

MENTAL HEALTH & RECOVERY SERVICES (MHRS) BOARD
Serving Coshocton, Guernsey, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble & Perry Counties
 1500 Coal Run Road – Zanesville, OH, 43701

OFFICIAL MINUTES – SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
(June 24, 2025)

I. BOARD NOTIFICATION & COMPLIANCE WITH SUNSHINE LAW:

The June 24, 2025, special board meeting notification was posted on the MHRS Board's Facebook Page, announcing the Board of Governors would meet at 4:30 p.m. at the MHRS Board Office to discuss the results of a personnel investigation.

II. CALL TO ORDER: President Sue Hoover called the regular board meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

III. ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present:

- *Sue Hoover, President (Muskingum County)*
- *Sean Brady (Muskingum County)*
- *Abby Corder (Muskingum County)*
- *Randi Earnest (Guernsey County)*
- *William Johnson (Coshocton County)*
- *Tony Mayle, Jr. (Morgan County)*
- *Lt. Dave Peoples (Guernsey County)*
- *Dan Scheerer, M.D. (Muskingum County)*
- *Wendy Starlin (Perry County)*
- *Ben Taylor (Perry County)*
- *Bonnie Taylor (Muskingum County)*

Board Members Excused:

- *Leondra Davis, Vice President (Coshocton County)*
- *Reid Carpenter (Noble County)*
- *Dennis Hitchcock (Muskingum County)*

There being eleven board members present, a quorum was constituted for conducting official business.

Staff Member Present:

- Rhonda Hanes, Associate Director / Director of Finance & Administration

Guest Present:

- MHRS Board Attorney David Moser

IV. RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION: WILLIAM JOHNSON MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD RECESS TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS THE RESULTS OF A PERSONNEL INVESTIGATION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY SEAN BRADY AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA; TONY MAYLE, JR., YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING 10 POSITIVE VOTES.

The governing board recessed to Executive Session at 4:36 p.m.

V. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION: The governing board returned to open session at 6:10 p.m.

VI. PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

1. DAN SCHEERER MOVED THAT THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS AUTHORIZE DISCIPLINE FOR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MISTY CROMWELL IN THE FORM OF A 1-DAY SUSPENSION TO BE EFFECTIVE JUNE 25, 2025, BASED UPON AN

- INTERNAL INVESTIGATION—AND FURTHER TO AUTHORIZE AND DIRECT MHRS BOARD COUNSEL TO WORK WITH STAFF TO DRAFT AND ISSUE DOCUMENTATION FORMALIZING THIS ACTION. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY ABBY CORDER AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA, TONY MAYLE, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING TEN POSITIVE VOTES.
2. SEAN BRADY MOVED THAT THE GOVERNING BOARD DIRECT MHRS BOARD COUNSEL TO WORK WITH STAFF TO DRAFT AND ISSUE DOCUMENTATION TO EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MISTY CROMWELL—AUTHORIZING A TERMINATION OF PAID ADMINISTRATIVE LEAVE AND A RETURN TO WORK TO BE EFFECTIVE JUNE 26, 2025. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY RANDI EARNEST AND A ROLL CALL VOTE WAS TAKEN AS FOLLOWS: SEAN BRADY, YEA; ABBY CORDER, YEA; RANDI EARNEST, YEA; WILLIAM JOHNSON, YEA, TONY MAYLE, YEA; DAVE PEOPLES, YEA; DAN SCHEERER, YEA; WENDY STARLIN, YEA; BEN TAYLOR, YEA; AND BONNIE TAYLOR, YEA. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED RECEIVING TEN POSITIVE VOTES.
- VII. NEXT MEETING:** The governing board will next meet at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 10, 2025, at the offices of the MHRS Board. (The Finance/Audit Committee and Program Committee will meet from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.)
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

SUBMITTED BY:

Rhonda Hanes

Rhonda Hanes, MBA
Associate Director / Director of Finance & Administration

APPROVED BY:

Sue Hoover, Board President