

**ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY  
FULL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING  
May 22, 2024  
8:15 a.m.**

**Hybrid Meeting:  
Ted Ferry Civic Center  
888 Venetia Avenue  
Ketchikan, Alaska 99901**

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**Trustees Present:**

Anita Halterman, Chair  
Brent Fisher  
Kevin Fimon  
Agnes Moran  
John Morris  
Rhonda Boyles  
John Sturgeon (Virtual)

**Trust Staff Present:**

Steve Williams  
Katie Baldwin-Johnson  
Miri Smith-Coolidge  
Michael Baldwin  
Julee Farley  
Allison Biastock  
Kelda Barstad  
Valette Keller  
Luke Lind  
Carrie Predeger  
Debbie DeLong  
Janie Caq'ar Ferguson  
Eliza Muse  
Eric Boyer  
Heather Phelps  
Tina Volker-Ross

**Trust Land Office staff present:**

Jusdi Warner  
Jeff Green  
Sarah Morrison  
Blain Alfonso  
Tracy Salinas  
Blain Alfonso  
David MacDonald

**Also participating:**

Steph Kings; Myrna Johannsen; Christina Weber; John Springsteen; Patrick Reinhart; Stephanie Hopkins; Lisa Cauble; Hilary Wendy Horton; Mia; Andy Miller; Matthew Stinson; Jena Grafton;

Miranda McCarty; Jake Pavone; Brunn Bolling; Jena Crafton; Yasmin Radbod; Eric Nichols; Tandra Thompson; Dave Branding; Tara Edwards; Lisa DeLaet; Christine Klein; Bob Sivertsen; Steve Hayburn; Drew Herby; Kate Lacour; Jacqueline Pope; Kendra Bartholomew; Tyler McNeil; Danielle Nickich; Christine Furey; Jeff Jessee; Kara Nelson; Carmen Wenger; Jon Haghayeghi; Wendy Horton.

## PROCEEDINGS

### CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR HALTERMAN called the meeting to order and began with a roll call. She stated that Trustee Sturgeon would be joining for portions of the meeting, with an excused absence for tomorrow. She added that there was a quorum to do business. She acknowledged that the Trust was meeting in the ancestral lands of the Tlingit people, and they come with respect to these lands, the place, and all who have and do live here.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

CHAIR HALTERMAN asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

**MOTION:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by TRUSTEE MORRIS; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

*After the roll call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Morris, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Chair Halterman, yes.)*

### ETHICS DISCLOSURE

CHAIR HALTERMAN asked for any ethics disclosures. Hearing none, she moved to the approval of the minutes.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

CHAIR HALTERMAN asked for a motion to approve the minutes.

**MOTION:** A motion to approve the minutes of January 5, 2024, was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

*After the roll call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Morris, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Chair Halterman, yes.)*

**MOTION:** A motion to approve the minutes of January 31 – February 1, 2024, was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

*After the roll call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Morris, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Chair Halterman, yes.)*

**MOTION:** A motion to approve the minutes of February 16, 2024, was made by TRUSTEE MORAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FISHER.

*After the roll call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Morris, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Chair Halterman, yes.)*

**MOTION:** A motion to approve the minutes of March 27, 2024, was made by TRUSTEE MORAN; seconded by TRUSTEE BOYLES.

*After the roll call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Morris, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Chair Halterman, yes.)*

MS. SMITH-COOLIDGE noted that John Sturgeon was on the line.

CHAIR HALTERMAN stated that the trustees were voting on adopting the minutes of March 27, 2024, and asked for his vote. She asked Trustee Sturgeon if he was having technical difficulties.

TRUSTEE STURGEON replied that the tech was fixed, and added his vote to approve the minutes.

### **CURRENT BYLAWS**

CHAIR HALTERMAN stated that the current bylaws for the Trust were in the packet and asked the trustees for any questions or comments. There being none, she moved into the Mission Moment, and recognized Eric Boyer for an introduction of the panelists.

### **MISSION MOMENT**

MR. BOYER welcomed Brynn Bolling, the director of the Infant Learning Program. Ms. Bolling lives on Prince of Wales Island, and through Community Connections, based in Ketchikan, oversees a great team. He continued that he and some of the program officers got to visit with her team at Community Connections, and they are doing amazing work. He explained that the Infant Learning Program is a big part of the early childhood prevention and intervention priority area which the Trust has had an active role in supporting around the state. He added that Ms. Bolling has asked a couple of parents that have utilized this program currently or in the past to share what that program was about, and the impact on Trust beneficiaries.

MS. BOLLING stated that she was the director of the Infant Learning Program at Community Connections and thanked the Trust for choosing the Infant Learning Program for the peer Mission Moment. She continued that they were a very small State program and that it was nice to get some recognition and get word out about who they were and what they do. She added that they serve Ketchikan, Saxman, all communities on Prince of Wales, Metlakatla, and Haida. She explained that Infant Learning is a team of educators and pediatric therapists that work together to support families with children with developmental delays or those at risk for developmental learning. Infant learning is often interchangeable with the term Part C, which is the section of the Federal Special Education law that talks about services for children and families for up to three years old. School districts across the nation are Part B of that same law. When children get close to the age of three, they continue to qualify for special education services, and this program helps families in doing a seamless transition into the local school district. Community Connection works hard on their relationships with school districts in order to make sure families feel good about the next steps in the child's development and education. She talked about the

qualifications for Part C, and how the State of Alaska requires a 50 percent delay, a medical diagnosis, and an informed clinical opinion. The informed clinical opinion states that the professionals working with a family can decide that the child does have a significant delay that is not being picked up with specific evaluation tools. She stated that the 50 percent delay in Alaska is too high, and there are a lot of families not getting the needed services. She thanked the Mental Health Trust for the funding for the State Infant Learning Office. A company has been hired to research and gather information about what it would mean for the State to drop the 50 percent delay to 25 percent to qualify for the program, which would also match what local school districts use for special education services. She continued that the Infant Learning Program has been flat-funded by the State for the last ten years, and the program is in the red, and asked for additional funding for equity for every qualified family for services, and for support for legislators to understand what they do. She introduced Myrna Johansen, a parent, to share her experience with the Infant Learning Program.

MS. JOHANNSEN introduced herself and stated that she has three children who have used this program. She told her story of the birth of her first daughter, Charlie Marissa Rose, 45 days premature and her month in the NICU. They were told to expect delays with her development because she was born prematurely. She stated that when Charlie was 21 months old, she did not talk as much as her peers; never asked for food; could say a few spontaneous words; did not point; knew her mama, but did not say it anymore. She compared her behavior with a 21-month-old boy at daycare who jabbered with everyone, played with toys, and interacted with the other children. She stated that she had no family in Southeast Alaska to share her worries, but she went to Community Connections and evaluators came to her house, where every interaction was a test. A week or so later they came back and went through a very difficult set of results for her evaluation. She continued that she was very shocked that Charlie was so very far behind in everything; a 14-month delay, 70 percent of her age. Community Connections built a plan to shorten her developmental delay so that she would be ready for preschool when she turned three years old. She spoke about the adaptability of Charlie's program while she was pregnant with her second daughter, who was born 3.5 weeks early, through a bout of Bell's palsy, and the pandemic. Charlie was diagnosed with autism at two years and nine months old, and her plan was adapted again; and she was taught how to teach Charlie, help her learn, and how to advocate for her, which was why she was there. The fine teachers at Community Connections are her heroes and are needed by many other children like her Charlie and moms like her. She stated that Charlie is in kindergarten, and will be moving into first grade next year. She has a best friend, is doing sight words, math, and is loved and adored by everyone.

(Applause)

MS. BOLLING introduced Christina Weber.

MS. WEBER stated that she started working at Community Connections on the SDS program when she was 16. She had a young child, moved away, had several different careers, and decided to work again with Community Connections through the therapeutic foster care program. She had several children in and out of this program, and because of this amazing program, she found out that her daughter has a rare genetic disorder. With the referrals that Community Connections sent to Seattle Children's, the tests were done. Without those referrals, the information would not have been discovered. She continued that her family had benefitted from this program, and they are also involved in the FIT team for families in the OCS system and work with the families to get their children reunited with their parents. They have wrap-

around services, and continue looking to see where there are gaps in the parents' abilities, and to meet those parents where they are. She added that they had a child transition from the early learning program to school without any issues. She was very thankful and grateful for this program.

MS. BOLLING thanked Ms. Weber, and asked for any questions.

CHAIR HALTERMAN stated appreciation to Ms. Johanssen and Ms. Weber for sharing their stories, and that she was glad they found Community Connections and the needed resources. She asked the trustees for any questions.

TRUSTEE BOYLES asked Mr. Boyles for a summary of what the Trust contributed to ILP.

