

**ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY
FULL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**

August 28, 2025

8:30 a.m.

Hybrid/Zoom Meeting:

Originating at:

**Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
3745 Community Park Loop, Suite 200
Anchorage, Alaska 99508**

Trustees Present:

Brent Fisher, Chair
John Morris
Anita Halterman
Kevin Fimon
Agnes Moran
Corri Feige (virtual)
Josie Hickel

Trust Staff Present:

Mary Wilson
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
Jeff Green
Sarah Morrison
Katie Vachris
Brittany Williams
Tracy Salinas

Also participating:

Karen Heath; Jamie Phillips; Lisa Cauble; Chelsea Burke; Kermit Wislson; Marty Lange; Gene Hickey; Heidi Hedberg; Betsy Wood; Tracy Dompeling; Chrissy Vogeley; Tamar Ben-Yosef;

Carmen Wenger; Shannon McCain; Samantha Ponto; Bryan Brandenburg; Dani Alston; Ronto Roney; Marcia Hefker; Mike Fisher; Colleen File; Nate Seymour; Shanna Zuspan; Curtis Fincher; Christopher Orman; Charles Simons; Marsha Oss; Brenda McFarland; Maggie Winston; Lisa Ellison; Dani Alston; Stephanie Wheeler; Shannon Cochran; Dewayne Harris; Hazel LeCount; Mike Fisher; Alvin Ancheta; Christina Saetern; Kerri Tanner; Colleen Young.

PROCEEDINGS

CALL TO ORDER

CHAIR FISHER called the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority board meeting to order and began with a roll call. He welcomed all, and Commissioner Heidi Hedberg from the Department of Health.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

COMMISSIONER HEDBERG stated that she and Betsy Wood would be talking about the Reconciliation Bill and the three major changes: MAPS, Medicaid, and the Rural Health Transformation Fund. She began with the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP, or referred to as food stamps. She highlighted the four major changes within SNAP: The first is around the work requirements with the age change of 18 to 64 years of age; second is the benefit amount; third is state penalties for payment errors; and fourth is the administrative cost sharing. She continued to the Medicaid changes and turned it over to Ms. Wood.

MS. WOOD stated that in looking at the Medicaid changes and impacts in the bill, it is important to begin with a conversation around Medicaid financing. She continued that Medicaid funding in Alaska is insulated from some of the biggest cuts in the bill because we do not use provider taxes or state-directed payments. That means that the core Federal match rates stay stable, and we will not see some of the across-the-board Federal funding reductions that other states may be dealing with. The impacts to Alaska's Medicaid program come from other provisions like eligibility redeterminations, community engagement requirements, and some new administrative requirements that are big changes for the program, which she explained.

COMMISSIONER HEDBERG transitioned to the Rural Health Transformation Fund, which is a five-year fund that is intended to help states with transforming the delivery of healthcare to rural communities. It really is to increase access and outcomes. She underscored that this is one-time funding that is for five years, with a two-year spenddown of how we come together to truly transform the delivery of healthcare. Alaska is decades behind compared to other states in many areas, but is very much advanced in other areas like Telehealth.

MS. WOOD encouraged anyone interested in this program, in these funds, and what it can do for their organizations, how it could be leveraged to support communities across the state, to be thinking about that sustainability plan and about innovation and transformation. The notice of funding opportunity from CMS is expected to be released in mid-September. CMS has started holding a few webinars for State staff on how they are thinking about the program. There is an emphasis on transformation and innovation. CMS is very interested in driving that change, providing startup funds to get new systems in place.

COMMISSIONER HEDBERG highlighted the lack of access to primary care. If you have that access, a lot of early interventions happen in that setting, and we have to focus on primary care. The second is around behavioral health. They are committed to continuing to build out the continuum of care for behavioral health that dovetails into the complex work they are doing. They have a bill that passed out of the House, the Senate Finance, and then the Senate floor. It creates that license type that will help in working with providers and possibly using this funding to build out small-type homes to take care of individuals with behavioral health, physical and developmental disabilities. She also focused on the aging populations and retaining some of this funding to possibly change reimbursement structures. She continued that they have had a lot of robust conversations with stakeholders and was heartened by the responses. She added using this one-time opportunity to truly help transform the healthcare system and not fill a gap in the budget.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Commissioner Hedberg, and called a five-minute break.

(Break.)

CHAIR FISHER called the meeting back to order. He moved to the Department of Family & Community Services with Deputy Commissioner Tracy Dompeling.

DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY & COMMUNITY SERVICES

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOMPELING recognized Chrissy Vogeley, senior policy advisory for the Department of Family & Community Services.

MS. VOGLEY stated that the newest updates involve staffing changes, which she spoke about.

DEPUTY COMMISSIONER DOMPELING thanked all for the time today and stated that Commissioner Kovol sent her apologies for not being able to be here. She gave a brief background of her career and added that it was wonderful to be in the Department. She continued that they would be working to meet all of the goals and objectives within the different divisions, and she was excited about the team. She was also excited to be back into the direct care work oversight, and to be working with the Trust.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any questions. There being none, he thanked them both, and called a 15-minute break.

(Break.)

PROGRAM & PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT/UPDATE

CHAIR FISHER called the meeting back to order, and recognized COO Katie Baldwin-Johnson.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON stated that this portion of the agenda will be taking some follow-up actions from the Program & Planning Committee meeting items that were reviewed and considered by trustees in July. She began with a couple of the highlights from the meeting itself. Heather Phelps was recognized and congratulated on being selected to serve as a member of the National Assessment and Treatment Planning Work Group for the American Society of Addiction Medicine's work on guidance for correctional settings and reentry.

