



REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 28, 2025

The Regular Board Meeting was held on Monday, April 28, 2025, at the Township of Lyons, 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois, 60525. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Hoffenberg.

President Hoffenberg asked for the Roll Call.

Commissioner(s) Present: Elyse Hoffenberg; Rev. Jeffrey Clemons; Sophia Mallis; Hon Russell W. Hartigan; Al Dorobiala; William Seith; Steve Palmer, Barbara Minneci; and Erin Miller.

Commissioner(s) Absent:

Staff Present: Mariam Ahmad, Executive Administrator; and Cathy Pierson Lenke, Program Manager.

Agency Director(s) Present: Bill Dwyer, Helping Hand

Guest(s) Present: Brian Miller, Del Galdo Law Group; Kevin Conlon, Founder and President of Conlon Public Strategies; Dr. Kafi Moragne-Patterson, Senior Advisor; and Patrick Crawford, Senior Advisor, and Mayor Steve Landek.

Guest(s) via Telephone: N/A

AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A **MOTION** was made by Minneci and seconded by Rev Clemons to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Agenda was approved.

REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting held on March 17, were reviewed. A **MOTION** was made by Dorobiala and seconded by Rev Clemons to approve the Minutes of March 17, 2025, as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Minutes were approved.

BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT:

Board President Elyse Hoffenberg shared that the Commission will be hosting a Derby Brunch at the Village of Bedford Park. In an exciting collaboration, the Commission has partnered with the communities of Justice, Bridgeview, Summit, and Bedford Park to bring

residents together for this special event. A total of 110 residents have signed up to attend the event. NAMI will feature a guest speaker at the event to address the audience.

Conlon Public Strategies;

President Kevin Conlon of Conlon Public Strategies and his team presented the benefits of having their firm prioritize the issues most important to the Commission. They suggested pursuing a work plan that begins with assessing the Commission's needs, followed by conducting interviews and analysis, and then adapting their approach as necessary under the Commission's direction.

RECENT FEDERAL CUTS BY BILL DWYER:

Billy Dwyer from Helping Hand spoke about upcoming government budget cuts and how they will significantly impact agencies, leading to a reduction in services for clients. These cuts will affect individuals who rely on these services, potentially causing setbacks and delays in their health progress.

OLD BUSINESS:

N/A

NEW BUSINESS:

Rescheduling the May Regular Board Meeting:

A **MOTION** was made by Palmer and seconded by Rev. Clemons to approve rescheduling the May Regular Board Meeting to May 19, 2025, at 5:15 p.m.. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the rescheduling of May 19, 2025 Board Meeting was approved.

Approval of the LTMHC Personnel Handbook

A **MOTION** was made by Judge Hartigan and seconded by Seith to approve the LTMHC Personnel Handbook on April 28, 2025. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the approval of the LTMHC Personnel Handbook was approved.

Approval of FY2026 Budget Preparation by Smith & Cull, Ltd.

A **MOTION** was made by Palmer and seconded by Seith to approve the preparation of the FY2026 Budget by Smith & Cull, Ltd. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the approval of FY2026 Budget preparation by Smith & Cull, Ltd was approved.

Motion to schedule a Special Meeting of the Whole on May 19, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. to consider and approve grant awards:

A **MOTION** was made by Mallis and seconded by Palmer to approve the scheduling of a Special Meeting of the Whole on May 19, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. to consider and approve grant awards. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no objections, the scheduling of the Special Meeting of the Whole was approved.

Approval of Retaining Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd. As Auditors:

A **MOTION** was made by Rev. Clemons and seconded by Seith to approve retaining Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd. as auditors. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no objections, the motion to retain Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd. as auditors was approved.

TREASURER'S REPORTS:

Sophia Mallis presented the Treasurer Report dated April 21, 2025, as follows:

Ending Balance as of February 28, 2025:	\$2,660,358.73
Receipts during March 2025:	\$1,277,610.13
Disbursements during March 2025:	\$ 354,291.55
Ending Balance as of March 31, 2025:	\$3,583,677.31

A **MOTION** was made by Rev. Clemons and seconded by Judge Hartigan to approve the Treasurer's Reports dated April 21, 2025, as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Judge Russell W. Hartigan, Sophia Mallis, William Seith, Al Dorobiala, Steve Palmer, Barbara Minneci, and Erin Miller. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY PAYABLES:

Sophia Mallis presented a list of Thirty (30) Payables totaling \$351,444.77 dated April 28, 2025.

A **MOTION** was made by Seith and seconded by Minneci to approve the Monthly Payables dated April 28, 2025, as presented; Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Judge Russell W. Hartigan, Sophia Mallis, William Seith, Al Dorobiala, Steve palmer, Barbara Minneci, and Erin Miller. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A **MOTION** was made by Judge Hartigan and seconded by Dorobiala to move into Closed Session to discuss Grant applications. The Meeting was convened pursuant to Section 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), the exception of the Open Meetings Act allowing for discussions of the grant applications.

Present: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Judge Russell W. Hartigan, Sophia Mallis, Al Dorobiala, William Seith, Steve Palmer, Barbara Minneci and Erin Miller. Also, present was Brian Miller, attorney; Mayor Steve Landek, Mariam Ahmad and Cathy Pierson Lenke. All in favor. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None.

The Body reviewed and discussed the 2025 grant applications.

A **MOTION** was made by Palmer and seconded by Judge Hartigan to end the Closed Session and move into Regular Session. All in favor. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None.

President Hoffenberg asked for a Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Judge Russell W. Hartigan, Sophia Mallis, Al Dorobiala, William Seith, Steve Palmer, Barbara Minneci and Erin Miller.

COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:

N/A

ADJOURNMENT:

A MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Minneci and seconded by Judge Hartigan at 8:00 p.m. All in favor. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. The meeting was adjourned.

Elyse Hoffenberg
Commission President

Hon. Russell W. Hartigan
Secretary