MR. BOYLES replied that the line item was called intensive at-risk early intervention services which includes the Infant Learning Program and the Early Learning Program.. Those funds are \$460,000, and they go through the State of Alaska Department of Health and Senior Disability Services. Community Connections is one of 15 programs around the state that use the services. He added that the line item was the same for the last several years, and would be the same going in FY25.

TRUSTEE MORAN asked Ms. Bolling about the impact of lowering the eligibility to 25 percent from 50 percent.

MS. BOLLING replied that Community Connections had known that was too high for a long time, and we do service children who have lesser delays. The children that qualify are Part C, and they have a lot of legal rights. The children served that do not meet that match are considered non-Part C. She stated that it would not make much of an impact because families that need the services are served. The greatest impact would be to the urban areas who only serve Part C at 50 percent. She continued that the biggest worry is that it is very difficult to find pediatric therapists across the nation.

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked them for sharing their stories, and for the work done for Community Connections.

## **CEO UPDATE**

CEO WILLIAMS echoed appreciation for Community Connections and Ms. Bolling, Ms. Johanssen and Ms. Weber for sharing their experiences and personal stories. He went through a few slides giving an update on what is coming forward beginning with the two-year budget cycle that included FY27. He stated that there were a lot of exciting opportunities coming up and projected significant revenue to be generated in the next 12 to 18 months and beyond. He cautioned about the different challenges to the system of care from a funding perspective from the State, from a workforce which is not leading to the programs and services for the beneficiaries. There are some cautionary things to pay attention to and monitor, but there is also optimism. He talked about a few categories that he wanted to make sure that the trustees paid attention to: Trust operations; what the system of care is; how to be monitoring it; and how to pay attention and identify the places the Trust could play an active role in the solution, development, intervention; and how that all connects to the work being done right now in the FY26-27 set of budget recommendations coming in July and August. He talked about the transitions, and Trustee Sturgeon's last meeting and the Governor's appointment to fill his seat.

Trustee Boyles' first term ends in the fall, with the hope for a smooth transition. He continued through the categories and shared that the budget was signed and went through the budget recommendations for General Fund spending approved by the trustees last August. He talked about key partner retirements and transitions, Heidi Lieb-Williams from the Governor's Council, and Dr. Karen Ward who was instrumental in Trust work as it related to individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and how responses were developed for appropriate diversion, and for beneficiaries. He also recognized Duane Mayes who retired from 35 years of State Service in April, whose work related to the deaf community as it overlapped with the beneficiary population. He then talked about the work they do, not just funding programs but actually providing services that hit individuals on the ground. He talked about Ivan, a 73-year-old beneficiary with dementia that lives in Anchorage who sent an e-mail of thanks for the funds provided through the mini-grant that bought him a trike and safety gear so he could get out and enjoy the trails of Anchorage. He continued that in the end, providing a \$983 grant is as important as a couple hundred-thousand-dollar grant for a larger service.

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked CEO Williams and asked for anything from the trustees.

TRUSTEE MORAN asked if the management system was for internal use, or for internal and external use.

CEO WILLIAMS replied that it was a combination because grantees submit through the portal, and it is also about how that information is managed internally, collecting the reports and data, and tracking the actual progress of the grant and payments made.

TRUSTEE BOYLES asked regarding the pending changes, the transitions like behavioral health, if there was any plan within the Administration team of the Trust to do a prioritized plan where the trust should be headed for next year. And, if so, if that could be articulated and shared with the Board of Trustees so we could do a prioritized plan.

CEO WILLIAMS replied that the strategic plan is the same thing that was just described. That strategic plan has not been engaged in and is a dialogue between leadership staff and trustees to go through that process for developing a plan, but not knowing if that would be aligned with having a conversation about the strategic direction of future trustees from the Board.

CHAIR HALTERMAN asked for anything further from trustees. Hearing none, she moved to the Resource Management Committee Report/Update.

#### **RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE REPORT/UPDATE**

MS. WARNER stated that since she was not present in the room Deputy Director Jeff Green would present the report.

MR. GREEN began with the commercial real estate asset reclassification. He stated that the purpose for the reclassification was to reorganize it because it was in the investment portfolio, but was a non-income-producing asset. It produces a small amount, but nothing like the investment portfolio property. It is a very akin to the Trust Authority Building, and that was the purpose of the reclassification.

CHAIR HALTERMAN asked for a trustee to read the motion.

**MOTION: The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees approve the proposed action removing 2600 Cordova Street in Anchorage, Alaska, from the investment portfolio, and reclassifying the asset into the Program Related Real Estate Portfolio. The motion was made by TRUSTEE MORAN; seconded by TRUSTEE STURGEON.**

CHAIR HALTERMAN stated that this was an item discussed in the last Resource Committee meeting, and this was the last opportunity to ask any questions or raise any issues with any of these motions before any final action is taken. She asked Mr. Green, or the trustees if they had anything to add. Hearing none, she called the question.

*After the roll call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Chair Halterman, yes.)*

CHAIR HALTERMAN stated that the motion passed, and continued to the motion for the second consultation.

**MOTION: The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees concur with the Trust Land Office, TLO, recommendations to proceed with the disposal of 2618 Commercial Drive, Anchorage, Alaska, at terms acceptable to the Executive Director with a minimum price at or above fair market value as determined via appraisal. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE STURGEON.**

CHAIR HALTERMAN again stated that this was discussed in good detail, and asked Mr. Green for some background.

MR. GREEN stated that this asset was located in Anchorage and entirely leased by the Cummins Corporation. All of these motions were offered consistent with the February motion from the Board with the intention to sell when prudent, and the opportunity is at the right time to dispose of the assets in a way that is an investment to the Trust and its beneficiaries. That applies to all of the remaining motions for the commercial real estate properties.

CHAIR HALTERMAN asked for any questions.

TRUSTEE MORRIS asked if there were any commercial real estate assets which have not been given a free hand to the TLO to sell.

MR. GREEN replied that these are the remaining assets.

CHAIR HALTERMAN called the question.

*After the roll call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Chair Halterman, yes.)*

CHAIR HALTERMAN stated that the motion passed, and moved to the consultation for the commercial real estate asset disposition under No. 2. She asked for a trustee to read the motion.

**MOTION:** The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees concur with the Trust Land Office, TLO, recommendation to proceed with disposal of 1111 Israel Road Southeast, Tumwater, Washington, at terms acceptable to the Executive Director with a minimum price at or above fair market value as determined via appraisal. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE BOYLES.

CHAIR HALTERMAN stated that they had some dialogue and asked the trustees for any further questions. There being none, she called the question.

*After the roll call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Chair Halterman, yes.)*

CHAIR HALTERMAN stated the motion passed, and asked for a trustee to read the third motion under No. 2.

**MOTION:** The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees concur with the Trust Land Office, TLO, recommendation to proceed with disposal of 2420 and 2500 Ridgpoint Drive, Austin, Texas, at terms acceptable to the Executive Director with a minimum price at or above fair market value as determined via appraisal. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE STURGEON.

*After the roll call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Chair Halterman, yes.)*

CHAIR HALTERMAN moved to Motion No. 4.

**MOTION:** The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees concur with the Trust Land Office, TLO, recommendation to proceed with disposal of 17319 San Pedro Avenue, Hollywood Park, Texas, at terms acceptable to the Executive Director with a minimum price at or above fair market value as determined via appraisal. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORRIS.

MR. GREEN stated that there was a technical correction. In the original motion it listed San Antonio, Hollywood Park, which was corrected in this motion. He explained that Hollywood Park is a suburb of San Antonio.

TRUSTEE FIMON thanked Mr. Green for pointing out that clarification. He stated that, as the motion stands, that becomes the official address in the official motion.

CHAIR HALTERMAN stated this was the motion that would be considered by the Full Board, and the correction would be the final approval. She called the question.

*After the roll call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Chair Halterman, yes.)*

CHAIR HALTERMAN stated that the motion passed, and moved to the final motion on No. 2.



**MOTION:** The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees concur with the Trust Land Office, TLO, recommendation to proceed with disposal of 9601 Amberglen Boulevard, Austin, Texas, at terms acceptable to the Executive Director with a minimum price at or above fair market value as determined via appraisal. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE STURGEON.

TRUSTEE BOYLES asked Mr. Green if any of these properties had been flooded out in the last week to ten days.

MR. GREEN replied that he was not aware that they were flooded.

*After the roll call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Chair Halterman, yes.)*

CHAIR HALTERMAN moved to the third consultation, and asked for a trustee to read the motion.

