**ALASKA MENTAL HEALTH TRUST AUTHORITY**
**FULL BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING**
**May 20, 2026**
**9:45 a.m.**

**Hybrid/Zoom Meeting:**
**Originating at:**
**Kodiak Marketplace**
**111 West Rezonof Drive**
**Kodiak, Alaska 99615**

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**Trustees Present**:
Brent Fisher, Chair
Anita Halterman
Kevin Fimon
John Morris

**Trust Staff Present:**
Mary Wilson
Allison Biastock
Katie Baldwin-Johnson
Shannon Cochran
Valette Keller
Julee Farley
Eric Boyer
Michael Baldwin
Kelda Barstad
Tina Voelker-Ross
Eliza Muse
Samantha Ponts
Heather Phelps

**Trust Land Office staff present:**
Jusdi Warner

**Department of Law staff present:**
Gene Hickey

**Also participating:**
Marty Lange; Patrick Reinhart; Chelsea Burke; Tiffany Hall; Phil Cannon; Charles Barker; Theresa Welton; Travis Hedwig; Karl Soderstrom; Kimberley Johnson; Karen Lambert; Aaron Osterback; Mark Lance; Elizabeth Ripley.

## PROCEEDINGS

### CALL TO ORDER
CHAIR FISHER called the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority board meeting to order and began with a roll call. He asked for a motion to approve the agenda.

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA
**MOTION:** A motion to approve the agenda was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

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

### ETHICS DISCLOSURES
CHAIR FISHER asked for any ethics disclosures. There being none, he moved to the approval of minutes.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES
**MOTION:** A motion to approve the January 2026 meeting minutes was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE MORRIS.

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

**MOTION:** A motion to approve the February 2026 meeting minutes was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE MORRIS.

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

**MOTION:** A motion to approve the March 2026 meeting minutes was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE MORRIS.

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

### ANNOUNCEMENTS
CHAIR FISHER announced that there would be a reception this evening at 5:30 at the Kodiak Hana Restaurant. He also reminded all that tomorrow there would be a late start for the board meeting because of a site visit before the meeting. He continued to the CEO update.

### CEO UPDATE
CEO WILSON began with the shift from one big rural community outreach trip a year to several smaller ones that are linked to some of the Trust funding. They included Kotzebue, Fairbanks, Kenai, with another one in the Mat-Su if any of the trustees want to go. She added that those were all-day convenings by the Department of Health around Rural Health Transformation. She asked Allison Biastock to continue.

MS. BIASTOCK provided a brief update on the FY27 GF/MH budget. She noted that all of the Trust recommendations were funded. There was $500,000 not included by the Governor added by the House that made it through the conference committee process. She explained that was the current version of the budget.

CEO WILSON outlined the budget process for each year. She stated that staff had worked really hard to figure out a budget set in dollars a number of years ahead with flexibility in those dollars that may be needed for a decision. She congratulated Samantha Ponts for getting her MPH last session, and added that she defended herself verbally at a recent meeting. She also announced that Tina Voelker-Ross is retiring in July. She added that she has a huge expertise in many things, one of which is infant/child/youth subjects and is very data driven, and will be missed. She thanked Tina for all of her work. She stated that she is on the advisory committee for Rural Heath Transformation and met with the Alaska Community Foundation, the team that processes all the applications. She continued that they went over their processes for reviewing grants and explained in more detail. She noted that the Trust group and the trustees are going to be good advisors for that process.

TRUSTEE FIMON asked for a discussion on what the actual Trust role would be.

CEO WILSON replied that, concretely, the role is in terms of the applications, the grant process, and helping people get that done. She explained that the Trust is a side-by-side partner, along with Rasmuson and some other grant makers. She added that the Trust is the only entity that specifically represents the beneficiaries. Rural Health Transformation is not just mental health; it is about that and lots of other things.

MR. BOYER added that the regional meetings are occurring because the Department realized through the first round of 1800 letters of interest that there is a lot of overlap and similarities. They are trying to bring all the partners and people together to talk through similar needs.

CEO WILSON updated on the strategic plan and the process involved. She explained in detail the structure of the plan.

