



**REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**January 26, 2026**

The Regular Board Meeting was held on Monday, January 26, 2026, at the Township of Lyons, 6404 Joliet Road, Countryside, Illinois, 60525. The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. by President Hoffenberg.

President Hoffenberg asked for the Roll Call.

Commissioner(s) Present: Elyse Hoffenberg; Rev. Jeffrey Clemons; Sophia Mallis; Barbara Minneci; Al Dorobiala; and Erin Miller.

Commissioner(s) Absent: N/A

Staff Present: Mariam Ahmad, Executive Administrator, Cathy Pierson Lenke, Program Manager, and Dr. Emmie Crement, Community Support Specialist.

Agency Director(s) Present: N/A

Guest(s) Present: Andrea Meade, CPA, Miller Cooper & Co., Ltd; Conlon Public Strategies; President Kevin Conlon, Dr. Kafi Moragne-Patterson, and Patrick Crawford; and Founders of Warrior Academy, Russell Harris, and Jeremiah Harris.

Guest(s) via Telephone: N/A

**AMENDMENTS/APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**REVIEW/APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting rescheduled from October 20, 2025, to November 5, 2025, were reviewed. A **MOTION** was made by Mallis and seconded by Minneci to approve the Minutes of the rescheduled meeting of October 20, 2025, to November 5, 2025, as presented. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Minutes were approved.

**FY2026 AUDIT PRESENTATION – MILLER COOPER & CO., LTD:**

Andrea Meade, presented the FY2026 Audit. Ms. Meade thanked the Commission staff for their cooperation and transparency. Miller Cooper & Co, Ltd found LTMHC in full compliance with all qualifications. A **MOTION** was made by Minneci and seconded by Mallis to approve the FY2026 Audit findings as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Barbara Minneci, Al Dorobiala, and Erin Miller. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Conlon Public Strategies:**

President Kevin Conlon and his team from Conlon Public Strategies presented their findings based on interviews and analysis conducted with community members and agency directors. Overall, feedback about the commission was very positive; however, respondents noted that there needs to be greater accessibility to the south end of the canal within the township. Some Board Members shared that they had hoped for more direct input from agency constituents rather than agency leadership.

**Warrior Academy – Leadership Program Update:**

Russell and Jeremiah Harris of Warrior Academy shared the mission of the Leadership Academy they are implementing at Park Junior High School and Lyons Township High School. They will provide a report on program outcomes in the near future. Plans are underway to expand the program to Congress Park Elementary School and Heritage Middle School during the second semester.

**BOARD PRESIDENT REPORT:**

Board President Elyse Hoffenberg informed the Commission that Aging Care and LTMHC are planning to offer congregate meals in Bridgeview at Mama Luigi's, with approximately 80 guests served each month.

President Hoffenberg also reported that residents have raised complaints regarding the congregate meal programs in Indian Head Park and at La Bella Banquet Hall. Concerns include food being served cold and reports of residents becoming ill. President Hoffenberg stated she will contact Aging Care to discuss these concerns.

Emmie Crement was introduced as the new Community Support Specialist, focusing on outreach and connections in the southern end of the township.

**Approval of the LTMHC Bylaws:**

A **MOTION** was made by Clemons and seconded by Minneci to approve the LTMHC Bylaws Handbook on January 26, 2026. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Barbara Minneci, Al Dorobiala, and Erin Miller. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

**Approval of New Employee Titles & Appointment of Co-Executive Directors:**

A **MOTION** was made by Clemons and seconded by President Hoffenberg to approve the new titles for Mariam Ahmad, Executive Director of Operations & Partnerships, and Cathy Pierson Lenke, Executive Director of Community Outreach & Education. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**Review of legal Counsel Billing Practices:**

President Hoffenberg reported that, following Brian Miller's departure from the Del Galdo Law Firm, the Commission was billed twice for the Bylaws by two different attorneys. She stated that she has contacted the firm to rectify the issue. President Hoffenberg also suggested that legal counsel attend board meetings only when legal advice is required.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

N/A

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Annual Election of Officers:**