(Applause.)

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON continued that Ms. Phelps' work in that area aligns with the Trust's mission, and we are excited for her to participate in that. She moved to the Board action which is necessary in follow-up from all of the grant proposals that came through the Program & Planning Committee. She reminded all that the committee considered all of the proposals that were previously on the May docket for review and any of those that came forward to trustees since that time. She continued that this was a consent agenda as presented to the Program & Planning Committee, structured for those grants that were \$75,000 or less. She moved to the requested motion for the Full Board to consider.

MOTION: A motion that the Board of Trustees approves the following 14 partnership grants totaling \$541,014, as outlined in the list below to include:

1. OpiAid, "OpiAID Phase 2," \$75,000;
2. Native Village of Dot Lake, "Domestic Violence Safe Housing and Counseling," \$60,000;
3. United Way of Anchorage, "Home for Good-Qualitative Evaluation of Permanent Supportive Housing Project," \$51,176;
4. Battle Dawgs, "Operation Arctic Renewal: Outdoor-based Suicide Prevention for Veterans," \$50,000;
5. Anchorage School District, "Pop Up Playgrounds," \$50,000;
6. Interior Community Health Center, "Dental Grant," \$50,000;
7. Mat-Su Health Services, "Dental Grant," \$50,000;
8. Kin Support Program Haa Yaitxu Saiani, "Southeast Alaska Kin Support Pilot," \$50,000;
9. Cook Inlet Counseling, "Sage/Saltbox Implementation," \$32,575;
10. Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities, "Complex Care – Providers United to Create Options," \$27,500;
11. FOCUS, Incorporated, "Phone Replacement System," \$14,763;
12. Interior AIDS Association, "IAA Building Improvements," \$10,000;
13. Arc of Alaska, "Workforce Sustainability Partnership with GoodLife University," \$10,000;
14. Frontier Community Services, "Goodlife at Frontier Community Services," \$10,000.

These funds will come from the Partnership/Designated Grant lines of the FY25 and FY26 budgets. The motion was made by TRUSTEE MORAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

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

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON moved to the next section of the proposals to be considered by the Full Board. The committee separately discussed 20 individual grant proposals over \$75,000 not included in the consent agenda. The projects considered and recommended to the Full Board included 20 grant proposals, but did not approve all 20. She listed the proposals that did not receive unanimous vote, stating that they are highlighted with numbers with an opportunity for further discussion.

TRUSTEE MORAN asked a procedural question on pulling these out before or after a motion.

MR. HICKEY recommended making a motion first, remove any items from the consent agenda first, and then move for the passage of the remaining in the consent agenda after that. And then the Board considers those removed after going through the consent agenda.

CHAIR FISHER stated that four have been identified to pull out to discuss separately. He asked the trustees if they wanted any others pulled from the list.

MS. HALTERMAN clarified that there were six that had some dissent from a trustee and asked if all six should not be discussed.

TRUSTEE MORAN stated that there was extended discussion on six, but there were four with a dissenting vote.

CHAIR FISHER asked for a motion to pull those four.

MOTION: A motion was made to remove the following items from the consent agenda:

1. NAMI Juneau, "Peer Support in Juneau & Southeast Alaska," \$175,000;
2. NAMI Anchorage, "NAMI Anchorage FY26 Operating Grant," \$168,800;
3. Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web, "Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web Grant," \$333,600;
4. Polaris House, "Clubhouse Support for Rehabilitation and Recovery" \$213,000.

The motion was made by TRUSTEE MORAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

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

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON asked for a pause to update the motion with those items removed. Then the entire consent agenda can be reconsidered as one, and the individual grants can be discussed further.

TRUSTEE HICKEL asked if the entire list needs to be read again.

MR. HICKEY replied yes, but he did not believe there had been a motion on the floor for the consent agenda yet.

MOTION: The Board of Trustees approves the following 14 Authority Grants totaling \$1,561,014 as outlined below to include from the FY26 beneficiary employment and engagement focus area mental health advocacy support, education, and public awareness budget line:

1. NAMI Alaska, "A lifeline for Alaskans," \$50,000;
2. From FY26 Beneficiary Employment and Engagement focus area, Clubhouse Support for Rehabilitation and Recovery budget line, Northern Hope Center, "Northern Hope Center Mental Health Drop-in Center," \$160,000;

