



CITY OF ST. LOUIS MENTAL HEALTH BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Minutes of the March 11, 2025, Virtual Meeting of the Executive Committee

Board Officers	Attendance
Donna Schmitt, Chair	Zoom
Rob Poirier, Vice-Chair	Zoom
Julia López, Secretary/Treasurer	Absent

Others Attending:

Cassandra Kaufman Executive Director
 Matthew S. McBride, General Counsel

Call to Order

The virtual meeting of the MHB Executive Committee was called to order at 2:01 p.m. by Chair Donna Schmitt.

Approve February 11, 2025, Meeting Minutes

Rob Poirier moved, and Donna Schmitt seconded the motion to approve the February 11, 2025, meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

March 20, 2025, Board Meeting Agenda preview

The Executive Committee reviewed and discussed the draft agenda for the March 20 Board meeting. Projected FY26 tax revenue will allow for eligible funded partners to receive up to a 3.3% cost of living adjustment (COLA). The COLA each year when offered, is based upon the Consumer Price Index for January of that year less food and energy costs. Trustees will discuss four planning grant applications at the meeting and determine either 1) which applications they wish to invite to make presentations and respond to questions from the Board at the April 17 Board meeting; or 2) recommend for funding approval at the May 15 Board meeting. Of the four planning grant applications received, three are for system changes that would impact adults, and one is for early childhood system change. In Fall 2024, Trustees approved up to \$500K from reserves to be used for FY26 planning grant awards.

Update on activities since February 20, 2025, Board Meeting

The Executive Committee received an update on staff activities including the Early Childhood Social Emotional Development Competitive Grant Application Cycle and FY26 renewal applications.

Other Business

Rob Poirier requested an update on the status of funded partners following annual site visits. He is interested in how changes made by the new administration are impacting MHB's funded partners.

Adjourn

There being no other business before the committee, Rob Poirier made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Donna Schmitt, which was unanimously approved. The March 11, 2025, Executive Committee meeting was adjourned at 2:18 PM.