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

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*Minutes of the August 19, 2021, Virtual Board Meeting*

Trustee	Web meeting	Trustee	Web meeting
Mary Calzaretta	X	Phil Minden	X
Terrell Carter	X	Cassandra Pinkston	X
Marguerite Grandelious	X	Robert Poirier	X
Linda Grayson	X	Carla Rose	X
Carolyn Jackson	X	Donna Schmitt	X
Julia López	X	Yusef Scoggin	

Others Attending:

William Kuehling, Board Counsel  
 Cassandra Kaufman, Executive Director  
 MHB Staff

**Call to Order** – The Meeting of the Saint Louis MHB Trustees was called to order at 5:47 p.m. by Chair Linda Grayson.

**Community Comments** – There were no Community Members present who wished to address the Trustees.

**Approval of the June 2021 Board Minutes** – The motion was made by Carolyn Jackson and seconded by Phil Minden to approve the June 17, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution to Amend MHB By-laws**

Phil Minden made a motion, seconded by Carolyn Jackson, to approve the resolution to amend the MHB By-laws. The resolution passed unanimously.

**Personnel Committee Update**

Mary Calzaretta, Chair of the MHB Personnel Committee provided an update to the Trustees

related to Staff reorganization, HR Consultant RFP, and forthcoming MHB Committee Charge Statements. There was a subsequent motion made by Mary Calzaretta and seconded by Donna Schmitt to approve the Table of Organization related to the reorganization. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Presentation**

Trustee and Program Committee member Julia López presented a DEI primer.

### **St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission Presentation**

VPC Project Director Jessica Meyers, presented an update on the VPC.

### **Resolutions to Approve Additional Federal Funding**

The Trustees voted on two U.S. Department of Health and Human Services – Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration awards. On the first resolution Mary Calzaretta made a motion which was seconded by Carolyn Jackson to accept \$601,700 in federal funding for Community Project Funding. The motion passed unanimously. On the second resolution, Donna Schmitt made a motion which was seconded by Rob Poirier to accept an additional \$50,000 in federal funding from ReCAST. The resolution passed unanimously.

### **Staff Report**

Cassandra Kaufman along with introductions from all Staff presented the Executive Director's report for the period June 18, 2021 – August 19, 2021. A written report was distributed after the meeting.

**Adjournment** – There being no additional business, Rob Poirier made a motion which was seconded by Donna Schmitt to adjourn the meeting of Saint Louis Mental Health Board of Trustees at 7:20 p.m. The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **September 23, 2021**.