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

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*Minutes of the September 23, 2021, Virtual Board Meeting*

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

Others Attending:

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

**Public Hearing on the 2021 Tax Rates**

Board Chair, Linda Grayson, convened the Public Hearing at 5:45 p.m. and invited comments from anyone regarding the proposed 2021 tax rates for the Community Mental Health Fund and the Community Children's Services Fund. It was noted that the proposed rates were publicized in the *St. Louis American*, as well as posted in several public locations throughout the City. No one present asked to speak on the tax rates. Chair Grayson then adjourned the public hearing.

**Meeting of the Saint Louis MHB Trustees**

**Call to Order** – The regular meeting of the Saint Louis MHB Trustees was called to order at 5:46 p.m. by Chair, Linda Grayson.

**Community Comments** – Blake Hamilton, Senior VP for Programs and President of the International Institute's Community Development Corporation briefed the Trustees on the status of incoming Afghani refugees to the City of St. Louis.

**Approval of the August 2021 Board Minutes** – The motion was made by Robert Poirier and seconded by Terrell Carter to approve the August 19, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes as distributed. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution to Approve the 2021 Estimated Tax Rate of the Community Mental Health Fund** – A motion was made by Donna Schmitt and seconded by Mary Calzaretta to accept the 2021 Estimated Property Tax Rate of \$0.0872 on \$100 assessed value for the Community Mental Health Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution to Approve the 2021 Estimated Tax Rate for the Community Children’s Services Fund** – A motion was made by Phil Minden and seconded by Donna Schmitt to accept the 2021 Estimated Property Tax Rate of \$0.2443 on \$100 assessed value for the Community Children’s Services Fund. The motion passed unanimously.

**Nomination of Prospective Trustee** – Terrell Carter, Vice Chair and Nominating Committee member, introduced and moved to accept Samantha March as a prospective MHB Trustee. The motion was seconded by Rob Poirier. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution to Accept Additional Federal Funding** – Terrell Carter, made a motion to accept additional federal funding for the St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission. The motion was seconded by Carolyn Jackson. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution to Revise MHB’s Accounting Policies and Procedures** – Donna Schmitt, made a motion to revise MHB’s Accounting Policies and Procedures. The motion was seconded by Yusef Scoggin. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resolution to Allocate Unanticipated Project Funding** – Julia López, made a motion to allocate unanticipated project funding. The motion was seconded by Mary Calzaretta. The motion passed unanimously.

**Preliminary Unaudited FY21 Year-End Financials** – Susan Kabat, Controller and CPA with MHB presented the unaudited FY21 Year-End Financials.

**Early Childhood Landscape Presentation** – Katie Rahn, Ed.D., Director of the Gateway Regional Early Childhood Alliance, presented an overview of St. Louis’ early childhood landscape.

### **Staff Report**

Cassandra Kaufman presented the Executive Director’s report for the period August 20, 2021 – September 23, 2021. Among other items, she highlighted the following:

- Jama Dodson and MHB were recognized by Legal Services of Eastern Missouri at their *For the Common Good Awards* luncheon August 27 with the Melton M. Lewis Equal Justice Award.
- Senior Project Director Lisa Potts received an award from Park Central Development at its 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala and Awards event September 15 in The Grove.
- Director of Children’s Services Kristin Cowart and Early Childhood Project Coordinator Keshia Hair are in the final phases of refining the Early Childhood Framework with community input and look forward to presenting it to the Program Committee in the near future.
- The System of Care St. Louis is partnering with Bold Moves to launch a mental health awareness campaign to raise the visibility of mental health services available through its community partners.
- The St. Louis Area Violence Prevention Commission (VPC) is partnering with the City of St. Louis to facilitate Public Safety Town Hall and community planning meetings.

**Adjournment** – There being no further business, Julia López made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Robert Poirier. The motion passed, and the Trustee meeting of the Saint Louis MHB adjourned at 6:42 p.m. The next meeting of the Trustees will be held on **October 21, 2021**.