3. From FY25 Mental Health and Addiction Intervention focus area, Child and Youth Crisis Response System of Care and Technical Assistance budget line, North Star Community Foundation, “NSCF/Fairbanks Reentry Coalition Housing Assistance,” for \$80,000; Valley Charities, “Mat-Su Reentry Coalition Housing Project,: for \$80,000; Mat-Su Health Foundation, “Crisis Now Implementation Coordinator for Mat-Su,” \$38,003;
4. From FY26 Housing and Home- and Community-Based Services focus area, Beneficiary Housing Projects and Related Services budget line, Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services, “NWAK Housing Intervention program,” \$254,757; Alaska AIDS Assistance Association, “Housing GAAP Funding for Trust Beneficiaries Living with HIV,” \$134,400; Community Connections, “1st Street Triplex Upgrades: Supported Apartment Living for People Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities,” \$75,000;
5. From FY25 Early Childhood Intervention & Prevention priority area, Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Capacity Building budget line: All Alaska Pediatric Partnership, “Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health (IECMH) Line Pilot Project,” \$220,500; Alaska Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, “Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health Consultation Project,” \$113,620;
6. From FY25 Early Childhood Intervention & Prevention priority area, Improved Social Determinants of Health Budget Line, Association for the Education of Young Children – Southeast Alaska, “4th Trimester Project – Parents as Teachers and Circles of Security for Classrooms,” \$100,000;
7. From FY25 Early Childhood Intervention & Prevention priority area, Improved Social Determinants of Health, FY25 Partnerships/Designated Grants budget lines, Presbyterian Hospitality House, Inc., “The Extra Mile Strengthening Alaskan Families,” \$75,000. \$50,000 of these funds will come from the Keep the Kids Home line and \$25,000 will come from the Partnerships/Designated Grants lines of FY25 budget.
8. From FY26 Partnerships/Designated Grants budget line: Alaska Safety Alliance, Re-Envisioned: Alaska’s New Statewide Health Workforce Coalition project, \$91,734; Alaska Brain Injury Consortium, Roads to Recovery: Scaling Community Capacity with the Alaska Brain Bus, \$88,000.

The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

MR. LIND stated that the motion is incorrect, the backup memo has the correct amount. He apologized.

CHAIR FISHER called a two-minute pause for the numbers to be recalculated.

(Pause.)

MOTION: TRUSTEE FIMON corrected that the first sentence in the read motion, “The Board of Trustees approves the following 14 Authority Grants totaling \$1,589,280” is a correction from what was first read, all the way down to the next-to-last grant read and would re-read: “Alaska Safety Alliance, Re-Envisioned: Alaska’s New Statewide Health Workforce Coalition Project, \$120,000,” which is the correct amount over the \$91,734 read earlier. For those looking in the pamphlet, that is also reflected in the change on Page 171. The top grant at the top changes from \$91,734 to \$120,000; the correction was

seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

CHAIR FISHER asked for discussion.

TRUSTEE MORAN asked for the representatives here from the All Alaska Pediatric Partnership and thanked them. She continued that this is probably the third grant they have brought before trustees, and the uniqueness is that each one of their subsequent grants worked and built off of the funding given to them. She also commented on their realistic timeline. She appreciated seeing the Trust's initial investment grow, change, and adapt through the years.

MR. BEN-YOSEF stated that he is the executive director for All Alaska Pediatric Partnership.

MS. WENGER stated that she is the director of programs.

MR. BEN-YOSEF stated that it was great to see the recognition of what they have been trying to do and was also grateful for the Trust support that enables them to meet the demand in a thoughtful and proactive way that adapts to Alaska's diverse community.

MS. WENGER also thanked the trustees for their support. She continued that their organization is grounded in values around using data to support the work they do and build on that. She added appreciation for the recognition and support.

TRUSTEE MORAN highlighted another grant because it deals with a very difficult topic and that is the Presbyterian Hospitality House. They deal with a population with a high return on the investment if there is early intervention, and that is youth sexual offenders. They are being very brave by stepping up to try to mend those families, and she appreciated that.

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

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

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON moved to the second step for the trustees to have an opportunity to discuss the four that were removed from the consent agenda. They began with the NAMI Juneau proposal.

MOTION: The Board of Trustees approve a \$175,000 FY26 Beneficiary Employment and Engagement grant to NAMI Juneau for the Peer Support in Juneau and Southeast Alaska project. These funds will come from the Mental Health Advocacy Support Education and Public Awareness line of the FY26 budget. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

TRUSTEE FEIGE stated that she was a dissenting vote on this and it is not because of the very fine work NAMI does. Her angst with this particular request is that she refers to it as a rinse/repeat, and she did not have a sense that other funding sources were being sought. She continued that she would like to see enduring grants coming to the Trust for catalyst and

innovation, and then finding sustaining program funds in other locations.

TRUSTEE MORAN stated that her comments apply to all four of these. Three of these grants initially started out as Trust initiatives and were supposed to be catalyst funding. Her problem with them is that they are 18 years on and they have not evolved or changed, and are still very dependent upon Trust funding. Her other issue is the way these are structured as one-year grants prevents and locks out any other community from receiving these types of funds. She continued that she sees these as stagnant grants because of the structure and the way the Mental Health Trust implemented them.

TRUSTEE FIMON agreed that the grants were stagnant which does not mean that they are not needed or resolved. He asked what can be done to make it better. He stated appreciation for the comments from his fellow trustees, and wanted this brought forward.

CHAIR FISHER stated appreciation for the comments. The trustees have been working over the past few years in changing the charter and how business is done and the kind of information given as they make approval decisions. There has been some good work being done, and we have been pleased with what staff has brought forward and for all the education. He wondered if there was enough community support to keep these organizations going on their own and if other people saw the value in them so that they proliferate throughout the state.

MS. ALSTON stated that she is the deputy director at NAMI Juneau. She is in a new position, having been with the organization for about five months. Part of her role is to do the internal driving of the innovation and creativity with their funding and fundraising. They are very much in line with the thought process, and she is glad to see that they are on the same page as the Trust.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any other comments. There being none, he called the vote.

