

# PUBLIC NOTICE



**TO:** Trustees & Other Interested Persons  
**FROM:** Cassandra Kaufman, Executive Director  
**DATE:** April 10, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** **Board Meeting on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 5:45 PM, Peabody Plaza 15<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, 701 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63101 and via Zoom**  
<https://stlmhb.zoom.us/j/86129183378?pwd=kV2wU8xtHXnSKaZJWptXxyqwyBSFQP.1>  
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**CITY OF ST. LOUIS MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES' MEETING  
TENTATIVE AGENDA  
April 16, 2026**

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**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 March 2026 Board Minutes**

*The Trustees will vote whether to approve the meeting minutes from the last meeting held March 19, 2026. Minutes are distributed to all recipients on the MHB contact list.*

**3. Installation of Board Officers**

*In accordance with MHB bylaws, officers are installed to begin their one-year terms at the annual meeting in April. At the March 19, 2026 meeting, MHB Trustees elected the following officers to serve one-year terms: Chair, Rob Poirier; Vice Chair, Julia López; and Secretary/Treasurer Vander Corliss.*

**4. Resolution to Approve Bylaws Revision**

*Trustee Donna Schmitt will present a resolution to approve recommended updates to MHB's Bylaws.*

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**The Tentative Agenda was posted at the office and 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 Agenda items may be withdrawn or modified before or during the public meeting at the discretion of the Board.**

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5. **Resolution to Approve Release of Lien on Permanent Supportive Housing Property**  
*Trustee Brian Phillips will present a resolution to release the lien to allow for the sale of a permanent supportive housing property on West Florissant owned by Horizon Housing Development Company in exchange for repayment of the remaining balance plus interest.*
6. **Resolution to Approve Funding for Joint Summer Camp Public Awareness Campaign**  
*Board Chair Rob Poirier will present a resolution to approve funding from MHB's budgeted public awareness line item to support a joint informational and educational campaign conducted in partnership with the Clark-Fox Family Foundation Bluepint4Summer initiative.*
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. **Closed Session**  
*Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees shall, subject to a motion duly made and adopted, conduct a closed session for the purpose of considering the following matters pursuant to Section 610.021(1), Revised Statutes of Missouri, and engage in proceedings to:*
  - (3) discuss sealed bids and proposals, and related documents, or documents related to a negotiated contract, pursuant to Section 610.021(12).*
9. **Adjournment**  
*The next meeting will be Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 5:45 PM Peabody Plaza 15<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, 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 April 16, 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	In person
Evanna Burkett	In person	Cassandra Pinkston	Absent
Vander Corliss	Absent	Janice Thomas	Zoom
Ronald Griffin	Zoom		

*Others Attending:*  
 Matt McBride, General Counsel, Lashly & Baer  
 Cassandra Kaufman, Executive Director  
 Serena Muhammad, Deputy Director  
 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 5:46 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 March 2026 Board Minutes** – The motion to approve the March 19, 2026, meeting minutes was made by Marcia Hayes-Harris, seconded by Julia López, and passed unanimously.
3. **Installation of Board Officers** – In accordance with MHB by-laws, officers are installed to begin their one-year terms at the annual meeting in April. Trustees approved the following slate of officers to serve one-year terms beginning April 16, 2026, through April 15, 2027:

Chair – Robert Poirier (1<sup>st</sup> term)  
 Vice Chair – Julia López (1<sup>st</sup> term)  
 Secretary/Treasurer – Vander Corliss (1<sup>st</sup> term)

Donna Schmitt made the motion seconded by Ronald Griffin, which passed unanimously.

4. **Resolution to Approve Bylaws Revision** – Trustee Donna Schmitt presented the resolution and made the motion to approve recommended updates to MHB’s Bylaws. The motion was seconded by Ronald Griffin and passed unanimously.
  
5. **Resolution to Approve Release of Lien on Permanent Supportive Housing Property** – Trustee Brian Phillips presented the resolution and made the motion to release the lien to allow for the sale of a permanent supportive housing property on West Florissant owned by Horizon Housing Development Company in exchange for repayment of the remaining balance plus interest. The motion was seconded by Donna Schmitt and passed unanimously.
  
6. **Resolution to Approve Funding for Joint Summer Camp Public Awareness Campaign and Scholarships** – Trustee Marcia Hayes-Harris presented the resolution and made the motion to approve funding from MHB’s budgeted public awareness line item to support a joint informational and educational campaign conducted in partnership with the Clark-Fox Family Foundation’s Blueprint4 Summer Initiative. The motion was seconded by Andi Blaylock and passed unanimously.
  
7. **Staff Report** – Executive Director Cassandra Kaufman provided a written report on the major activities and accomplishments of the staff covering the period from March 20, 2026 – April 16, 2026. The report was posted to the Trustee Portal following the meeting.
  
8. **Closed Session** – Board Chair Robert Poirier made the motion to close the session for the purpose of discussing sealed bids and proposals, and related documents, or documents related to a negotiated contract , pursuant to Section 610.021(12), RSMo. Julia López seconded the motion and Chair Poirier conducted a roll call vote to close the meeting:

<b><u>Trustee</u></b>	<b><u>Vote</u></b>		
Andi Blaylock	Yes	Carolyn Jackson	Yes
Evanna Burkett	Yes	Julia López	Yes
Vander Corliss	Absent	Brian Phillips	Yes
Ronald Griffin	Yes	Cassandra Pinkston	Absent
Marcia Hayes-Harris	Yes	Rob Poirier	Yes
Mario Hamell	Absent	Donna Schmitt	Yes
		Janice Thomas	Yes

The closed session began at 6:05 p.m. at which time matters that were the purpose of the closed session were discussed. After adjourning the closed session, the Board returned to its Regular Session at 7:44 p.m. with all 13 Board members present. Board Chair Robert Poirier made the motion to end the closed session, seconded by Brian Phillips. Chair Poirier conducted the roll call to end the closed session:

<b><u>Trustee</u></b>	<b><u>Vote</u></b>		
Andi Blaylock	Yes	Carolyn Jackson	Yes
Evanna Burlett	Yes	Julia López	Yes
Vander Corliss	Absent	Brian Phillips	Yes
Ronald Griffin	Yes	Cassandra Pinkston	Absent
Marcia Hayes-Harris	Yes	Rob Poirier	Yes
Mario Hamell	Absent	Donna Schmitt	Yes
		Janice Thomas	Yes

9. **Adjournment** – There being no further business before the Board, Donna Schmitt made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Carolyn Jackson. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting of the City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees adjourned at 7:45 p.m