**MOTION:** The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees concur with creating a pool of approximately 19 subdivision lots in small to large tract parcels to be subdivided that may be disposed of through the TLO's statewide land sale programs. The motion was made by TRUSTEE MORAN; seconded by TRUSTEE STURGEON.

CHAIR HALTERMAN stated that there a lengthy conversation around this motion at the last Resource Committee meeting. She asked for any questions or comments. Hearing none, she called the question.

*After the roll call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Chair Halterman, yes.)*

CHAIR HALTERMAN moved to Motion 4, a consultation approval for the Trust Carbon Offset Program.

**MOTION:** The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees concur with the management of up to 63,000 acres of forested land in Southeast Alaska for the development of Carbon Offset Program with the development of carbon credits from those lands at terms acceptable to the Executive Director. The motion was made by TRUSTEE STURGEON; seconded by TRUSTEE BOYLES.

CHAIR HALTERMAN asked for any questions, commentary, or questions from the trustees. Hearing none, she called the question.

*After the roll call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Chair Halterman, yes.)*

**MOTION:** The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees approve the proposed action to fund the Carbon Offset Program from the Trust Land Office Development Account, TLODA, with \$1 million from the Trust Reserve Account. These funds do not lapse. The motion was made by TRUSTEE STURGEON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

CHAIR HALTERMAN stated that there was a great deal of discussion in this area.

MR. GREEN added to this motion that it was from the Trust Reserve Account which was to clarify and be very specific as to how the funding would come through to the Trust.

CHAIR HALTERMAN stated that she could get behind the change. It just gives clarity to the funding source. There was a change to the motion discussed at the meeting and this is the motion in front of the Board for Full Board consideration, the motion is the version of that moving forward.

TRUSTEE BOYLES complimented the TLO on the speed in which this is going.

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked Trustee Boyles, and called the question.

*After the roll call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Chair Halterman, yes.)*

CHAIR HALTERMAN stated that Resource Management was concluded.

TRUSTEE MORRIS asked if any action was required under No. 5, other business. There were two other motions listed for other business.

CHAIR HALTERMAN replied that those were motions passed at the committee level and do not need to be reconsidered. They are informational, and just part of the report from the Resource Management Committee about the actions that were taken at the committee level. She concluded the Resource Management Committee report and recognized Julee Farley for the Finance Committee report.

MS. FARLEY stated that the Finance Committee met on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. It was an active meeting and had four motions for the Full Board of Trustees for approval.

CHAIR HALTERMAN stated that these motions were considered by the Finance Committee and were being brought forward to the Full Board for final action. There was a great deal of conversation about each of these motions during the committee meeting.

**MOTION:** The Finance Committee recommends the Full Board of Trustees approve the following asset allocation for budget reserves managed by the State of Alaska Department of Revenue, effective 1 July 2024, asset allocation: Broad U.S. Equity, target number 32 percent for the range, plus or minus 5 percent; International Equity asset allocation, 25 percent, target revenue plus or minus 5 percent; Core U.S. Fixed Income, target holding 42 percent, target range plus or minus 5 percent; Cash

Equivalents, target holding of 1 percent with a target range of minus 1, plus 2 percent. The motion was made by TRUSTEE MORRIS; seconded by TRUSTEE STURGEON.

CHAIR HALTERMAN asked for any questions or commentary from the trustees. Hearing none, she called the question.

*After the roll call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Chair Halterman, yes.)*

CHAIR HALTERMAN recognized Trustee Morris.

TRUSTEE MORRIS thanked CFO Farley and the Department of Revenue and the others who worked together on updating the asset allocations. It was a good step forward.

**MOTION:** The Finance Committee recommends that the Board of Trustees adopt the attached updated Asset Management Policy Statement changes as indicated in the attached redline version. The motion was made by TRUSTEE MORRIS; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

MS. FARLEY added that in the most recent spending allocation and asset allocation review performed by Callan in April of 2022, they recommended that the revenue calculation be simplified because it was quite complex. That change is being proposed in this motion, and is in line with that recommendation.

*After the roll call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Chair Halterman, yes.)*

CHAIR HALTERMAN moved to the first motion under commercial real estate update.

**MOTION:** The Finance Committee recommends that the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees approve the incremental building expenditures totaling \$10,993,685 budgeted for the fiscal year 2025 to be paid by the property manager from rents, cash reserve, and other income collected from the properties. The motion was made by TRUSTEE MORRIS; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

CHAIR HALTERMAN asked for any comments or questions. There being none, she called the question.

*After the roll call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Chair Halterman, yes.)*

**MOTION:** The Finance Committee authorized the expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 for the purpose of performing appraisals on all commercial real estate portfolio properties, specifically to include those not previously scheduled to be conducted this year. These appraisals are to be performed on or before 30 June 2024. The motion was made by TRUSTEE MORAN; seconded by TRUSTEE STURGEON.

CHAIR HALTERMAN asked for anything further. Hearing none, she called the question.

*After the roll call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Chair Halterman, yes.)*

CHAIR HALTERMAN stated that the motion passed, and called a break.

(Break.)

CHAIR HALTERMAN called the meeting back to order and moved to the Comp Plan update. She recognized Katie Baldwin-Johnson to do the introduction.

### **COMP PLAN UPDATE/SCORECARD**

MS. BALDWIN-JOHNSON stated that she was happy to re-introduce Eliza Muse who is relatively new with the Trust. She is the evaluation and planning officer, and is working collaboratively with Stephanie Kings from the Department.

MS. MUSE stated that she was excited to be in Ketchikan to provide an update on the Comprehensive Mental Health Program Plan. Since joining the Trust in February, she had been impressed with the ongoing plan efforts led by Steph Kings who works at the Department of Health, Division of Public Health in a role partially supported by the Trust. Her leadership and willingness to go the extra mile is instrumental in this process.

MS. KINGS talked about the visions and things that were changing in the Comp Plan and where it was going. There was a decision in the current Comp Plan that exists now and would be sunseting on June 30, 2024. The same vision will be kept for the next plan. This helped to align it as an updated plan and gives the 10-year span with this new five-year Comp Plan coming out. It will run fiscal year '25 to fiscal year '29. She noted that there is a statutory requirement for the plan, which is unique to the Comp Plan. She continued that there were ten areas of focus and highlight, and nine of the goals currently exist. She highlighted that the language was changed a little bit to areas of focus, but they cover the same components, and she explained the changes. She thanked the three statutorily required advisory boards, Alaska Commission on Aging, AMHB and ABADA, and the Governor's Council for their diligence and included the workgroups and the core Comp Plan team that helped drive and support the work of the Comp Plan. She also thanked the executive leadership team, the Department of Health Commissioner's office, the Department of Family and Community Services Commissioner's office and the Trust executive leadership. It was a collaborative effort on the vision of the Comp Plan and where it is going forward. She referred to Ms. Muse to talk about the scorecard.

MS. MUSE stated that the scorecard is a tool for monitoring and evaluating health outcomes aligned with the areas of focus in the Comp Plan. The updated 2023 Alaska scorecard was recently released by the Department of Health and tracks how Alaskans are doing accessing and benefiting from mental and behavioral health services, highlighting key indicators like access to care, recovery, and overall well-being. She continued that the latest scorecard shows some good news. Alaska is doing slightly better than the national average in developmental screenings for young children, more Alaskans receive mental health care, and more care is being provided in home and community settings. She added that recent data in the scorecard indicate that many

areas of the system of care still need attention. The gap between those needing and receiving treatment for substance use has widened, and alcohol-induced deaths were a pressing issue. She stated that the tool was valuable for program planning efforts to understand where progress was made, where more work was needed, as well as for the update of the 2025 to 2029 plan.

MS. KINGS moved to the next steps in the timeline and stated that they were at an early space where content was created, which went out for public comment. There was a great turnout for public comment and that was brought back to the workgroups to review that public comment individually, and weed out what could be appropriate to incorporate in the overall document. The deadline for wrapping up the draft would be May 30<sup>th</sup>, and it will then go to the executive leadership team for review and any changes. She continued that then it would be published with the hope of being finished at the end of the summer. She thanked all for their time and for the ability to share the updates and the work done on the Comp Plan.

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked both Ms. Kings and Ms. Muse and asked if the trustees had any questions.

TRUSTEE MORRIS thanked both for the great report and stated appreciation for putting up the previous years. He continued that 2020 and 2021 data was excluded, and he asked why.

MS. MUSE replied that both years were included and explained that there was a methodological change in how SAMHSA collects the data through the National Substance and Drug Use Survey.

## **GOVERNANCE**

CHAIR HALTERMAN stated there was a handout for the Trust Land Office Executive Director charter change that the trustees were considering. She explained that this was a redline draft given to the trustees by the Department of Law. She noted the charter and a memo from the CEO and the TLO executive director with regard to feedback for consideration of this charter change. Counsel was also in the room available for trustees if there were any questions about the charter change. She explained that she had been in communication with counsel and received some feedback for the need of considerations by trustees. She continued that this is not a final document.

