Community Mental Health Funded Project Holistic Safety. Jordan Campbell, coalition director of C.A.T.E. (Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation) may also present.

7. Staff Report

A written update on major activities and accomplishments of the staff since the last meeting of the Trustees will be distributed.

8. Tentative Closed Session

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees may, subject to a motion duly made and adopted, conduct a closed session, for the purpose of considering one or more of the following matters pursuant to Section 610.021(1), Revised Statutes of Missouri, and engage in proceedings to:

- (1) discuss legal actions, causes of action, litigation or privileged communications between the Board’s representatives and its attorneys or auditors pursuant to Sections 610.021(1) and/or 610.021(17);*
- (2) discuss matters involving the leasing, purchase, or sale of real estate, pursuant to Section 610.021(2);*
- (3) discuss sealed bids and proposals, and related documents, or documents related to a negotiated contract, pursuant to Section 610.021(12); and/or*
- (4) discuss hiring, firing, disciplining, or promoting particular employees pursuant to Section 610.021(3) and 610.021(13).*

9. Adjournment

*The next meeting will be **Thursday, February 20, 2025**, at 5:45 PM in the Summit Conference Room, Peabody Plaza 15th Floor, 701 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63101.*

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*** MEETING MINUTES ***

City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees
 Minutes of the January 16, 2025, Hybrid Board Meeting

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

Others Attending:
 Matthew S. McBride, General Counsel
 Cassandra Kaufman, Executive Director
 Serena Muhammad, Deputy Director
 MHB Staff

Call to Order – The regular meeting of the City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees (MHB) was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Board Chair Donna Schmitt.

Community Comments – There were no community members who wished to address the Board.

Approval of the November 2024 Board Minutes – The motion to approve the November 21, 2024, meeting minutes was made by Rob Poirier, seconded by Marcia Hayes-Harris, and passed unanimously.

Appointment of Officers Nominating Committee – Board Chair Donna Schmitt announced that Carolyn Jackson, Ronald Griffin, Andi Blaylock had agreed to serve as members of the Nominating Committee. Carolyn Jackson agreed to continue her service as Committee Chair. The motion to approve the members of the Nominating Committee was made by Donna Schmitt, seconded by Rob Poirier, and passed unanimously. The Nominating Committee is charged to recommend next year’s slate of officers for election at the March 20 Board meeting.

Resolution to Approve Updates to Employee Handbook – Personnel Committee Chair Linda Grayson presented the resolution to approve updates to MHB's Employee Handbook. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Jackson and passed unanimously.

Resolution to Support Mental Health Care for Childcare Workforce – Program Committee Member Marcia Hayes-Harris presented the resolution to approve funding from the Community Children's Services – Early Childhood Emerging Needs Fund to increase the availability of mental health services for childcare providers serving city children. The motion was seconded by Vander Corliss and passed unanimously.

Agency Presentation – In recognition of National Human Trafficking Awareness Day on January 11, Jordan Campbell, coalition director of C.A.T.E. (Coalition Against Trafficking and Exploitation) from Healing Action Network presented on the issues of human trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation in the St. Louis area.

Staff Report – Executive Director Cassandra Kaufman provided a written report on the major activities and accomplishments of the staff covering the period from November 22 , 2024 – January 16, 2025. The report was posted to the Trustee Portal following the meeting.

Adjournment – There being no further business before the Board, Donna Schmitt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Cassandra Pinkston. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting of the City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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