CHAIR FISHER commented on artificial intelligence and stated that a lot of additional expertise does not have to be brought in because a lot of it is in the artificial intelligence that can help with the existing capable staff. This will help to achieve the initiatives the trustees want with regard to being data driven and where the grant money is used.

CEO WILSON moved to Partners and Stakeholders, which creates tools for external communication of the plan.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON talked about continuing to advance the strategic framework by looking at some new and expanded expectations placed on staff. This is about the workflows and efficiencies and undertaking a comprehensive capacity analysis of staffing.

CEO WILSON moved to strategic planning and stated that staff was already engaging the activities outlined in the operations plan with a work plan and a board update in July. She added that she was very excited by the process. She continued with a brief update and reminded all that the beneficiary listening sessions are June 2$^{nd}$ and June 30$^{th}$. Then, the Improving Lives

Conference is September 17th and 18th.

MS. BIASTOCK stated that the planning for the Improving Lives Conference is moving right along with a lot of excitement about that event. The hope is to meet or exceed the number of registrants from two years ago. She added that the call for speakers is open, and applications to speak are being accepted through May 28th.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any questions.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN asked where to forward an inquiry from a person that may be interested in the Rural Health Transformation.

CEO WILSON responded to send it to Mr. Boyer.

CHAIR FISHER thanked CEO Wilson and transitioned to the advisory board presentation on the agenda. He noted that the Alaska Mental Health Board and the Advisory Board on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse was not on the agenda. He understood that the boards are working through the recruitment of a new executive director for the boards. They will be on future board agendas once the position is filled. He introduced Martin Lange from the Alaska Commission on Aging, who appeared remotely.

**STATUTORY ADVISORS**
**ALASKA COMMISSION ON AGING**
MR. LANGE stated that the mission of the Alaska Commission on Aging is to ensure the dignity and independence of all older Alaskans, and to assist them to lead useful and meaningful lives through planning, advocacy, education, and interagency cooperation. The Commission consists of 11 members: seven public members appointed by the Governor to serve four-year terms; and also they have four designated seats. Those four seats are comprised by the Department of Health; the Department of Commerce, Community, and Economic Development; the chair of the Pioneer Home Advisory Board; and a senior services provider. He noted that there is one vacancy. He continued that the Alaska Commission on Aging staff consists of himself and Yasmin Radbod, our program coordinator. He stated that the ACOA has three fairly major projects going on right now; two are kind of rolling, and one has just wrapped up. He talked about the State Plan for Senior Services, the Statewide Summit on Aging, and the Senior Snapshot. The ACOA is tasked with completing the next State Plan for Senior Services in the next year, which is how Alaska will serve the needs of Alaska seniors for the next four years. It is a plan with goals, objectives, measurable outcomes, and it states who will carry out the plan. It is done in order to comply with federal law, and it is due July 3, 2027. He continued that it must be turned in to the Department of Health's Division of Senior and Disability Services on March 1, 2027, to allow for public comment. The draft must be submitted to the Administration on Community Living's regional office by June 3, 2027 for feedback. Following that, it will be sent to the Governor's Office for signature and submitted to the Administration on Community Living no later than July 3, 2027. He added that they are currently working closely with the Division of Senior and Disability Services to get help managing the project, issuing assignments and deadlines, and keeping the project on track to get it finished by the due date. He stated that the second major project is the Statewide Summit on Aging. It is a three-day statewide event which includes more than 250 participants, including service providers, advocates, policymakers, system leaders, and the general public to help strengthen Alaska's aging and disability systems