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

MOTION: The Board of Trustees approve a \$168,800 FY26 Beneficiary Employment and Engagement Grant to NAMI Anchorage for the NAMI Anchorage FY26 operating grant. These funds will come from the Mental Health Advocacy, Support, Education and Public Awareness line of the FY26 budget. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

TRUSTEE MORAN stated that this was similar to the first one, but even harder for her to support. But, again, this dependency was built upon them because we are 100 percent funding this organization after 18 years. She noted that she really struggles with this one.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN stated that, for personal reasons, she does not support this grant. She had a need to reach out to NAMI Anchorage in the past and, unfortunately, did not get a return phone call from that agency. Her daughter was in need of assistance, which she did not get. She is leaning toward a no vote primarily because she was not sure the agency is supported by the community.

TRUSTEE FIMON stated that he has no reason to not support this particular grant but wants to see changes and a follow-up on the issues brought forward. He also wants to see evidence of plans.

TRUSTEE FEIGE echoed catalyst and innovation, as opposed to enduring and sustaining funding source.

CHAIR FISHER called the vote.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, no; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

MOTION: The Board of Trustees approve a \$333,600 FY26 Beneficiary Employment and Engagement Grant to the Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web for the Alaska Mental Health Consumer Web Grant Project. These funds will come from the Clubhouse Support for Rehabilitation and Recovery line of the FY26 budget. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

TRUSTEE MORAN stated that this is a long-term grant for an organization funded essentially the same over and over again. They do not show program development, growth, or any innovation. She believes a good service is provided, but they need a new way of doing things. Again, it is that legacy funding, and legacy funding does not spark innovation.

TRUSTEE FIMON stated that there was an opportunity when two ladies came forward and gave testimony, and he is always willing to respond to that, and he gave them credit. He thinks that this one gets more scrutiny because it is not a small grant, and saying yes to this leaves the trustees in a position to say no to two or three other grants. He does not want the Mental Health Consumer Web to go away, but added that it was time to explore some other options. He continued that he will support the grant, but he is on record for what his expectations are as a trustee and how he is carrying forward his duties to all of the beneficiaries of the state of Alaska.

TRUSTEE HICKEL reiterated some of what Trustee Fimon said in terms of it being a lot of funding. She also reinforced what was heard about data-driven and more information. The data that we can have to support how this program is being instrumental in improving people's lives and delivering support would be helpful to have. She stated appreciation for peer-led support programs and also the people that gave testimony on how the program has been successful for some of them. She reiterated that the data and information is very important.

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

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

MOTION: The Board of Trustees approve a \$213,000 FY26 Beneficiary Employment

and Engagement Grant to Polaris House for the Clubhouse Support for Rehabilitation and Recovery project. These funds will come from the Clubhouse Support for Rehabilitation and Recovery line of the FY26 budget. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

TRUSTEE MORAN stated that this one goes along with being legacy funding. It is not that the work they do is not good; it could be better.

TRUSTEE HICKEL stated appreciation to the gentleman that gave the public comment about the benefits of Polaris House. It was very impactful to hear his testimony and story and how much this program means to him.

CHAIR FISHER recognized a staff member from Polaris House.

MS. McCAIN stated that she is the assistant director and staff generalist at the Polaris House in Juneau. Hazel Lecount, executive director, is also here. She continued that it has become clear that they are ready to communicate a bit differently with the Trust about what it is that they actually do. In the grant requests, the comprehensive plan area of focus identified is one pertaining to employment. She explained that one of the most important aspects of Polaris House is that it is a least restrictive environment that is self-directed, person-centered care. She invited trustees to partner with them and conduct learning or visiting sessions to learn a bit more about what they do. She continued that they have incrementally increased their baseline funding with other funding sources and have increased some of their resources. She added that it is a tricky model to staff. She also pointed to data which in the nature of the work they do is extraordinarily difficult to quantify. They do not conduct any case management because it is person-centered, self-driven support with recovery from all types of mental illness and all beneficiary groups.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN asked if they are serving some IDD populations within the clubhouse.

MS. McCAIN replied that they do have individuals there with developmental disabilities.

TRUSTEE FIMON again stated appreciation for beneficiaries testifying. Some strong words came from that testimony, which is why he would support the grant. He added that he would love to hear someone come in that emulated and had a Polaris House-type place. He challenged them on putting important pieces in place to get the data.

CHAIR FISHER called the vote.

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

CHAIR FISHER shared some comments on what was already said about these four grants, which applies to all grants. It is great to have individuals come in and share their experiences with organizations; but data is needed. The data after three decades that has been collected show that some of the programs are actually ineffective. That is why data is important. That is why

trustees are re-looking at things that are being supported because data is showing that it is not effective or improving the lives of beneficiaries in a way that helps them be more self-reliant. He talked about Telehealth which has been around a long time. Organizations need to take the old models and see how they can use that new technology to reach out beyond their traditional space.

CONSENT APPROVALS OVER \$500,000

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON stated that the committee considered two grant requests over \$500,000. Both were recommended to the Full Board for funding.

MOTION: The Board of Trustees approve \$900,000 Mental Health and Addiction Intervention Focus Area allocation to the Maniilaq Association for the Maniilaq Association EMPATH Unit grant. These funds will come from the Crisis Continuum of Care line of the FY25 budget. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

TRUSTEE MORAN stated that she was excited about this, which is a very innovative example. It is a very large grant, and they have significant buy-in from many partners to make this happen.

TRUSTEE FIMON stated he was very impressed and happy with the presentation of this.