A **MOTION** was made by President Hoffenberg and seconded by Minneci to nominate Rev. Jeffrey Clemons as Vice President. Rev. Clemons accepted the nomination. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A **MOTION** was made by President Hoffenberg and seconded by Minneci to nominate Sophia Mallis as Treasurer. Ms. Mallis accepted the nomination. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A **MOTION** was made by President Hoffenberg and seconded by Mallis to nominate Barb Minneci as Secretary. Ms. Minneci accepted the nomination. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

A **MOTION** was made by Rev. Jeffrey Clemons and seconded by Minneci to nominated Elyse Hoffenberg to serve another term as Board President. Ms. Hoffenberg accepted the nomination. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

**CALENDAR YEAR 2026 PAID HOLIDAYS**

A **MOTION** was made by Mallis and seconded by Minneci to approve the Calendar Year 2026 Paid Holidays. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Calendar Year 2026 Paid Holidays were approved.

**CALENDAR YEAR 2026 REGULAR BOARD MEETING DATES**

A **MOTION** was made by Minneci and seconded by Clemons to approve 2026 Board Meeting dates. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Hearing no Nays, the Calendar Year 2026 Board Meeting Dates were approved.

**TREASURER’S REPORTS:**

Sophia Mallis presented the Treasurer’s Report dated November 17, 2025, as follows:

Ending Balance as of September 30, 2025:	\$1,787,146.86
Receipts during October 2025:	\$ 145,772.57
Disbursements during October 2025:	\$ 365,470.01
Ending Balance as of October 31, 2025:	\$1,567,449.42

A **MOTION** was made by Clemons and seconded by Minneci to approve the Treasurer’s Reports dated November 17, 2025, as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Barbara Minneci, Al Dorobiala, and Erin Miller. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Sophia Mallis presented the Treasurer’s Report dated December 15, 2025, as follows:

Ending Balance as of October 31, 2025:	\$1,567,449.42
Receipts during November 2025:	\$ 70,073.73
Disbursements during November 2025:	\$ 321,434.46
Ending Balance as of November 30, 2025:	\$1,316,088.69

A **MOTION** was made by Dorobiala and seconded by Mallis to approve the Treasurer’s Reports dated December 15, 2025, as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Barbara Minneci, Al Dorobiala, and Erin Miller. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried

Sophia Mallis presented the Treasurer’s Report dated January 26, 2026, as follows:

Ending Balance as of November 30, 2025:	\$1,316,088.69
Receipts during December 2025:	\$ 3,038.27
Disbursements during December 2025:	\$ 328,108.94
Ending Balance as of December 31, 2025:	\$ 991,018.02

A **MOTION** was made by Dorobiala and seconded by Clemons to approve the Treasurer’s Reports dated January 26, 2026, as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Barbara Minneci, Al Dorobiala, and Erin Miller. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MONTHLY PAYABLES:**

Sophia Mallis presented a list of thirty-three (33) Payables totaling \$321,736.83 dated November 17, 2025.

A **MOTION** was made by Clemons and seconded by Minneci to approve the Monthly Payables dated November 17, 2025, as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Barbara Minneci, Al Dorobiala, and Erin Miller. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried

Sophia Mallis presented a list of thirty-nine (39) Payables totaling \$327,793.59 dated December 15, 2025.

A **MOTION** was made by Minneci and seconded by Mallis to approve the Monthly Payables dated December 15, 2025, as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Barbara Minneci, Al Dorobiala, and Erin Miller. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried

Sophia Mallis presented a list of thirty-one (31) Payables totaling \$318,178.97 dated January 26, 2026.

A **MOTION** was made by Minneci and seconded by Mallis to approve the Monthly Payables dated January 26, 2026, as presented. Roll Call: Elyse Hoffenberg, Rev. Jeffrey Clemons, Sophia Mallis, Barbara Minneci, Al Dorobiala, and Erin Miller. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion Carried

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

N/A

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Dorobiala and seconded by Minneci at 7:57 p.m. All in favor. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. The meeting was adjourned.

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Elyse Hoffenberg  
Commission President

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Barbara Minneci  
Secretary