TRUSTEE STURGEON asked for clarification if this was to be approved today and if so, the motion should be read into the record; and if not, suggest for discussion purposes that a decision be made later on.

CHAIR HALTERMAN replied that counsel's advice was to have a discussion and not adopt this charter at this point. There were some considerations to work through and some commentary for consideration from staff. She added that she and Trustee Sturgeon had been reviewing this Executive Director Charter with counsel for the last several weeks and further developing it for consideration. She explained that this particular governance change was kicked off because the Trust was getting ready to lose the Resource Management Committee Chair, and this was a critical time to consider input from someone with a valuable amount of perspective. She continued that they had a motion for the change of the executive director of the Trust Land Office to be a direct report to the Board, and that action had taken place. The Charter needs to be finalized to make the rules about how to move this forward per the governance process. She added that counsel had identified some issues and questions and that today was not likely the day to adopt this. She stated that this was an opportunity for trustees to have a conversation on

commentary that staff gave and to give some guidance and feedback on these changes to counsel. She also understood that there may be a need for some conversation to happen in Executive Session.

TRUSTEE MORRIS stated that he had a couple of brief comments most suitable for public, and that there was also an issue to discuss in Executive Session. In the memo there was a point about the two-way street on the flow of funds to the Trust Land Office and to the Trust. He continued that there was the need to have involvement of staff that can track money, and we do not have the ability to do that as the Board.

CHAIR HALTERMAN agreed and asked if there were any folks for public comments before a motion. She recognized Trustee Morris.

**MOTION:** A motion that the Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to discuss an issue recently brought to the Board's attention concerning accounting practices involving the Trust Land Office and the Trust Administrative Office. The Executive Session is permitted under AS 44.62.310(c)(1), the issue which the immediate knowledge of which would have an adverse effect on the finances of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. The motion was made by /Trustee Morris; seconded by TRUSTEE BOYLES.

*After the roll call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Chair Halterman, yes.)*

CHAIR HALTERMAN suggested the trustees move into Executive Session along with Wendy Horton, counsel.

(Executive Session from 11:03 a.m. until 12:07 p.m.)

CHAIR HALTERMAN called the Board of Trustees back to order after an Executive Session. She asked for a trustee to read a statement for the record.

#### **NOTICE OF RETURN**

TRUSTEE MORAN stated, for the record, that she, her fellow trustees, and members of the Trust Authority and Trust Land office returned to the Full Board of Trustees meeting from the Executive Session. No decisions were made during the Executive Session.

CHAIR HALTERMAN asked for the motion.

TRUSTEE MORRIS stated that, in reviewing the proposed charter language, the trustees would like the CFO to work in conjunction with the TLO executive director to report by the next meeting to give a breakdown of the current accounting practices for the Trust Land Office and if there had been any issues in the past year; then, separately, a historical breakdown of how accounting was done prior to the 2017 charter revisions, for a history of how things were done when there was a different reporting structure.

CHAIR HALTERMAN asked for anything further. Hearing none, she called a lunch break.

(Lunch break.)

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

CHAIR HALTERMAN stated that it was time for Public Comment. She read into the record the rules for Public Comment. She recognized Eric Nichols.

MR. NICHOLS stated that he is a local resident of Ketchikan, Alaska. He shared that he had 49 years in the timber industry with the last 33 in Alaska from one end of the state to the other. The first Mental Health timber sale was purchased in 2002, and they are currently working on the Shelter Cove Road. He stated that they are a major purchaser of Mental Health timber over the course of the last 20-some years. He continued that the first phase of time was about ready to end, and the second phase is about ready to come out. The thing for the Trust now is to grow better timber faster, maintain the roads and infrastructure there. There is a need to generate income for landlords, and for returns to the Trust. He recommended, for the future, to adjust the timber with precommercial fitting to reduce the timber rotation by 20 years. There is a need to strive to get the rotation done in 50 years to be competitive with the rest of the world. He stated that ownership needs to be consolidated because this state is horrible in having multiple agencies with State lands broken up into very small pieces. He has advocated this to the Governor and the people here that it needs to be consolidated so that it is cheaper to manage. He continued that the Trust needs to be more politically involved at the State and Federal levels and is only a small piece of the timber industry here. It takes multiple ownerships to keep making them viable here, and the cost of capitalization to restart this industry is huge. If this industry goes away, there will be a loss of institutional knowledge for how to operate timber in Alaska. They do unique things no one else in the world does, and that would be problematic in the future. He added that the future market will still be here.

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked Mr. Nichols, and recognized Tandra Thompson.

MS. THOMPSON stated that she was the program director for Children's Mental Health at Community Connections and thanked trustees. She continued that they had been the recipient of many of the Trust grants, and most recently a recipient of housing for the therapeutic foster care program. She stated that about a year ago Alaska was having a foster care crisis and had lost 500 homes through the pandemic. What was found was there were many families that wanted to be foster parents that could not afford houses to put children in. They reached out to the Trust and asked if they would purchase a home to be used for families to do foster care, which they did, and it has been successful. Because of that they were able to apply for the Federal CMHI grant to help further expand into crisis stabilization to keep children out of residential and out of the local hospitals. They now are able to expand that area to serve and support children with crisis in foster care. She addressed Trustee Morris who wondered if Trust funds were being used the right way, and she said that they are. She encouraged him and the rest of the trustees to support small organizations because it is the only way their programs could expand; the only way to reach the people they want to serve. She added that they are grateful, and the trustees should be encouraged by the work they are doing.

CHAIR HALTERMAN stated appreciation for the work they do, and thanked Ms. Thompson. She recognized Dave Branding.

MR. BRANDING stated that he was a former CEO of JAMHI Health & Wellness in Juneau and was there to thank them. He continued that he was the CEO for seven years, and CEO of Southeast Behavioral Health Services in Homer for five years previous to that. Throughout his

tenure in executive leadership in Alaska, the support of the Trust had been phenomenal. He gave a few quick examples of the support and asked for continued support and attention to certified community behavioral health clinics. The three largest communities in Alaska all have CCBHCs currently, and the State of Alaska has not yet certified CCBHCs. He hoped they would because it is a pathway to a valued-based reimbursement system that would make high-quality services sustainable in the state.

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked Mr. Branding, and recognized Tara Edwards.

MS. EDWARDS introduced herself and stated that she was the parent of Leland Edwards, who just graduated from the Infant Learning Program. She stated that when he was 18 months old, he did not make any of his benchmarks at his checkup and in fact regressed and was not even able to make the benchmarks of the previous checkup. She continued that the program helped her overcome her denial that her child did have a learning delay and supported her when she had to come to terms that he was not going to learn the same way as his neuro-typical brother. Getting over her denial took some time, and it was through Infant Learning coming to her house and the one-on-one training on how to interact with him and how to engage with him that improvement was seen. She explained that Leland aged out in January and now attends a SPED preschool program. He is still mostly nonverbal, but he does make sounds and likes to sing. He has a talking device and can use up to two words, and he does sign a few words. He knows how to use the buttons in the house to request help, and is interested in other kids. His teachers remarked on how popular Leland is. He gives the best hugs, and kids actually seek him out for hugs. She thanked the Trust for supporting the program and could not picture where they would have been without it.

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked Ms. Edwards, asked if anyone online would like to give public comment.

MR. JESSEE stated that he was Jess Jessee and, in the interest of full disclosure, as an attorney he represented people with intellectual disabilities in the Mental Health Trust Land lawsuit, and was involved in the settlement. He stated that he served as the CEO of the Trust Authority for 23 years. Since his retirement from the University, he has done contract work that was paid for by the Trust. Although he was a community member of The Arc, his comments today were solely his own and in no way represented The Arc. He noticed that the recoverable grant was not on the agenda for The Arc and was concerned when the discussion of that recoverable grant resulted in denial. He felt this was done with very little discussion or explanation. He continued that nothing prepared him for what happened at the last meeting when it was reconsidered. After a four-hour Executive Session, the trustees came back with a 584-word motion with nine major clauses, nine additional terms and conditions, and purported to offer to buy The Arc's long-term, 900-year lease for a million dollars in return for reversing their footprint to their current use and intervene to a new seven-year lease. This was wrong in so many ways. First, what relationship does \$1 million have to the value of this lease when no appraisals, no assessment, to his knowledge, were made. He asked if the trustees would take that kind of deal if it was offered to them; then why would they expect The Arc to do that. He asked why there was no opportunity for The Arc to repay the million dollars and to maintain their lease. He continued that the real issue was that it seemed like the trustees had lost sight of the purpose of the Trust and their undivided duty of loyalty to the beneficiaries; not to the Trust Authority itself, but to the beneficiaries. He added that, by this motion, the trustees attempted to take advantage of the challenges faced by the Arc and manipulate them into a deal that was primarily designed to



benefit the Trust, not The Arc or the beneficiaries concerned, while the State hangs in the balance. He continued that this issue is bigger than The Arc. Many of the providers are struggling. Rates have not been adjusted for many years. Fortunately, the Department is working on that, but that will take years to sort out. He asked about their concerns for those other agencies and their clients. He asked what happened to the trustees' moral compass with their undivided duty of loyalty to beneficiaries in what should drive every action that is taken; not taking advantage of an agency that is struggling in order to get the benefit for the Trust. He believed that trustees owe everyone in Alaska, all of the beneficiaries and families and advocates an open explanation of why they think this proposal was appropriate. He continued, to all advocates and families out there, now is the time to stand up and protect the mission of the Trust.