across urban, rural, and Alaska Native communities. The summit is hosted by the Alaska Commission on Aging in partnership with the Statewide Independent Living Council, Special Olympics, AARP Alaska, and additional partners committed to advancing the dignity and independence of older Alaskans. It will be held from October 15-17, 2026, at the Turnagain Social Club. Both in-person and virtual participation options will be available. He continued that the summit will address the growing needs of Alaska's senior population, focusing on innovation, cultural relevance, and to transform the way that we think about aging. It will produce recommendations at the end to improve older Alaskan care. He stated that the final thing to share was that the Alaska Commission on Aging Senior Snapshot 2025 is completed and is available in both print and PDF electronic versions. He explained that the Senior Snapshot is a compilation of data about Alaska seniors, covering topics like population numbers and projections, financial well-being, senior fraud, homelessness, suicide, housing, transportation, and the continuum of care. The desire is that the Senior Snapshot is the go-to resource for anyone who needs current statistics on Alaska's seniors and the issues that impact them. He recognized Yasmin Radbod, the program coordinator, who did a lot of the research on this year's edition. He also thanked the Department of Health communications team for their hard work taking the data, verifying it, and making it visually accessible. He stated appreciation for the opportunity to share this update from the Alaska Commission on Aging.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Mr. Lange and moved to the Governor's Council with Patrick Reinhart and Chelsea Burke. He recognized and thanked Mr. Reinhart for his long years of service with the Governor's Council. He recently received a certificate of recognition from the Legislature for a lifetime of leadership and advocacy. He also congratulated Ms. Burke on taking over that role for the Governor's Council. He asked if any trustee would like to say anything with regard to Mr. Reinhart's service.

TRUSTEE FIMON stated that it has been his pleasure to know Mr. Reinhart personally over these last three years and what he admires most about some of the interactions is that he truly is an advocate for the very people he is representing. It made an impression, and he stated appreciation for his service.

**GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON DISABILITIES AND SPECIAL EDUCATION**

MR. REINHART stated that they have started this transition, and Saturday is his last day. He will speak to a group of students with disabilities and their parents who are graduating from a transition series workshop. He continued that the Council unanimously chose Ms. Burke to take his place. That request for finalization is up before the Governor's Office because it is an exempt-level position.

MS. BURKE stated that she is the operations manager and gave an updated waitlist number for the registry. There are 261 individuals on the IDD registry, current as of last week. There are 94 on the DSW and there are 325 Alaskans currently waiting for HCBS services. The current waiver data for HCBS services is 2,145, and 595 for the ISW waiver. For this fiscal year, 87 people have been drawn for the IDD waiver, and 84 for ISW.

MR. REINHART added that because someone is drawn for a waiver does not necessarily mean that you get those services. The struggle then is finding the people to provide those services. That is true across many of the services.

MS. BURKE provided a high-level overview of the planning process that they are using to create the next five-year State plan, FY27-31. It has been about 18 months to a two-year process to develop. The process was intentionally designed to be community driven and data informed and aligning with the Federal DD Council planning requirements. She added that the Council has approved the final goal and objective framework for the FY27-31 State plan. The remaining work focuses on staff to finalize the implementation details and completing submission requirements which are due mid-August.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN asked about the record number of public feedback for the last meeting, and if there was a particular issue that drove people to come in and give feedback.

MS. BURKE replied that they utilized as many different outputs as possible to put the survey out there through social media, through partners sharing it. People were really engaged in the process and waiting for the opportunity to give feedback. She added that they did not see any themes emerge that made them change the overall goal and objective areas, which were intentionally very broad so that we can be specific in the activities from year to year. She shared the visual of the new plan structure to the Council that she used to help show how streamlined the process is getting and how they are getting down to the one kind of North Star goal, which is a shared vision. It does require getting back to basics with updating and making sure the Council understands everything required in the DD Act, and to make sure they know where they are engaging in the process at each level. She went through the systems change and shared vision for FY27-31. By 2031, Alaska will have a stronger, more coordinated and more inclusive public system that supports people with intellectual and developmental disabilities across the life span; including self-advocacy, education, independent living, employment, health, and community inclusion so individuals and families can make informed choices, exercise self-determination, and fully participate in their communities. This single goal serves as the foundation for the entire five-year plan. It is intentionally broad and systems-focused, allowing the Council flexibility to address emerging issues while keeping all work aligned to Alaska's shared vision and the purpose of the DD Act. She added that the broad focus allows them to be open for funding opportunities in the future.

TRUSTEE MORRIS asked if an IDD prevalence study had ever been done.

