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*** MEETING MINUTES ***

City of St. Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees
 Minutes of the March 20, 2025, Hybrid Board Meeting

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

Others Attending:
 Andrew Bramman, General Counsel
 Cassandra Kaufman, Executive Director
 Serena Muhammad, Deputy Director
 David Haasis, Clinical Partnership 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 5:46 p.m. by Board Vice Chair Rob Poirier.

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

Approval of the February 2025 Board Minutes – The motion to approve the February 20, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Carolyn Jackson, seconded by Andi Blaylock, and passed unanimously.

Calendar Year 2024 Financial Investment Report – David Obedin, Financial Advisor with Renaissance Financial provided a report on the performance of MHB’s investments for calendar year 2024.

Election of FY 2025 – 2026 Officer Slate – Carolyn Jackson, Nominating Committee Chair, presented the proposed Officer Slate to serve one-years terms beginning April 17, 2025, for a vote by the Trustees. The proposed slate is as follows:

Chair – Donna Schmitt (2nd term)
Vice Chair – Rob Poirier (2nd term)
Secretary/Treasurer – Julia López (2nd term)

Carolyn Jackson made the motion seconded by Ronald Griffin, which passed unanimously.

Resolution Approving the Preliminary 2025 Property Tax Rates – Vice Chair Rob Poirier presented the resolution to approve the estimated property tax rates for both the mental health levy and the children’s fund levy.

Rob Poirier made the motion to approve the Community Mental Health Fund tax rate of **\$0.0869** on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation on all real, personal and other taxable property within the City of St. Louis. The motion was seconded by Vander Corliss and passed unanimously.

Rob Poirier made the motion to approve the Community Children’s Services Fund tax rate of **\$0.2371** on each One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) assessed valuation on all real, personal and other taxable property within the City of St. Louis. The motion was seconded by Vander Corliss and passed unanimously.

Systems Change Planning Grant Trustee Reviews – Clinical Partnerships Director David Haasis gave a presentation highlighting the four organizations that submitted applications for the Systems Change Planning Grant. Deputy Director Serena Muhammad facilitated the Trustee grant review discussion for the Planning Grants. Trustees determined which applicants would be recommended for funding at the May 15 Board meeting.

Staff Report – Executive Director Cassandra Kaufman provided a written report on the major activities and accomplishments of the staff covering the period from February 21, 2025 – March 20, 2025. The report was posted to the Trustee Portal following the meeting.

Adjournment – There being no further business before the Board, Carolyn Jackson 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 7:09 p.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 17, 2025, at 5:45 PM in the 15th Floor Conference Room, Peabody Plaza, 701 Market St., St. Louis, MO 63101.