CHAIR HALTERMAN stated appreciation for Mr. Jesse's comments and asked for anyone else online that would like to give public testimony. Hearing none, she recognized Lisa DeLaet.

MS. DeLAET thanked the Trust for the support provided to the Ketchikan community. She thanked them for bringing the Crisis Now framework to Ketchikan and stated that it was an honor to do this work as the community coordinator. 988 awareness has rapidly grown in Ketchikan, and it is saving lives. It is the community's hope that 988 stays answered in the state, and that the current leadership and staff that saved lives before 988 is implemented. The mobile integrated healthcare program will launch in Ketchikan in two weeks, and she is thankful for the Trust, especially Senior Program Manager Eric Boyer, Agnew::Beck, the Ketchikan Fire Department and the community partners, as well as the other MCT and MTH programs from around the state that helped prepare for this program. These are services that the community, the beneficiaries of the Trust, need. The Trust beneficiaries are being connected with mini-grants from the Trust that help them take steps forward. There is an opportunity to build a robust system of care that includes stabilization and the no-wrong-door services. She thanked the Trust for seeing and valuing the Ketchikan community, especially with reentry, youth crisis stabilization, Crisis Now, the mini-grants, the unhoused, and so much more, and she thanked them for their continued support.

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked Ms. DeLaet, and recognized Kara Nelson.

MS. NELSON introduced herself and stated that she is the chief operating officer for True North Recovery with services in Wasilla and Fairbanks. She is also the chair for the Mat-Su Reentry Coalition, and the chair-elect for the Alaska Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction. She stated that she was representing herself as Kara Nelson, the human being, and also True North Recovery. She noted that her boss gave her permission to do that because they go together. She began by saying that there were no words to articulate how honored they are to be able to work with the Trust and for the support received in the True North Recovery capacity, which began with Kara Nelson, the human being, 10 years ago, which was the first time she ever spoke in front of the trustees and the Board, and she will never forget. She was brand new in the field and trying to open a home for women coming out of prison. It was the first time she really felt listened to. They are all a part of her own growth over the last decade. The services happening in the Mat-Su Valley and Fairbanks, the extensive partnerships are because someone invested in her personally, individually, and then them as an organization and different organizations across the state. At a conference, CEO Williams spoke and was focusing on one: One person speaking up; one person stepping up; one person making a difference. The ripple effects from that is where she now gets to live. She was born in Ketchikan, her dad was a logger,

and she grew up in the middle of the woods all over Southeast Alaska. She lived there for 32 years and left through the prison system. She had 20 years of active addiction in and out of prison; an incredibly intense and difficult journey. She had been back a few times, but this week in talking to other providers, people in recovery, people still in use, community members, she could truly say that she feels that Southeast Alaska is in a crisis right now, and she would love to come together and really be a part of the solution. She added that this was where her journey began and she would like to partner with the Trust and the community members to really make a difference, especially with the lack of the current behavioral health services.

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked Ms. Nelson, and recognized Christine Klein.

MS. KLEIN stated that she is a lifelong Alaskan. She was a deputy commissioner of the Department of Transportation for Alaska, a CEO of Calista Regional Corporation, and also the executive for the University of Alaska Land Trust. She had some understanding of some of their duties and responsibilities, and shared that her family are beneficiaries of the Trust. She thanked the trustees for coming to Ketchikan and was glad that they could share the sunshine with all. She continued that all of the help the Trust provides to their town is critical for people and their families. Much like the previous person, she stated that she grew up here and later had to leave. She was a logging girl. She was sent away to college by her parents and could not come back because there were no jobs. Ketchikan has seen loss and devastation of our economies. She stated that in her own lifetime, 60 years, mining, timber and now fisheries did become reliant on one industry, tourism. Unfortunately, seasonal tourism jobs do not provide living wages for working families in our town, and many working families have had to leave. I have been back for some time now, full time, and it is devastating to watch; it is heartbreaking. The existing land and housing shortage has grown far worse with exploding tourism. There are very few private lands here; Federal lands completely surround the entire town. Living costs have exploded.

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked Ms. Klein for her heartfelt comments, and recognized Bob Sivertsen.

MR. SIVERTSEN thanked the Trust, the members of the Board and staff of the Mental Health Trust. He stated that he was there as chairman of the Alaska Commission on Aging and has the opportunity to travel through the state and visit lots of communities when he assesses the services being provided to seniors. He continued that he speaks with many providers, and the efforts they have in providing services. Every place he goes he sees the benefit of the Trust. There is no family that is going to be untouched by some mess in regard to family members or friends about mental health. He talked about the tremendous gap in services due to shelters closing and providers withdrawing. There are also very little resources to fix that. It is not just the City of Ketchikan; it is happening statewide. He talked about the lack of housing for everyone and about the outward migration of the youth of remote rural communities. He added that the work the Trust does is very important to the state of Alaska, and he was there to thank them for what they do as volunteers as a Trust, in managing the assets to the beneficiaries that they serve.

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked Mr. Sivertsen, and recognized Steve Hayburn.

MR. HAYBURN introduced himself and stated that he was several things in the community: During the day, he is a probation officer supervisor in Ketchikan for adult probation. He

volunteers as the vice president for First City Council on Cancer and is also a Tricare board member. His most important role is vice president for First City Homeless Services. On behalf of the organization, the board, staff, and its participants, he thanked the Trust for their ongoing support for the past two years. The Trust assisted with everything from helping to find a consultant for board training and strategic planning; funding a pilot of two new skill development programs which have positively impacted the lives of over 300 Trust beneficiaries. He continued that CEO Deb Asper wanted to be there but was unable to and sent all her gratitude. She attributes that many of the programming and organizational successes First City Homeless Services has celebrated over the past year was due to the funding and support provided by the Trust. He added that they look forward to your commitment to a continued partnership as this difficult time is navigated in the community.

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked Mr. Hayburn, and recognized Drew Herby.

MS. HERBEY introduced herself and stated that she was the Ketchikan Wellness Reentry Coalition Coordinator. She thanked the Trust, and stated that the funds provided had recently contributed to their transitional living home from a four-bedroom into a six-bedroom which allowed two extra people to receive the services they provide. All of the clients are Trust beneficiaries, and they are bringing families back together. She explained that they partner with OCS to be able to provide long-term sobriety for the clients. Their rate of recidivism in the program itself had gone down, and the plans are to continue to step out into the community, reintegrate, and be normal members of society. Stigma is also going down because, with the funding help, they were able to put on events about reentry and sobriety. Each of the clients are able to get a mini-grant from the Trust, which helps with getting vehicles or apartments. Many of the clients use it for rental assistance so that they can get a new home. She thanked the Trust for the support, and hopes to continue to receive that support.

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked Ms. Herbey, and recognized Kate Lacour.

MS. LACOUR thanked the Trust for paying for a lot of her stuff for her apartment. She needed the Trust to pay for some of the really expensive things like a bed, a couch, certain pots and pans, and a chair. The Trust paid for all that and paid for her to move herself out to her apartment and have the things she needed for her apartment.

(Applause.)

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked Ms. Lacour, and recognized Jacqueline Pope.