MR. REINHART replied that a study that was done by a university 30 or more years ago was used, which is the same thing many states used. They came up with a prevalence of the number of people with IDD in a population. In Alaska, that number was taken and multiplied by the population. They say that there are about 12,000 people with IDD based on that. He stated that that is not a good way to do it. He continued that this prevalence study would really get down to Alaska-specific data.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN asked if they currently know how many individuals are actually on the IDD programs with the State of Alaska.

MR. REINHART replied that there are currently 2,145 persons on a waiver.

MS. BURKE continued with the other areas of data for the future that were identified to be most beneficial for additional investment and research.

MR. REINHART talked about the legislative year and the bills they had up in the Senate that appear to be on the way to passage.

MS. BURKE stated that the Council meeting is October $5^{th}$ and $6^{th}$; the Juneau Council meeting will be February $9^{th}$ through the $11^{th}$. She continued that they are also planning the advocacy-pulosa, a virtual advocacy education event from the Self-Advocacy and Leadership Committee.

MR. REINHART thanked the Trust. He stated that he has been around almost since the beginning of the Trust being formed. He continued that it has been quite the experience to watch it grow into what it is today. It is unique for this state; and the state should be proud of what it has managed to create. The one thing that is certain is that the beneficiaries are always at the heart. He thanked them, as well as for all the fish.

TRUSTEE MORRIS thanked them for a great presentation, and congratulated Patrick on his retirement. He asked about how the grant for adult changing tables was going, and how many got installed.

MS. BURKE replied that they will be starting with an RFI process to be able to ascertain some more information from the community. She stated that they are within the constraints of the procurement department, and will be ready by July 1 to give them everything to get it rolling. The funding is not available until July 1 of this year.

CHAIR FISHER thanked them both for the presentation and thanked Mr. Reinhart for all of his service. He looked forward to seeing Ms. Burke in the future. He called a five-minute break.

(Break.)

CHAIR FISHER stated the next presentation was an update of treatment recovery. He recognized Michael Baldwin and Eliza Muse.

**DATA UPDATE: TREATMENT AND RECOVERY DATA**

MR. BALDWIN began with the update on treatment and recovery with part of the focus on use of data for the Trust and with the new strategic plan's foundation on data. They have committed to data updates to the board, through the board meetings, focusing on each of the four new priority areas. He stated that they already addressed Priority 1 and Priority 2. He moved to the third area with treatment and recovery, and will address the fourth, Ongoing Support and Wellbeing, in August. The data updates help tell the story to beneficiaries and kind of overlap of the priority areas. He continued that the core challenge that Heather Phelps and Eliza Muse will talk about is access, and starting the story of access to care.

MS. PHELPS stated that their focus will be on the right place, which is the community; the right time, which is accessibility; and the right level of care, least restrictive environment. She shared her presentation on the things that influence accessibility and demonstrated the complexity and how it is multifactorial, multivariable.

MS. MUSE shared the data sources used in the presentation with the goal of not including every possible data set, but the selection of the most useful sources to tell the story well.

The presentation continued with Ms. Phelps and Ms. Muse explaining as they went along.

CHAIR FISHER thanked them for their presentation and moved to Public Comment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

CHAIR FISHER stated that the public comment period allows individuals to inform and advise the Board of Trustees about issues, problems, or concerns. It is not a hearing. Individuals are invited to speak for up to three minutes. He continued going through the procedure for public comment. If public comment is concluded before a person has a chance to speak, they are welcome to submit their written comment to public.comment@mhtrust.org. He recognized Phil Cannon.