MS. PONTS stated that she is the program officer and wanted to recognize the two folks in the room from Maniilaq Association: Ronto Roney, the behavioral health services director; and Marcia Hefker, the psychiatric nurse practitioner and psyche clinical lead.

MR. RONEY stated that they got here because they saw the need for crisis services in their region. This started from a request from John Solom, the former director of behavioral health and now the CEO of ABHA. He continued that they started with the Crisis Now model but needed to do something different because they were not going to be able to co-locate the center which would allow the crisis beds, crisis shares and residential beds on the same unit. He talked about the EMPATH Unit which is designed to be calming just with the setup of the unit, so people can pace and get their needs met. It is not as stimulating as an environment like a rural ER, and he encouraged trustees to come see it.

TRUSTEE FEIGE stated that she loves this program. It is very intuitive and innovative. It does a superb job of really addressing the needs of the region with a solution for how to keep folks close to home, which drives better outcomes across the board. She applauded everyone associated with this program, which is brilliant.

CHAIR FISHER stated that this is an example of an organization who really looked at how they could look at other things the Trust was doing and to try to apply it. They found it did not work in their community and came up with another innovative solution. He called the vote.

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

(Applause.)

ALASKA ADDICTION REHABILITATION

MOTION: The Board of Trustees approve a \$750,000 FY25 focus area allocation to Alaska Addiction Rehabilitation Services for the AARS expansion project. \$500,000 will come from the Crisis Continuum of Care grant line of the FY25 budget, and \$250,000 will come from the IPS Supported Employment Implementation line of the FY25 budget. These funds will be contingent upon Alaska Addiction Rehabilitation Services securing the pending funding sources outlined in this memo. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN stated that this is a rather large grant, and asked staff to go over it again.

MR. BOYER did a quick recap and stated that AARS has been in business for a long time and have been one of the primary organizations that serves beneficiaries who not only experience substance use disorder, but co-occurring with mental health. They have been operating 26 beds. This project is asking for capital support, and they have a vast array of braided funding. This is a project to double the size of their footprint from 26 to 52 beds. This will actually help them with other providers around the state better meet the needs. They work to stabilize and work on the treatment and actually work on job skills, social skills, readiness to go back into the community recovery living.

MR. BRANDENBURG, executive director for AARS, has been in the field for 40 years and went through his resume of working in Alaska. He stated that they have three years' worth of data in the packet. AARS, better known as Nugen's Ranch, has been treating substance use disorder for many years, and are quite successful at it. He told the story of AARS in greater detail, focusing on the successes of the program.

TRUSTEE FIMON thanked Mr. Brandenburg for 40 years of service. He appreciated what he does, and wishes him the best on this project.

TRUSTEE HICKEL talked about the referral chart and that in FY23 51 percent of referrals came through Corrections. In FY25, it was only 24 percent. She asked how that change occurred.

MR. BRANDENBURG replied that the leadership in the Department of Corrections changed, and it was more of a process to get referrals and have eligible people from DOC to come out to the facility or be referred to the facility. They have also made inroads with all their collaborators, and we all try to work together to get people into treatment as soon as we can.

TRUSTEE MORAN asked how many of these folks transition from the program into the transitional program.

MR. BRANDENBURG replied that it is relatively new. They have that data, but they did not pull it out. He added that at least half of the individuals do that.

MR. BOYER stated that AARS was listed in Newsweek as a top 25 treatment facility.

MR. BRANDENBURG stated that they just got back from Washington, D.C. and were

nominated for their restaurant-ready program, which is culinary arts that have folks learning how to run kitchens and be cooks. We were nominated for a national award, and we are getting recognized nationally.

(Applause.)

TRUSTEE MORRIS thanked them for the presentation. He appreciated the format with the details telling the story.

CHAIR FISHER called the vote.

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

CHAIR FISHER called the lunch break.

(Lunch break.)

CHAIR FISHER called the meeting to order, and began with the grant amendments.

GRANT AMENDMENTS

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON stated that occasionally they have requests from grantees to amend the original grant agreement, and that may become line-item budget changes. There are two where there is no change to the bottom line of the grant that was originally approved by trustees. They are FY25 projects, and she asked Luke Lind to introduce these for trustees.

MR. LIND stated that the first one is a small budget amendment for the FY25 NAMI Anchorage grant.

MOTION: The Board of Trustees approve a budget amendment for FY25 NAMI Anchorage BPI Operation grant with the NAMI Anchorage. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE HICKEL.

MR. LIND continued that it was a minor budget amendment. Per regulations, any budget amendment over 10 percent into a budget line requires a formal amendment which needs to go to trustees.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any questions or discussion. There being none, he called the vote.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, no; Chair Fisher, yes.)

MOTION: The Board of Trustees approve a budget amendment for FY26 Valley Charities Alaska Prisoner Reentry Initiative: Reentry Coalition Capacity Development – Mat-Su project. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

MR. LIND stated that Valley Charities contacted staff to request some minor amendments to shift a couple categories. A staff review was done, and it was forwarded to the trustees for consideration.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any comments or questions. There being none, he called the question.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, no; Chair Fisher, yes.)

FY27 BUDGET APPROVAL

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON stated that next is the review of the budget and those recommendations. She described the process and the time for discussion. She began with a brief overview of the process, timelines and materials, and then facilitated a walk-through of the sections. She added that this was presented at the Program & Planning Committee meeting. She also reminded trustees that it was a new format. She continued to the nonfocus area allocations.