MS. POPE stated that she is the regional director in Ketchikan at Southeast Alaska Independent Living, or SAIL. She thanked trustees for their partnership for all of the SAIL offices across Southeast. SAIL has the pleasure of working with many different people within this community that are Alaska Mental Health Trust beneficiaries. SAIL serves over 400 beneficiaries directly every year, including individuals from every Trust category, and we do not count people served through the Aging Disability and Developmental Disability Resource Center. SAIL often works with people in this community to write the mini-grants that help people get clothing in winter, home repairs, and much more. SAIL helped one consumer, who was there, to plan her budget and write a mini-grant which covered new furniture for her house; all of it in pink, her favorite color. This was her first home, and she can live independently. The Trust had empowered SAIL staff to facilitate life-changing experiences, especially for transition-aged youth. The funding

has allowed staff to receive the following certifications: Association for Challenge Support Technology, site-specific, Level 1 and 2; Wilderness First Aid/Wilderness First Responder, recertification; Professional Ski Instructor of America, Level 1; and American Community Association, Level 2, which will be received this Friday. This funding also allowed staff to network with other industry professionals at the Association for Challenge Support Technology Annual Conference, and the Hartford Ski's Spectacular Adaptive Academy. Funding has ultimately allowed staff to gain skills and confidence to execute well-thought-out and inclusive recreation opportunities for transition-aged youth. The impact this has had on youth cannot be overstated. She stated that they were grateful for the support. Through this help, they can offer safe and exciting opportunities in recreation, and inspire independence for people of all abilities.

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked Ms. Pope, and recognized Kendra Bartholomew.

MS. BARTHOLOMEW stated that she was a recipient of a mini-grant that was offered by the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, and strongly feels that she would not be successful without that funding since applying with the Ketchikan Wellness Coalition as a reentrant. She continued that Ketchikan is a uniquely difficult location to access the many types of services that she needed to be successful and productive. She continued that coming back as a reentrant, she was fortunate to have Officer Hayburn as her pretrial probation officer. He made sure that she was able to access the services needed to be successful through the Ketchikan Wellness Coalition. She truly felt that she would not be alive today had he not been there to guide her in the right direction. She stated that she was encouraged to hear that the services are continually evolving and expanding. She stated that she was able to repair a vehicle last year which helped her do community work service, and to work full time for almost a year. She continued that the most important thing it did for her, as of April 21<sup>st</sup>, was to bring her 5-year-old son home from an Anchorage foster home, which was 2.5 years in the making. She is very grateful for the supports she has.

(Applause.)

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked Ms. Bartholomew for sharing her story, and wished her good luck with her son. She recognized Tyler McNeil.

MR. McNEIL stated that he was from Community Connections, and the senior and disability services program director. He continued that they provide services to seniors and veterans, people with Alzheimer's and dementia, as well as folks with intellectual and developmental disabilities of all ages. He thanked the Trust for the continued support over the years for Community Connections with a lot a special projects, a lot of urgent needs helping to stabilize the rack wall behind their building, security and safety, and their ability to continue to exist and provide good services in Ketchikan, Prince of Wales, and Metlakatla. He continued to talk about a few things that were happening in the world for intellectual and developmental disability services. Currently, a five-year plan has been developed to eliminate the intellectual developmental disability Medicaid waiver waitlist, and we really need continued support to see that waitlist eliminated. There is a gap that exists between graduating and getting the home-and community-based services to help continue to the next steps in life. He added that elimination of that intellectual developmental disability waitlist will result in people being able to have access to the services they need. He stated that another big topic right now is housing, which is a recurring theme in every sphere in the state. Right now, the most common model of housing for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Alaska is group homes, and there are

no group home services provided in Ketchikan for Community Connections. All of the services are one-on-one, individualized, person-centered support provided in people's homes and the community. He continued that they would love to be able to partner more in the future to help develop independent and semi-supported living environments for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to be able to take those steps by moving into their independent homes and having access to the supports they need, when needed and wanted.

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked Mr. McNeil, and recognized Danielle Nickich.

MS. NICKICH stated that she wanted to thank everybody for the time to be able to speak today, and for all that had been supported in Ketchikan already. She was particularly grateful to watch how the SeaLevel youth drop-in center project came to fruition. It was inspiring over the years to see it built, and it is an example of how vision can become reality with hard work and support. The continuum of care available to the youth of the community through this and existing programs provides them with the ability to change the trajectory of their future. She also noted the unfortunate recent closure of the adult residential and outpatient SUD and mental health services, paired with the closure of the warming shelter will have grave consequences. She asked the Board to seriously consider the proposal that will land on their desks soon. She asked that they remember the faces of Ketchikan when making decisions on what they vote to support. She stated that there were people in the room who were able to get sober utilizing those services that are no longer available. She continued that she is a grateful recovering addict that was able to access treatment services when her desire to change from the tiny window of willingness and a gift of desperation and was able to walk into a facility and ask for help. If the option no longer exists, she asked where the next struggling person will go. Being a woman in recovery, as well as a youth advocate, she sees the effects on the young people and how these struggles can perpetuate generational cycles. She has also seen the solutions. Just as substance and mental health disorder can have a ripple effect through families, so can recovery. The Stomp the Stigma Recovery March and Resource Rally is part of that ripple effect. Members in recovery want to use their lived experience to be part of the solution alongside the service providers. If these issues could be collectively addressed from every approach possible and across all age ranges, there would be the greatest impact on healing the community.

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked Ms. Nickich for sharing her story, and recognized Christine Furey.

MS. FUREY introduced herself and thanked all for everything they had done and continue to do in this community and across the state. She stated that she was a person with lived experience with substance use, mental health disorders, the legal system, both as a victim and offender, and a lot of trauma endured as a child and an adult. She was also an unhoused person and an OCS-involved parent. She stated that 90 percent of her experience occurred in this very community. All this was said to express why she felt the need to speak on what is going on in the community. She is a former SUD counselor, and is going to focus on the services or the current lack thereof. The community is doing a major disservice to this community and those surrounding them by not having a residential program for people to access services that are so desperately needed. The issues surrounding substance use are far worse today than they were 11 years ago when she found recovery, yet there are far less services. She stated that we are losing more each day and cannot be okay sitting back and watching them all disappear. The people deserve to have the opportunity for a better way of life. With no residential treatment program, many people will not have the opportunity to hear the words, "Wow, I am so glad you are here." She asked where is

“here” going to be when there is no residential program, no mental health services, and now, no high-risk shelter. When she felt wanted, safe, and supported, is when her belief systems allowed her and the world to begin to change. Her entire life and the lives of her children changed. When she treated her substance use disorder, the door to treat her trauma opened, which broke the generational curses in her family and her community. Others deserve the chance to address what happened to them, the very things that led them to making the decisions they made. She begged this community and the Trust to help them to fight alongside those who need it most. Treatment options are needed, like those in True North. Where there is life, there is hope. She stated that we need to stop losing lives and begin rebuilding hope.

(Applause.)

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked Ms. Furey, and asked if there was anyone online.

MS. WENGER stated that she was Carmen Wenger, the director of programs and acting executive director for the Alaska Pediatric Partnership.

CHAIR HALTERMAN recognized Ms. Wenger.

MS. WENGER thanked the trustees for the ongoing support for the pediatric beneficiaries, those at risk of becoming beneficiaries, through the draft Comp Plan area focus No. 1 on early childhood and youth. The focus area and its related objectives show commitment to prevention and intervention in the earliest years of life and have a continuum of care that helps families navigate the many transitions that come along at this important time that sets the trajectory for health outcomes for a lifetime. She continued that prioritization of the plan to ongoing system coordination and development would be necessary for Alaskan children to thrive. This was illustrated by an upcoming needs assessment that set aid to be finalized in June on infant and early childhood mental health supported by the Trust. The report looks at the landscape of services, funding, and access across the state and engages families, providers, and state-level leaders in understanding what exists and what is needed at this phase of the continuum of mental health services in the pediatric space. She added that the full report would be made available as soon as it is released, but a few good research questions are forming: What does the infant and early childhood mental health system look like in Alaska; what are the gaps and opportunities; do families and professionals have access to the services where they are needed; why or why not; and what is needed to expand and improve infant and childhood mental health services and supports. Some initial themes from the parent focus groups include a strong support and clear understanding for the value of prevention activities and shared challenges across resource access and barriers resulting from the pandemic. Themes from providers and State leaders include the fragmentation of the system and lack of investment in creating a cohesive system of care. Many of the themes mirror the priorities outlined in the first area of focus in the Draft Comp Plan, and she is optimistic in the progress that could be made now that there would be concrete needs identified and the support working through the implementation of Comp Plan objectives. As there continues to be a focus on youth behavioral health and the ongoing youth crisis, there is a need to remember that having meaningful services for the youngest Alaskans is how to make a difference to families today and the youth of tomorrow.

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked Ms. Wenger and asked for anyone else online for public comment. There being no one, she turned to the room and asked if there was anyone else in the

room that had not signed up that would like to give public comment. Seeing none, she stated that it was 1:18 and ended the public comment period. She called a five-minute break.

(Break.)

CHAIR HALTERMAN called the meeting back to order, and recognized Allison Biastock for the Communications update.

