



Executive Board

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 27, 2023, 10 am

Present | Bill Siedhoff, Cynthia Crim, Ann Bannes, Sr. Mary Ann Nestel, Julia Allen, Skip Batchelor

Absent | Karl Wilson

Other Attendees | Jamie Opsal, Stephanie Herbers, Katie Ratkowski, Matt McBride

Review and Approval of Minutes (*Bill Siedhoff*)

Sr. Mary Ann Nestel made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from February as presented, Julia Allen seconded; Board unanimously approved.

Program and Grants Committee (*Ann Bannes*)

FY23 Senior Center Grants and Support for Vehicles | Two senior centers requested funds for new vehicles. Committee members requested additional information about the requests and a proposed policy and processes for handling vehicle requests in the future. Senior center grant requests will be discussed at the May meeting; future options for vehicle support will be reviewed at a later date.

FY24 Grant Extensions | Based on board approval in January, staff invited five currently funded partners to submit proposals for grant extensions beginning in FY24. The focus areas were for oral health, legal services, and exterior maintenance. Staff are reviewing applications before discussing with the Program and Grants Committee. Final review and decision-making will take place at the May meeting.

Executive Director's Report (*Jamie Opsal*)

Officer Nomination Process | The state statute defines a term for a board member as four years, it does not outline executive officer terms. The Senior Fund's bylaws state that an officer shall be elected each fiscal year and can serve up to three terms. It is unclear if "term" should be defined by membership term or as one year. Board members indicated they interpreted officer term lengths as the same as member term lengths, or four years. Matt McBride will submit a proposed revision to the bylaws at an upcoming meeting to clarify the term length details.

Members also discussed the nomination process; they will continue nominations with the full Executive Board, rather than creating a nominating committee.

Notetaker: Katie Ratkowski

Senior Fund Office Selection | After touring multiple locations and considering moving with and without the Mental Health Board, staff recommend moving with the Mental Health Board to their new office space on Market Street in the Peabody building.

Skip Batchelor made a motion to authorize the Executive Director to move forward with finalizing a sublease with MHB and moving to their new office space, Sr. Mary Ann Nestel seconded; Board unanimously approved.

Senior Center Tour | Jamie will organize a tour of St. Louis City senior centers after the May Executive Board Meeting. The tour will provide an opportunity for members to meet senior center staff and see the differences based on location.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 am by a motion made by Julia Allen and seconded by Sr. Mary Ann Nestel; all were in favor.

*Next full board meeting is planned to be held in person on **May 25, 10am.***