The budget review with question-and-answer discussion ensued.

A discussion on universal changing stations ensued through the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education's request.

TRUSTEE MORRIS was surprised by the robustness of the conversation. He likes this idea and stated it was a good departure. He likes the idea of doing it this year instead of 2027. It is a very straightforward thing, with long-standing, highly motivated partners with a 15 percent overhead to hire someone who is highly motivated to do something that will be very good for the beneficiaries.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON moved to Expanding Project SEARCH, Adult site. This is the RFR request from the Governor's Council, ready for discussion.

MR. REINHART stated that typically with Project SEARCH sites there is an annual \$15,000 licensing fee for the site paid to Cincinnati Children's Hospital. He continued that staff would spend time building up that site, working with partners and creating this new opportunity. He added that they have wanted an adult site for a while. There is a grant now to continue the three Project SEARCH sites they have for youth, but they cannot use that Federal grant for the purpose of creating an adult site. This is the opportunity for that adult site now.

TRUSTEE FEIGE commented that she also liked this program and expanding it into the age group from 22 to 35. It is really essential and could have a big impact.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON concluded the requests for recommendation and requested a break so they can work on some conceptual amendments.

CHAIR FISHER called a 15-minute break.

(Break.)

CHAIR FISHER called the meeting to order, and recognized COO Baldwin-Johnson.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON stated they had a motion ready that reflects the budget as it is.

MR. LIND stated that the named FY27 grant recipients have been removed from the draft budget, and it does not change any of the bottom-line numbers.

MOTION: The Board of Trustees appropriate MHTAAR Mental Health Trust Admin and Authority Grant funds for FY27 in the amount of \$42,395,100. This consists of \$22,484,100 of MHTAAR and Mental Health Trust Admin, and \$19,911,000 of Authority Grants. These funds are to be used for the programs and activities described in the detailed FY27 budget recommendations document prepared for the August 27 and 28, 2025 Board of Trustees meeting. Included in this motion is a recommendation by the Full Board of Trustees for a State of Alaska appropriation of \$7,450,000 of General Fund/Mental Health Funds. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON stated that this is the opportunity where they reflect on the conversation and thoughts about various projects. They heard about the RFR recommendations, and we now have the opportunity to discuss that. Then, if there are some conceptual ideas around any amendments trustees would like, and if trustees are in agreement, staff can capture those. Then they will take a break, draft those, and bring them back to the trustees for deliberations.

TRUSTEE HICKEL stated a concern with a motion on the floor, and needing a friendly second every time a different motion is made to approve those amendments. She suggested withdrawing the motion that is currently on the floor, take the proposed budget, go through the amendments, and then make a motion to adopt the amended proposed budget.

TRUSTEE FIMON withdrew the motion at this time, and TRUSTEE HALTERMAN agreed to the withdrawal.

TRUSTEE FEIGE suggested, based on conversation, to add an additional 250 on the deferred maintenance, which would bring the MHTAAR on that to 500, and that would then zero out the GF recommendation. Another would be the Crisis Call Center: Taking 250 out of the GF recommendation, moving that into the MHTAAR. MHTAAR becomes 1,000, and the GF is reduced to 500.

MR. HICKEY stated that it would be easier to do the changes one at a time and to amend the proposed, and then to get a final version ready for final adoption.

MOTION: A motion to reduce line 13 to deferred maintenance on the General Fund/Mental Health recommendation by \$250,000, and increase on line 13 the MHT Ad and MHTAAR fund by \$250,000 to \$500,000. Then on line 16, Crisis Call Center, reduce the General Fund/Mental Health recommendation from \$750,000 to \$500,000 and increase the MHT Ad and MHTAAR fund from \$750,000 to \$1 million. The motion was

made by TRUSTEE MORAN; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any other comments or questions. There being none, he called the question.

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

A discussion with Mr. Reinhart with the Governor's Council ensued.

MOTION: A motion to increase line 7, GCGSE staff funding from \$225,000 to \$375,000. The motion was made by TRUSTEE MORAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

CHAIR FISHER called the vote.

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

MOTION: A motion adding \$75,000 for project SEARCH on Page 2 under the Beneficiary Employment Engagement section, line 41, an insert to the budget. It does not replace the old 41. It adds a new Project SEARCH item for \$75,000 to the budget. The recipient will be the Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education. The motion was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any further questions or discussion. There being none, he called the vote.

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

MOTION: A motion adding to the nonfocus area on Page 2, \$60,000 for the Alaska State Plan for Senior Services to be assigned to the Alaska Commission on Aging. The motion was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

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

CHAIR FISHER asked for any other proposals.

TRUSTEE MORAN stated concern about line 20, Adult Protective Services, and was not sure if adding additional funding would create capacity.

MOTION: A motion to add a line to increase the distribution by \$250,000 in HCBS for

the purpose of universal changing spaces assistance fund. The motion was made by TRUSTEE MORRIS; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON. TRUSTEE MORRIS added that it would go through the Governor's Council as a recipient; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

CHAIR FISHER asked for discussion.

TRUSTEE FIMON stated that more details will come, and he stands by the uniforming of the percentages and worries about the details. It is important to him.

TRUSTEE MORAN stated that she would not support this. Not because it is not a good project, but because she does not think it is ready for funding.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN agreed and would prefer to wait on this particular project until they get through some additional fact finding on the impact of the universal changing stations. Once they hone their approach and what they are after, she thinks it would be a better project.