### **COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE**

CCO BIASTOCK stated her appreciation for the opportunity to provide an update on the communications program.. She acknowledged her colleagues at both the Authority and the Land Office for the great things they provide to communicate about. She stated a special thank you to Valette Keller, who supported much of the work that would be shared today. She began with an explanation of why they direct Trust resources to a communications program and shared their communications goals. In addition to beneficiary-related goals, there is consistent work to increase the understanding of the organization, the assets, how they earn, manage, and deploy the resources. She talked about the importance of good communication to an organization and about the work of both the Trust Authority and the Trust Land Office to increase awareness of the organization. She moved to the standing updates and explained the information that is covered, and added that each time they talk about the program it references the website. In looking at the analytics, she noted that there was a reduction in overall traffic, but there are fluctuations which are driven by the paid media account. Last year there were real big numbers, and this year showed a little bit of a drop. If the downward trend continues, it will be closely looked at. She moved to social media and stated that they maintain both Trust Facebook and Instagram accounts, as well as Facebook pages devoted to the Trust Land Office, and one exclusively devoted to Trust Land Office land sales. She continued that the bulk of activity is on the Authority page, which also has the largest audience. She mentioned that social media is a relatively low-cost way to message and can boost earned media. There is continued growth in the audiences which was a trend seen continuously over her last six years of the Trust, and that number continues to climb. She went through Reach, a metric that shows the number of folks who see the content, and she spoke about the activity on all the pages. She stated that while all those numbers were down, there was still a lot of coverage. She continued to the paid media campaigns. The first step was about the Trust or land campaign which began in the fall of 2022 following direction from the Board to help increase the understanding of the unique role of the Trust and Trust lands, and how revenue was generated from Trust lands to help support the beneficiary populations. The most recent spot was created in 2023, and it helped viewers understand that revenue generation and how that trickles down to supporting the beneficiaries. Thanks to some animation and a voiceover script, we were able to relay a relatively complex message in about 30 seconds. She shared the video.

(Video shown.)

CCO BIASTOCK stated that for the ad, the most recent buy ran from December until the end of February; about \$120,000 was spent on media. This iteration of the campaign focused on digital ads and programmatic ads and YouTube, as well as some audio only through digital radio and Alaska Public Media. The analytics show how many times the ad was served, which was over 7 million impressions and 14,000 clicks that went through to the How Does the Trust Land Support Trust Beneficiaries website, which is linked to the home page. She moved to the anti-stigma campaign and stated that the newest iteration intends to increase the understanding of

challenges faced by the beneficiary populations and positively change attitudes and behaviors toward them. She explained how it worked, and then showed the four spots.

(Videos shown.)

CCO BIASTOCK continued through her presentation and gave the highlights from the new e-newsletter and mentioned the annual report that was finalized in January. She stated that the dates of their conference were September 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> at the Dena'ina Center. Conference themes were developed and shared as part of the call for speakers, which was currently underway and open through the end of the month. The agenda is very hard and final. The plan is to have a combination of plenary sessions, keynote addresses, as well as three concurrent breakout sessions. Details for two preconference events offered for Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>, also at the Dena'ina, were being finalized: One would have a technology focus and the other would look at grant-writing skills. She noted that both registration and travel scholarships would be offered to support attendance. The trustees approved a total budget of \$180,000 for the event, and we will stay on or under budget; we have seen some cost increases since 2022. She concluded that she would be happy to discuss any comments or questions about the overall goals, the tools or tactics, and appreciated trustee perspectives as they do inform the communications decisions.

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked Ms. Biastock, and asked for any questions.

TRUSTEE BOYLES stated that Ms. Biastock has done an awesome job, and she is proud of her.

TRUSTEE STURGEON stated that it was a great presentation and thanked Ms. Biastock.

CHAIR HALTERMAN moved to the discussion of the Fiscal Year 2024 budget amendment.

### **FY25 BUDGET AMENDMENT**

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON asked for the motion to be read.

**MOTION:** The Board of Trustees approves amending the fiscal year '25 budget to update the following budget area: One, Non-Focus Area Allocations: Allocate the fiscal year '25 Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Mini-Grant funds to Information Insights. Mental Health & Addiction Intervention: Update the recipient of the Partnerships: Recover Alaska projects from Sultana to Recover Alaska. These modifications do not alter the total amount of the fiscal year '25 budget. The motion was made by TRUSTEE BOYLES; seconded by TRUSTEE MORRIS.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON stated that this was an agenda item that lets trustees work with staff to do some technical cleanup. She explained that trustees approve a budget in a two-year cycle and there may be some development that happens throughout the year that results with the need to come back to trustees in the spring before the beginning of the next fiscal year to address technical cleanup. The first amendment is to the mini-grant program, and the change reflects the designation of Information Insights for the Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities Mini-Grant as the grant administrators after going through a competitive state procurement process. The second amendment was under the Mental Health & Addiction focus area, which was for the Recover Alaska partnerships; Sultana, through Foraker, was the fiscal agent because Recover Alaska was not a recognized nonprofit organization. Recover Alaska obtained their



nonprofit status and no longer needs Foraker/Sultana as a fiscal agent. Making that approval enables the grant to be initiated beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, the beginning of the next fiscal year.

CHAIR HALTERMAN asked if this allowed more money to flow directly to Recover Alaska because they do not have administrative costs for another fiscal agent to manage their funding.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON replied that it would because Sultana does charge an administrative fee for managing those funds. More of the funds would actually be used for doing the direct advocacy of Recover Alaska.

CHAIR HALTERMAN asked for any questions or comments. Seeing none, she called the question.

*After the roll call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Chair Halterman, yes.)*

CHAIR HALTERMAN stated that the motion passed, and called a break.

(Break.)

#### **STATUTORY ADVISORY UPDATE**

CHAIR HALTERMAN stated they were at the time on the agenda for statutory updates. She pointed out to trustees that there was an additional document, an informational report from the Audit & Risk Committee that was not discussed. There were no motions to consider, and it summarizes the actions within the Audit & Risk Committee. She recognized Patrick Reinhart and Jena Crafton for the statutory advisory update from the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education.

MR. REINHART stated that he was executive director of the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Ed.

MS. CRAFTON stated she was the Chair.

MR. REINHART began with a recap and history of the structure of the Council and then moved to Council updates, news and projects, legislative update and their progress. He added that he shared a copy of the annual report and a copy of the State Plan with the trustees, and added that they were also available for folks in the audience. He continued that some of the publications on the back table were: Disaster Preparedness for the families and children and youth with special healthcare needs; the "Get Ready! Alaska" emergency preparedness toolkit for people with disabilities; the Empowerment Through Employment Resource Book; and a pamphlet on supportive decision-making. He stated that the Council was up to 26 members, and they had three vacancies. He continued that 60 percent of people on the Council are people with intellectual or developmental disabilities, or a family member, which is a requirement by Federal law and State statute. He talked about the several designated partners and added that there were eight people on the Council staff, and that they were finally fully staffed. He then went through the five statutory responsibilities and moved to the update of the SDMA website. He stated that they were looking at training youth with disabilities about SDMAs because once they become a person under full guardianship, they sign away their full life rights. Youth with disabilities

coming out of high school need to be trained that full guardianship was not the direction to go, and they need to be in charge of their own life, which means having something like an SDMA or an alternative to guardianship. He added that there were certain people that absolutely needed a guardian and full-time care, but there were far too many that do not need that.

MS. CRAFTON talked about her experiences at the Disabilities Policy Seminar in April where people meet and talked about understanding disabilities, autism care, reauthorization of the Federal Act, some of the issues that people with disabilities struggle with Social Security and more.

MR. REINHART continued his presentation and talked about the community inclusion supports committee and what they were working on. He asked Ms. Crafton to talk about the Full Lives presentation.

MS. CRAFTON stated that she and Anna Attla presented at Full Lives Conference, and Anna usually does not talk because of her shyness, but she spoke a lot. Karen Heath, the new director of Center for Human Development, was also there.

MR. REINHART moved to the “Get Ready!” toolkit which is in the process of being redone with a special grant.

TRUSTEE MORRIS asked about the IDD backlog and waitlist and stated that he understood that there was a limit to the number of folks that received IDD waivers each year.

