

CITY OF ST. LOUIS MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Minutes of the September 8, 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 August 11, 2026 Executive Committee meeting

Secretary/Treasurer Vander Corliss moved and Rob Poirier seconded the motion to approve the August 11, 2026 meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Review September 17, 2026 tentative board agenda

Executive Director Cassandra Kaufman highlighted the following agenda items: accepting the 4-year/final SAMHSA SOC award; conducting the required Public Hearing for the tax rates and approving the two tax rate resolutions; and approving a funding request from Community Mental Health Emerging Needs Fund. The October board meeting will include an update on the six organizations with provisional contracts implementing corrective action plans.

4. Early Childhood Sales Tax Ballot Initiative update

Cassandra provided an update on the sales tax initiative that will be listed as Proposition B on the November 3, 2026 general election ballot. Rob recommended that in any update provided to the board, a clear distinction be made that this tax is solely focused on St. Louis City to any confusion.

5. November 14, 2026 Board Retreat

Cassandra asked committee members to begin thinking about retreat topics. The Gill Board Performance Evaluation will have been completed and the results will be available to discuss at the retreat. Rob would like an open discussion focused on any concerns or issues identified by Trustees, as well as things the board/MHB could do better and that board members are interested in. Rob requested that the retreat be less structured this year to allow for more discussion. It was also noted that Trustees don't really know that much about each other and the retreat could provide an opportunity to build knowledge and familiarity.

6. Adjourn

There being no further business before the committee, Vander made the motion to adjourn. The virtual Executive Committee meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.