ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY

SPECIAL FULL BOARD MEETING
June 30, 2021
10:00 a.m.
WebEx Videoconference/Teleconference

Originating at:
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 210
Anchorage, Alaska

Trustees Present:
Chris Cooke, Chair
John Sturgeon
Brent Fisher
Verne’ Boerner
Rhonda Boyles
Anita Halterman

Trust Staff Present:
Mike Abbott
Carol Howarth
Miri Smith-Coolidge
Kelda Barstad
Michael Baldwin
Katie Baldwin-Johnson
Valette Keller
Autumn Vea
Allison Biastock

Also participating:
Heather Carpenter; Stephanie Hopkins.
CALL TO ORDER
CHAIR COOKE called the Special Full Board trustee meeting, and called the roll. He thanked all the trustees for coming to the special meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS
CHAIR COOKE asked for any announcements. There being none, he moved to approval of the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA
CHAIR COOKE moved to the approval of the agenda, and recognized Mike Abbott.

MR. ABBOTT recommended adding the update on the Legislative Audit to the agenda to be discussed during the Executive Session, as required by the Legislative Auditor.

CHAIR COOKE asked for any objections, and stated that it seemed in order. He placed the audit on the agenda to be taken up during the Executive Session.

ETHICS DISCLOSURES
CHAIR COOKE asked for any ethics disclosures. There being none, he moved to the CEO report.

CEO REPORT
MR. ABBOTT reported that the Legislature transmitted to the Governor both the Mental Health Budget Bill and the primary State Operating Capital and Supplemental Budget Bill with immediate effective dates for the Governor’s consideration, which needs to happen quickly since the fiscal year starts tomorrow. He noted that the Legislature funded all of the recommendations in the Mental Health Budget Bill using General Funds, as the Trust recommended. There will be a complete report for the trustees shortly after the budget vetoes are released. Then we can talk about what, if any, steps to take in regard to those vetoes at a later date. He added that the good news was that the Trust offices, the Trust’s work, the grants, the partners will see a seamless continuation of Trust activity from the end of one fiscal year to the beginning of a new fiscal year July 1. He concluded his report.

CHAIR COOKE asked for any questions from the trustees. There being none, he asked for any news on the vacancy in the board.

MR. ABBOTT stated he had no news and thanked Trustee Halterman for representing the Trust in the candidate-evaluating process.

CHAIR COOKE also thanked Trustee Halterman and the other members of the panel from the partner boards that took part in the screening process. He asked for any other matters in the open session portion of the meeting. There being none, he asked for a motion for Executive Session.

MOTION: A motion that the Board go into Executive Session regarding personnel matters in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, AS 44.62.310(c), amended to include
confidential matters pertaining to communications with the Legislative Audit was made by TRUSTEE STURGEON; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION WAS APPROVED. (Trustee Boerner, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Cooke, yes.

CHAIR COOKE closed the public portion of the meeting and moved into Executive Session. He included Mr. Abbott in the Executive Session.

(Executive Session from 10:15 a.m. until 11:34 a.m.)

CHAIR COOKE resumed the meeting and took the roll of the trustees. All trustees were present.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN noted that no decisions were made during the Executive Session.

CHAIR COOKE confirmed that no motions or other board action was taken during Executive Session.

MOTION: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE STURGEON.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION WAS APPROVED. (Trustee Boerner, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Cooke, yes.

(Special Full Board Meeting adjourned at 11:37 a.m.)