MR. REINHART replied yes, the State planned to draw 75 people a year. The plan needs to continue for the next year when the plan is to eliminate the waitlist. He moved to the self-advocacy and leadership committee and talked of their support of the Peer Power Summit and the continued funding of Empower Hour. They would have disability pride celebrations in July. Anchorage is set to have one on the Park Strip June 27<sup>th</sup>, another at Soldotna City Park on June 20<sup>th</sup>, and various smaller ones around the state. He continued to the employment committee which had been with the Mat-Su Employer Expo in March, and the ABLEtoSAVE Campaign in April. They are pushing out ABLE and discovered there were all kinds of issues and quirks with ABLE accounts for certain people with disabilities. He explained that on January 2, 2026, to be eligible to create an ABLE account, the minimum age would go up from 26 to 46. They were looking into fixing some of the quirks. He stated that the project search with statewide efforts in Fairbanks, Mat-Su and Anchorage keep going, and we can send three people from each of the project search sites to the national conference this summer in Albuquerque, New Mexico, because they voted into the new Federal grant they received. He spoke about Judy Heumann, an unbelievable disability activist that he knew who passed away this year; a wonderful woman, and still an inspiration to people with disabilities around the world. He ended the presentation.

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked both Mr. Reinhart and Ms. Crafton, and stated that it was an honor to be at their board meeting. It was a wonderful meeting with a lot of conversations, which gave a bit more detail of what they hear as trustees. She highly encouraged all trustees to cycle through some of the advisory meetings on occasion and to participate. If interested, she stated that they should send her a request and she would coordinate with Ms. Delong to get the approval to participate. These are very beneficial meetings and a wonderful experience.

MR. REINHART thanked Chair Halterman and added that the fall Council meeting would be two days after the Trust conference.

CHAIR HALTERMAN recognized Stephanie Hopkins, the acting executive director for the Alaska Mental Health Board, Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse.

**ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH BOARD, ADVISORY BOARD ON ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE**

MS. HOPKINS introduced herself and stated that the joint issue of the boards was to advocate for programs and services that promote healthy, independent, and productive Alaskans. As a membership update, the Mental Health Board and ABADA, Statewide Suicide Prevention Council, have membership representing Eagle River, Kotzebue, Fairbanks, Palmer, Anchorage, Ninilchik, and Wasilla, along with the board members, staff and the partners in the Trust for a quick photo. She pointed out that James Savage, chair of the Mental Health Board, was their tour guide at the Day One Center last year for the Trust. She continued that there were a couple of vacant seats on the Mental Health Board; one public seat, and four lived-experience seats which are folks or their family members that have world experience with mental health. The chair for the ABADA Board was Ketchikan's Renee Schofield, and there were three lived experiences vacant on that board. She continued through the staff updates and then stated that they did their best to meet their statutory obligations to advise the Legislature this year, but lacked the people. She explained that they have a number levels of vetting: A hiring committee with all three board which then got to Department of Administration and then the Department of Health, then the Boards and Commission, and then to the Office of the Governor; a very long paper trail. One of the candidates took another position, and the next two did not make it past the vetting process. She moved to an update on their activities and stated that Trustee Moran joined them in Wasilla. She continued that the board members asked that they explore opportunities for the community service activity and were able to coordinate with MyHouse to host a Narcan build. They were able to put together 400 overdose reversal kits for use in all of Mat-Su, but at MyHouse, particularly. She stated that there was an opportunity to celebrate Sam Garcia, one of the newest board members, who achieved his eight-year chip during the meetings. The focal point of the meeting was to focus and re-center on their statutory authority and the obligations that come along with that. They have three statutes, ABADA's AS 44.29.140, AMHB's 44.29.140, and SAMHSA, a federally designated state planning council on behavioral health, 42 U.S. Code Subsection 300x-3, which all prioritize the centering of the voices of people with lived experience and amplifying those. Their purpose, first and foremost, is to find that feedback and then apply that to the folks that make the decisions. They want to make sure that they were sharing the real-world impacts of those decisions. She continued through her presentation and stated that their upcoming meeting is on July 17, from 9:00 to 3:00, via Zoom. In addition to the membership resolution, they would be getting an update on the Block Grant application coming up this fall, and then publish reports on the current Walk Grant. Then the plan is to hear from the planning councils for behavioral health for other states, which have been very helpful in the strategic planning process. She added that they would be in Ketchikan in October, invited trustees to join them, and concluded her update.

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked Ms. Hopkins, and asked for any questions.

TRUSTEE MORRIS thanked Ms. Hopkins for the update. He stated that earlier they heard that alcohol-induced mortality in Alaska was three times the national average and getting worse. He asked what should be done about that.

MS. HOPKINS replied that she believes that it was drugs and alcohol in the state. Those overdose deaths are skyrocketing year by year. The alcohol issue was one that the boards have not had the capacity to deal with in the past two years without a full staff.

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked Ms. Hopkins, and continued to the Alaska Commission on Aging.

### **ALASKA COMMISSION ON AGING**

MR. HAGHAYEGHI stated that he is the executive director of the Alaska Commission on Aging and began with an introduction to a Trust-funded position that has not been filled since he started, and now they are fully staffed. He continued that Yasmin Radbod will talk about what she has been working on as they relate to ACoA and the Trust beneficiaries. The annual report can be found on their website with an accessible version available. Also available is the Senior Snapshot. Both of those files are available to download; and a hard copy can be sent over, if they just email him. Next on the radar was the implementation of the new Older Americans Act rule which requires changes to the State Plan for Senior Services that was implemented last October. He added that Senate Bill 189 is waiting for the Governor's signature. He introduced Yasmin Radbod who had been with the commission for about three months.

MS. RADBOD stated that it was a pleasure to be there and added to reach out anytime to know more about her background and experience. She continued that last year she worked with the Elder Mentor Program at RuralCAP and is still close with the program and doing rural outreach. She is able to utilize a lot of the partnerships and relationships that she had built. She added that her maternal grandfather helped build the ALCAN in World War II. She also was great at bringing people together and creating unique solutions and filling gaps where needed that were not met in communities. The new RuralCAP AmeriCorps Senior site is up that she built for the program, and they just received their funding to expand the new Senior Companion Program to Alaska Native Elders and all seniors 55 and older in Alaska. This is a program of seniors volunteering and visiting another elder at their home, helping them with paperwork, and receiving a small tax-free stipend for the volunteer service. It is part of the AmeriCorps Seniors national program. She highly recommended checking underneath the page, Alaska Commission on Aging. She continued that she posts something every day related to aging in Alaska. It is a great resource to share with folks, especially caregivers or adult children who are looking for resources and becoming their parents' caregivers. She continued that part of her performance measures is creating a new rural long-term-care work plan, and she began some preliminary work and will keep them updated. She worked on assisted living homes in Rural Alaska and would be meeting with Agnes Sweetsir at the Yukon Koyukuk Assisted Living Facility in June.

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked Ms. Radbod, and asked for any questions.

TRUSTEE BOYLES welcomed Ms. Radbod to Alaska and asked about her background in dementia.

MS. RADBOD replied that her grandmother had dementia, and she has been doing a lot of research. The ADRD teleconference was in April with the Commission, and we are looking at working on biomarker testing for Alaska, building legislation, and getting support for that.

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked Ms. Radbod for the presentation. She continued to the CEO annual performance evaluation. She asked Trustee Fisher to make a motion to move into an Executive Session.

**MOTION:** A motion that the Board of Trustees move into Executive Session to complete the annual evaluation of the CEO. This Executive Session is permissible under the Open Meetings Act, AS 44.62.310(c)(2), as the matters to be discussed may tend to prejudice the reputation and/or character of various individuals; The motion was made by TRUSTEE FISHER; seconded by TRUSTEE MORRIS.

*After the roll call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Sturgeon, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Trustee Boyles, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Fisher, yes; Chair Halterman, yes.)*

CHAIR HALTERMAN moved into Executive Session and stated that, initially, Wendy, the counsel, will join, and they would have a brief conversation. Valette Keller will be brought in after some foundational conversation with trustees, and then we will have the evaluation in Executive Session.

(Executive Session from 3:56 p.m. until 4:51 p.m.)

CHAIR HALTERMAN brought the meeting back from Executive Session and asked someone to read into the record the language of returning to the open meeting.

#### **NOTICE OF RETURN**

TRUSTEE MORAN stated, for the record, that she and fellow trustees returned to the Full Board of Trustee meeting from the Executive Session. During the Executive Session, the Board of Trustees only discussed items identified in the motion to move into Executive Session. The Board of Trustees did not take any action while in Executive Session other than to give direction to counsel pursuant to Alaska Statute 44.62.310.

CHAIR HALTERMAN entertained a motion to recess.

TRUSTEE STURGEON stated that he would like to make the motion as, maybe, his last official act.

CHAIR HALTERMAN thanked Trustee Sturgeon and wished him well. He would be sincerely Missed, and she looked forward to seeing him again when he was in town.

TRUSTEE STURGEON enjoyed working with a lot of you and, trustees, see you guys around. Adios.

CHAIR HALTERMAN recessed the meeting.

(Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees meeting recessed at 5:01 p.m.)