MR. CANNON thanked them for the care with which they do what they do to ensure that beneficiaries across Alaska receive support. He stated that he is the pastor at Mountain View Hope, a Covenant church in Anchorage. Every week, through the church, they walk alongside dozens of people experiencing homelessness, mental illness, substance abuse disorders, trauma, instability. They provide tangible support through hot meals, food distribution pantry style, hygiene supplies. This is all in the context of highly relational navigational help. One of the things they were learning is how important relationships are when it comes to stabilization, especially for people who distrust formal services. He added that in Mountain View, there are a lot of Trust beneficiaries barely surviving. Many have experienced rejection for so long that building trust is incredibly difficult. He believes that there is a need for more low-barrier community spaces within the broader behavioral health and recovery ecosystem. Not spaces that can replace treatment or housing or clinical services of any kind, but that can help keep people from slipping through the cracks and then cycling repeatedly through the same early stages of crisis. He stated that his church is currently developing the Mountain View Hope Center, a community hub stabilization space rooted in things like dignity and hospitality, offering practical supports; especially ongoing relational care. He continued that they work closely with the Municipality of Anchorage, the police department's Hope Team, True North Recovery, the Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission, and many others. He knows that no one is going to solve this crisis alone, but it is a crisis, and we have to keep working together and learn from each other across this complex system. He stated that one of the most important things to do is ensure that people who are struggling are not abandoned to isolation and hopelessness, but that they remain connected to people who genuinely care for them, who are willing to walk with them toward stability, recovery, and a more hopeful future.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Mr. Cannon, and recognized Charles Barker.

MR. BARKER thanked all for all they do at the Alaska Mental Health Trust. He stated that he was a beneficiary, and the Trust helped him move out of his parents' home into his first apartment a couple of years ago. He could not be more grateful and more honored to be around such awesome people. He continued that he is currently a resident advisor at Strong Solutions Group Home. They have a program called Life Skills Boot Camp that he got to experience. He put his money into it and traveled to rural California to experience rural living in that area. He also went to Yosemite and learned all about nature there. He also got to see the computer history museum in Palo Alto. He learned a lot about this beautiful country and realized that rural Alaskans and rural Californians have a lot in common. He stated that other people in the group home would want to experience this as well, but they do not have the financial means. He was wondering if there was a way to make it an available option through the Alaska Mental Health Trust to grant individuals that want to experience that possibility through a grant. They are beneficiaries. He continued that he knew another person from the group home who went and it changed his entire perspective on everything. He learned how to drive a Tesla, learned the navigation thing, and was able to drive in this therapeutic environment and learn to drive without needing too many aids. This individual has a very difficult time communicating his feelings, and this experience inspired him to become more independent. He added that he wanted people that are beneficiaries to be able to experience that opportunity to pursue life and take the challenge and pursue what makes them happy. This life skills boot camp has inspired him, and this individual too.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Mr. Barker. He recognized Theresa Welton.

MS. WELTON stated that she is the manager of the Office of Substance Misuse and Addiction Prevention for the Division of Public Health and commented in support of Recover Alaska's Aurora Project. In her job they do statewide initiatives on most substances, but alcohol is one of the substances that seems too big to tackle in Alaska. It is definitely in combination with other drugs that impair peoples' lives. She continued that the Aurora Project is statewide, starting out as a pilot, and its power is in the local communities. The perspective is the more support, tools and resources that communities have, the better local response they can give. She is in support of Recover Alaska's Aurora Project, and would be happy to partner with them in their endeavors.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Ms. Welton, and recognized Travis Hedwig.

MR. HEDWIG stated that he serves as assistant dean for the Division of Population Health Sciences at UAA, and is co-director for the Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies. He offered his strong support for Recover Alaska and the Aurora Project. He commented on what he believes to be their statewide alcohol prevention alliance which is a stateside coalition of coalitions with regional cochairs that assist with decision-making and have expressed, for many years, the need for locally responsive, timely, usable data that can be used to drive decisions that are meaningful and important to community members and people across the prevention landscape. He believes that Recover Alaska has put a lot of thought and intention into both this proposal and into creating that statewide network. They are trusted across the state by communities. He added that those in the Division of Population Health Sciences and the Center for Alcohol and Addiction Studies and faculty and students, all of whom have been touched by the public health harms associated with alcohol use in our state stand ready to support. He thanked them for this opportunity to offer comment, and yielded his time back.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Mr. Hedwig, and recognized Karl Soderstrom.

