



Administrative Office, 105 Hall Street, Suite A, Traverse City, MI 49684

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

October 31, 2023

Special Meeting

11:00 a.m.

Board Members Present: Ben Townsend, Greg McMorrow, Mary Marois, Al Cambridge, Kate Dahlstrom, Ruth Pilon, Tom Bratton, Carol Blake, Ty Wessell, Penny Morris, and Tony Lentych, Eric Ostergren, Dave Freedman

Absent: Sherry Powers, Pam Babcock, Dean Smallegan, – advance notice

Others Present: Brian Martinus, Interim Chief Executive Officer; Stacy Maiville, Executive Secretary; Neil Rojas, Human Resources; Haider Kazim, Attorney; Andrew Berge, Attorney, Justin Reed

Call to Order: Mr. Ben Townsend called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Confirmation of a Quorum- Confirmed.

Pledge of Allegiance- Completed

Public Comment:

Justin Reed- Mr. Reed spoke and gave citizen comment, he stated that the Board's collaboration with the CAC would be a wonderful idea. He also spoke about an article the Record Eagle recently published. Mr. Reed commented that "the Record Eagle does a one-sided argument about NLCMH and not take the time to look at the whole picture and often get the facts wrong". He also mentioned that The Clubhouse keeps trying to get a positive story to Record Eagle which keeps getting denied. He stated, "If people want to have the worst stories, they can go to the Record Eagle. It seems like every time something happens at CMH someone from the Board or County Commissioner goes to the Record Eagle, and that is trouble because anytime you want to go to the bottom of the barrel in Traverse City, you go to the Record Eagle, there are no positive stories in the Record Eagle".

Mr. Reed also touched on the CEO search and suggested the search committee includes a consumer from each county during the selection process.

Mr. Reed also commented on Brickways and stated "a friend had to be moved due to the recent Brickways change and had to move a chair to the new place. The staff told him to "rent a truck" to move the chair. That is wrong. The person (friend) who was at Brickways felt very unsafe being there, so he is no longer at Brickways. So, to have the contract that CMH has with Brickways, and Brickways not meeting the standards, I can see why CMH wants to pull away from Brickways."

Mr. Reed also commented that he believes Ben, the Chairman of the NLCMHA Board, is doing a good job. He also requested to present at an upcoming meeting about items he learned at the recent Clubhouse Conference.

MOTION: Go in to closed session according to MCL 15.268(1)(h))
RESULT: ADOPTED. [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: T. Lentych
SECONDER M. Marois
Roll Call Vote 13 Y, 0 N

The Board moved out of closed session at 12:10 p.m.

MOTION: Follow the recommendation and advice of counsel.
RESULT: ADOPTED. [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: G. McMorrow
SECONDER M. Marois

MOTION: Adjourn
RESULT: ADOPTED. [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: T. Wessell
SECONDER P. Morris

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ben Townsend, Chairperson

Stacy Maiville, Executive Secretary

Sherry Powers, Board Secretary
