

CITY OF ST. LOUIS MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of the August 11, 2026 Virtual Executive Committee Meeting

Board Officers	Attendance
Rob Poirier, Chair	Zoom
Julia López, Vice-Chair	Absent
Vander Corliss, Secretary/Treasurer	Zoom

Others Attending:

Cassandra Kaufman, Executive Director
Matt McBride, General Counsel, Lashly & Baer

1. Call to Order

The virtual meeting of the MHB Executive Committee was called to order at 2:02 p.m. by Board Chair Rob Poirier.

2. Approve minutes from July 14, 2026 Executive Committee Meeting

Secretary/Treasurer Vander Corliss moved and Rob Poirier seconded the motion to approve the July 14, 2026 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Review August 20, 2026 Tentative Board Agenda

Executive Director Cassandra Kaufman highlighted the Systems Change Plan Presentations by the Behavioral Health Network and Casa de Salud which are scheduled for 30 minutes each. The presentations will comprise the primary focus of the board meeting. Rob requested that instructions on how to use the grant portal be provided to trustees in the event any of them wish to review the full application, rather than only the staff summary. Materials to be sent to the board as part of the board packet will include the applicants' workplans, an overview of the request for funding and staff summaries. The staff summary will not contain a recommendation. Four staff will review the two proposals: Cassandra Kaufman, Deputy Director Serena Muhammd, Data and Performance Analyst Xinyue Zhang, and Clinical Partnership Director Dave Haasis.

4. Gill Board Performance Evaluation

Shortly after assuming his role as Board Chair, Rob asked Cassandra about administering a board performance evaluation. Previously he had shared the Gill Board Performance Evaluation tool with Cassandra indicating that he liked the evidence-based tool and its conciseness. Rob mentioned that Behavioral Health Network has used the Gill Board Performance Evaluation for the last five to ten years. Cassandra said she would work with Xinyue to create the tool in Survey Monkey (responses will be anonymous) with the plan to administer the evaluation prior to the November 14 board retreat so that responses could be analyzed and presented by Xinyue at the retreat as a discussion item.

5. Other business

Cassandra reported conducting her monthly update call with Policy Consultant David Winton. Since Amendment 5 to eliminate the individual income tax and replace with sales tax failed in the August 4 primary election, cutting taxes is still likely to be a priority for the General Assembly in

the Spring 2027 session, however according to David Winton, if the General Assembly were to pursue cuts to property taxes, the most likely target would be automobile personal property tax. Cassandra shared with the committee that elimination of all personal property tax would result in a \$4 million (~ 22%) cut to MHB's tax revenue. She did not have the estimated impact for automobile personal property tax only. David Winton shared that he believes that the policy issue of greatest priority in the upcoming legislative session is likely to be data centers.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, Rob Poirier made the motion to adjourn. The virtual Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.