

**ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY
SPECIAL FULL BOARD MEETING
January 21, 2025
2:00 p.m.**

**Hybrid/Webex Meeting:
Originating at:
Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 200
Anchorage, Alaska 99508**

Trustees Present: (Virtually)

Brent Fisher, Chair
Kevin Fimon
Corri Feige
John Morris
Rhonda Boyles
Anita Halterman

Trust Staff Present:

Allison Biastock
Katie Baldwin-Johnson
Shannon Cochran
Valette Keller
Julee Farley
Luke Lind
Carrie Predeger
Michael Baldwin
Eric Boyer
Kat Roch
Kelda Barstad
Tina Voelker-Ross
Eliza Muse
Debbie DeLong
Heather Phelps

Trust Land Office staff present:

Jusdi Warner
Sarah Morrison
Cole Hendrickson
Mariana Sanchez
Katie Vachris

Also participating:

Jerry Jenkins; Travis Welch; Ann Ringstad; Paul Cornils; John P; S. H.

PROCEEDINGS

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR FISHER called the meeting to order and began with a roll call. He asked for any announcements. There being none, he entertained a motion for the approval of the agenda.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: A motion to approve the agenda was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FEIGE.

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

ETHICS DISCLOSURE

CHAIR FISHER asked for any ethics disclosures. There being none, he moved to the Personnel Update.

PERSONNEL UPDATE

CHAIR FISHER stated that the purpose for this special board meeting is to take a vote on a hiring selection. He stated appreciation for all of the hard work, time, and effort that Allison Biastock has put forth as the Acting CEO since August. She has done a great job leading the efforts with the staff and keeping things moving forward. He expressed appreciation for her continuing on even a bit further than originally expected to get the hire made for a new CEO. He asked for a motion.

MOTION: A motion that the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees approve and confirm the selection of Dr. Mary Wilson as the chief executive officer of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. The effective date for this appointment shall be January 22, 2025. The motion was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

TRUSTEE FEIGE asked about any feedback from interactions with staff and the incoming CEO.

CHAIR FISHER asked Ms. Biastock for an update.

MS. BIASTOCK turned it over to Vallette Keller, administration services manager, because she was involved in that.

MS. KELLER replied that Dr. Wilson did meet with a number of Trust staff, as well as partners, and had a good, long conversation with a number of people. All of the feedback from that meeting was provided to trustees over e-mail. She stated that the feedback was overwhelmingly positive from all of those individuals.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN echoed what was said with regard to Allison Biastock and expressed gratitude for her continuing on in the acting role until the confirmation of the selection was made. She also thanked Katie Baldwin-Johnson and the staff that insured that this was a seamless process. This could not have been done without the staff and the commitment to the

trustees as we worked through the process.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Trustee Halterman, and asked for any other comments or questions. There being none, he called the vote.

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

CHAIR FISHER stated that all of the trustees present have voted unanimously to hire Dr. Mary Wilson as the new chief executive officer of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority. Dr. Wilson will begin tomorrow. He feels very confident that she will do well and will work well with the staff; and we will work well in executing the direction and strategy that the Board of Trustees has for the Trust, and to help the beneficiaries. He asked for any other comments.

TRUSTEE FIMON also expressed his thanks to Ms. Biastock and Ms. Keller and all the others for their work. He also stated appreciation for the communication and feedback in getting the process through.

CHAIR FISHER asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

MOTION: A motion to adjourn the Special Full Board meeting was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE MORRIS.

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

(Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Special Full Board of Trustees meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.)