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

**City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees**  
 Minutes of the April 18, 2024, Hybrid Board Meeting

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

*Others Attending:*

Andrew Bramman, Board General Counsel (substituting for Matthew S. McBride)  
 Cassandra Kaufman, Executive Director  
 Serena Muhammad, Deputy Director  
 Susan Kabat, Controller  
 Gary Orf, Chief Investment Officer, Renaissance Financial  
 MHB Staff

**Call to Order** – The 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, Terrell Carter.

**Community Comments** – Maurice Safford, a participant of Fathers and Family Support Center, addressed the Board and thanked MHB for funding the program.

**Approval of the March 2024 Board Minutes** – The motion to approve the March 21, 2024, meeting minutes was made by Donna Schmitt, seconded by Linda Grayson, and passed unanimously.

**Calendar Year 2023 Financial Investment Report** – Gary Orf, Chief Investment Officer with Renaissance Financial provided a report on the performance of MHB’s investments for calendar year 2023.

**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 18, 2024, through April 17, 2025:

Chair – Donna Schmitt

Vice Chair – Rob Poirier

Secretary/Treasurer – Julia López

**Permanent Supportive Housing Resolution** – Director of Clinical Partnerships Dave Haasis presented a report on MHB’s Permanent Supportive Housing Initiative 2011 – 2024. Terrell Carter, Chair of the Housing Committee, presented a resolution for FY25 funding and recommended changes for future funding. The motion to approve the resolution was made by Terrell Carter, seconded by Marcia Hayes-Harris, and passed unanimously.

**Psychological Evaluation Services Resolution** – Program Committee member Rob Poirier presented a resolution to purchase psychological evaluations for children, youth, and adults from Saint Louis University’s Psychological Services Center to address the long waitlists to receive these services. The motion to approve the resolution was made by Rob Poirier, seconded by Carolyn Jackson, and passed unanimously.

**Programmatic Update** – Deputy Director Serena Muhammad provided updates on MHB’s approach in working with the St. Louis Public Schools for its school-based Community Children’s Services Fund programming and on MHB’s current SAMHSA System of Care grant.

**Agency Presentation** – Director of Partnerships and Community Engagement Ann Young and Tara Coleman, Lead Parent Educator and Full Spectrum Doula from the Parents As Teachers National Center, presented on their Community Children’s Services Fund Early Childhood Project *“Partnering to Promote Child Social and Emotional Health.”*

**Staff Report** – Executive Director Cassandra Kaufman provided a written report on the major activities and accomplishments of the staff covering the period from March 22, 2024 – April 18, 2024. The report was posted to the Trustee Portal following the meeting.

**Adjournment** – There being no further business before the Board, Marcia Hayes-Harris made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ronald Griffin. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting of the City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

**The next meeting of the City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees will be Thursday, May 18, 2024, at 5:45 p.m. in the Summit Conference Room, Peabody Plaza 15<sup>th</sup> Floor, 701 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63101.**