TRUSTEE MORRIS stated that he thought this is a risk-free experiment with motivated partners. If they do not spend the money on changing tables, the money would not be spent. He did not see how there would be a loss to be had there.

TRUSTEE HICKEL also supported this addition to the budget. It is very important, and it is important for there to be some funding sources to be able to move forward with the program that is known. What she heard today gave her enough confidence that they have data and there has been work done to start to move this initiative forward. She supports it.

TRUSTEE FEIGE agreed with Trustee Morris, that it is a pretty low-risk "experiment." She agreed that it could build traction in the Legislature.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any other comments. There being none, he called the vote.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, no; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, no; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

CHAIR FISHER reminded Mr. Reinhart to provide more information to the trustees. He called a break to reset the mics.

(Break.)

CHAIR FISHER called the meeting to order, and addressed the next request.

MOTION: A motion that the Board of Trustees add the Alaska Commission on Aging's First Annual Alaska Senior Summit for \$5,000. That would be added on Page 2, Line 8 under the Alaska Commission on Aging staffing and support. That line item would go from \$200,000 to \$205,000. The motion was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any discussion. There being none, he called the vote.

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

CHAIR FISHER asked for a motion to be read to remove the names associated with line items in the budget.

MOTION: The Board of Trustees moves that on Page 4 of the proposed budget to eliminate the funding for the following recipients and grant amounts starting with line 11, ADNVA Victim Transition supports for the Alaska Network for Violence and Sexual Assault, \$200,000.

Line 20, Fairbanks Crisis Now Coordinator, City of Fairbanks, \$138,000.

Line 21, Ketchikan Crisis Now Coordinator, Ketchikan Wellness Coalition, \$124,500.

Line 23, Local Reentry Coalition Coordinator, Anchorage, NeighborWorks, \$60,000.

Line 24, Local Reentry Coalition Coordinator, Mat-Su, Valley Charities, \$60,000.

Line 25, Local Reentry Coalition Coordinator, Juneau, JAMHI Health & Wellness, \$60,000.

Line 26, Local Reentry Coalition Coordinator, Fairbanks, City of Fairbanks, \$60,000.

Line 28, IDD System Capacity Development, Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities, \$25,000.

Line 29, Affordable Housing Development Position, Juneau Housing First Collaborative, \$50,000.

Line 30, TABI Phasic Implementation Plan for Identification, Intervention, and Enhanced Community Infrastructure, Southcentral Foundation, \$200,000.

Line 31, Gulf Cost TABI Expansion Project, Independent Living Center, \$125,000.

Line 33, ADRD Rural Outreach and Prevention, Alzheimer's Resource of Alaska, \$175,000.

Line 34, Self-directed Home- and Community-Based Services, Independent Living Center, \$400,000.

Line 37, Clinical Supervision Support, the Alaska Behavioral Health Association, \$200,000.

Line 39, Help Me Grow Alaska, Community Outreach, Care Coordination, and Development Screening, All Alaska Pediatric Partnership, \$150,000.

Line 40, Reimagining Child Welfare Project, the Alaska Impact Alliance, \$250,000.

Line 41, Early Childhood Center-Based Mental Health Consultation, Rural Alaska Community Action Program, \$88,500.

And add the total funding amount of \$2,956,000 to the line 5 on Page 4, for a new total of \$7,956,000. In addition, Line 10, Flex Funds for Mental Health Courts, Partners for Progress, \$230,000, to a corrected total of \$7,956,000. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORAN.

CHAIR FISHER reiterated that the budget has not been reduced. The only thing done was to remove specific names of individuals who have not yet submitted an application for a grant, nor has one been approved, but the money is in the budget. He asked for any comments, questions or discussion. There being none, he called the vote.

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

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON added one additional recommended amendment to an earlier motion for the universal changing assistance tables. It is specifically adding that this is a capital budget item. That is the only recommended change.

MOTION: A motion to amend the previous motion which read to add a line to increase the distribution by \$250,000 in HCBS for the purpose of universal changing table assistance funds through the Governor's Council to be amended by adding the phrase "that it is a capital budget item." The motion was made by TRUSTEE MORRIS; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Feige, yes; Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, no; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, no; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

MR. LIND stated the need to recalculate the budget spreadsheet, print the copies, have it reviewed by financial experts, and to distribute the final amended printed motion. He asked for five to ten minutes.

TRUSTEE FIMON asked to proceed with the elections.

BOARD ELECTIONS

CHAIR FISHER moved to the Board Elections. He stated that this was the annual elections for the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary positions that are elected by a majority vote at the annual budget approval meeting in late August, early September. Officers' terms of office commence upon adjournment of this meeting. He opened the floor for nominations for the position of Chair.

TRUSTEE MORAN nominated Brent Fisher.
TRUSTEE HALTERMAN seconded.
TRUSTEE FEIGE seconded.

CHAIR FISHER accepted the nomination. He asked for any further nominations for Chair three times. Hearing none, he closed the nominations and asked for any discussion.

TRUSTEE MORAN stated that Chair Fisher has done an amazing job over the past year and she looked forward to him continuing that work for the next year.

TRUSTEE FEIGE added "ditto."

CHAIR FISHER called the vote.

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

CHAIR FISHER opened the floor for the nomination of Vice Chair.

TRUSTEE MORAN nominated Corri Feige for Vice Chair.
TRUSTEE HICKEL seconded.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any further nominations three times. He closed the nominations and asked for any discussion. There being none, he called the vote.

After the roll-call vote, the MOTION for VICE CHAIR was APPROVED. (Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Hickel, yes; Trustee Moran, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)

CHAIR FISHER opened the floor for nominations for the position of Secretary.

TRUSTEE FEIGE nominated Anita Halterman to continue in the Secretary's role.
TRUSTEE FIMON seconded.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any further nominations three times. Hearing none, he closed the nominations and asked for any discussion. There being none, he called the vote.

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

CHAIR FISHER stated, in conclusion, Brent Fisher is the Chair, Corri Feige is the Vice Chair, and Anita Halterman is the Secretary.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS

CHAIR FISHER recognized Trustee Feige.

TRUSTEE FEIGE gave a big shout-out and thank you to staff and her fellow trustees. Getting through an agenda as full as this over the last two days is a huge, heavy lift, and anytime there are budget issues, there is just a tremendous amount of work involved. She continued that the conversation was very robust and fantastic. She stated appreciation for the transparency, applauded all, and thanked them.

TRUSTEE HICKEL thanked everyone, the staff, and commented on how much work it is to pull this meeting together. We have been here three days, counting the strategic planning, and it is a lot. She thanked her fellow trustees. She especially thanked Brent Fisher, Corrie Feige and Anita Halterman for being willing to serve as officers, and she thanked them for all their work.

TRUSTEE MORRIS thanked his fellow trustees and staff for another great Board meeting. He

learned a lot. It was a great opportunity to listen to their thoughts, and there is a lot of work put in preparing for today's meeting. In thinking about the work put in and how we have gotten to this place as a Trust, the trustees and staff who came before us have done a really remarkable job of building the corpus and the resources of the Trust to be of a size that is capable of fulfilling the promise of building an integrated comprehensive mental health system that does not leave any Alaskan behind. That was not the case when the Trust started. It started with \$200 million and a million acres of land. The legacy system of various entities throughout the State coming to the Trust with proposals for grant funding was a very reasonable one. That was a great way to do the most good possible. But that system cannot possibly fulfill the mandate and the promise of the Trust of building an integrated and comprehensive system. In going through his third budget process, he is more convinced that we must change significantly and evolve with the increasing size of the resources to take a proactive stance where we know the needs better than anyone else and to seek out where to deploy the resources of the Trust to fulfill that promise of having a comprehensive system that takes care of everybody. He hopes to get there with the strategic planning work in time to have a different point of view in our budget next year.

TRUSTEE FIMON appreciated those comments and the comments of all his fellow trustees. He welcomes the openness and the opportunity to hear some of the dissenting ideas to expand the discussion beyond where we were able to go in the smaller committees. He thought everything that was brought forward was relevant. In the case of a dissenting vote, explaining and feeling that is super important to have that conversation. The involvement of the members of this board have tried hard to do that and advance that. He continued that staff is incredible, and he thanked them for everything they do to support them and the fast time response of turning this around. He really enjoyed the Mission Moment, and we had some great public testimony. He added that Brent is a great leader, and he thanked him.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN echoed the thank you to the leadership team and the great leaders for the Trust, and that Agnes and Brent were doing a great job. She was glad to see that Brent would continue leading. She continued that she learned a lot from the strategic planning process and the conversations about complex issues that will lead to some interesting changes in the approach to some of the projects. She thanked staff for all the heavy work. Staff is critical to the process, and she cannot speak highly enough about the staff here with the Trust. She appreciates every one of them. She stated appreciation for the fantastic dialogue with her fellow trustees that will lead to some meaningful conversations for the future.

TRUSTEE MORAN stated that she would be really brief and thanked staff and her fellow trustees. She has a few concerns about the strategic plan and is interested to see how that develops going forward, which she looks forward to.

CHAIR FISHER thanked all the participants of the meetings for the last three days and the collaborative effort with the staff and the strategy meeting. He thinks they are moving in the right direction. Strategy involves big, bold moves, and there is still a lot of work to do in the actual execution of the ideas that will come out of that. He continued that he is very privileged to work with a group of wonderful trustees on the Board. They are serious people and also hilarious sometimes. He appreciated all the comments they made and all the questions. He thanked everyone for their hard work and their participation in the process. Change is hard. He stated appreciation for all the time and effort that everyone puts into making the discussions robust discussions. He noted that the final action is here.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON stated that the spreadsheet that is being handed out should reflect all of the changes with the amendments that were proposed and passed by trustees.

MOTION: A motion that the Board of Trustees appropriate MHTAAR, Mental Health Trust Admin, and Authority Grant funds for Fiscal Year 2027 in the amount of \$43,435,100. This consists of \$23,524,100 of MHTAAR and Mental Health Trust Admin, and \$19,911,00 of Authority Grants. These funds are to be used for the programs and activities described in the detailed Fiscal Year 2027 budget recommendations document prepared for the August 27 and 28, 2025, Board of Trustees meeting. Included in this motion is a recommendation by the Full Board of Trustees for the State of Alaska appropriation of \$6,950,000 of General Fund/Mental Health funds, General Fund funds. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

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

CHAIR FISHER stated that the budget for Fiscal Year 2027 is passed.

(Applause.)

CHAIR FISHER asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting.

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

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

(Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Full Board of Trustees meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.)