MR. SODERSTROM thanked all for the opportunity and briefly provided some testimony in support of Recover Alaska's Aurora program in the context of a provider's perspective. He stated that Recover Alaska was one of the very first organizations that really believed in what they were doing at True North Recovery and supported a similar project to Aurora about seven years ago called the Lazarus Collaborative. At that time, in the Mat-Su Valley, they saw a lot of fragmented providers. The clients needed access to primary care, to detox, to psychiatric med management, and to residential treatment. The Lazarus Collaborative was a formalized collaboration across multiple different provider groups. They asked for expedited access to services and for points of contact within those organizations. Collaborative care coordinators were hired giving them a person on their end that could help navigate. He shared his testimony because Recover Alaska supported that project, analyzed all the data, and helped shape some of the programs built today. He added that he would be honored to share this afternoon a very large project that has roots in that original Lazarus Collaborative and how they coordinated care across multiple providers, built relationships, and prioritized emergent need.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Mr. Soderstrom, and recognized Kim Johnson.

MS. JOHNSON stated that her testimony was in support of New Life Development, Safe Families Project. She was a graduate of the program in April, 2025, and shared her experience. She continued that they are a very welcoming, supportive program that helped her and her kids when they were experiencing homelessness and while she was experiencing substance abuse and mental health issues. She added that she is a single mother who became homeless. She went to the family shelter in Anchorage and heard about the Safe Families Project. She had an intake interview and was accepted that same day. She stated that the requirements were easy to follow if the participants were ready to do the self-improvement and the work. She had the Safe Families Project with a job offer and a signed lease. She added that she was at her job for one whole year and was coming up on two years being sober. She credits a lot of this work with the help of the Safe Families Project because they helped her family when they really needed it the most.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Ms. Johnson, and recognized Karen Lambert.

MS. LAMBERT welcomed all to Kodiak and thanked them for coming. She was also heartened to hear that they were able to visit Old Harbor and Ouzinkie. The benefits of small success stories have perhaps greater impact than data, and also pull the thread of on-site visits. She stated that, as a board member for Alaska Legal Services, we all look for better impact for the beneficiaries. She was happy to hear all voice the commitment to open many partnerships. She appreciated the Trust being there.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Ms. Lambert and stated appreciation for the good weather while they were there. He recognized Aaron Osterback and Mark Lance.

MR. OSTERBACK stated that he was one of the regional co-chairs for the Alliance, but is also the head of two different coalitions here: The Anchorage Suicide Prevention Coalition, as well as the Voices for Prevention, which is youth-based substance-use prevention in Anchorage.

MR. LANCE stated that he was the prevention manager at VOA Alaska, bringing support for the Aurora Project from the youth mental and behavioral health perspective.

MR. OSTERBACK stated that they were definitely in support of the Aurora Project, Alaska's unified response on reducing alcohol harms. It seems that there are many folks here that play an integral role in prevention across the state. He continued that it was really crucial as they continue to work through prevention efforts on many and multiple substance use challenges in Alaska that this project will help support identifying places across the state that do need that support, whether it be mental health support, prevention and education efforts. He added that this project will be something that encourages local communities across the gambit to share their information to get a better understanding, and communities can have a better understanding of what those challenges are.  It would be great to see communities come together and support these efforts.

MR. LANCE echoed some of the comments about the readiness with Recover and through the Alliance Coalition Network.  Even though VOA is based in Anchorage, they serve a statewide population and can really respond more appropriately to statewide needs.  He sees the regional co-chair model and the work the Alliance is doing as readiness.  This is not some philosophical plan with the Aurora Project; it is bringing and combining all of the forces of data-driven work, as well as community empowerment.  He had the opportunity to visit many rural communities out on the West Coast and sees the firsthand stories and the need.  To be able to empower local people to implement solutions that are tailored specifically for their communities and families is of the utmost concern to them.  He sees that reflected in this proposal and gives his full support to Recover and the Aurora Project.

CHAIR FISHER thanked them both and stated that was the end of the preregistration list.  He asked for anyone in person or online that would like to make a public comment.  He added that there were five more minutes for the remaining part of the public comment period before they conclude.  He stated appreciation for the compliments and added that the public comment period was for them to learn more from individuals who are experiencing or are part of the beneficiaries and may have suggestions for the Trust to look into.  He asked Elizabeth Ripley if she would like to make a public comment.

MS. RIPLEY stated that she lives in Wasilla, Alaska, and was the former president and CEO of the Mat-Su Health Foundation and a long-time partner of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority.  She thanked them for their work to steward the land and the assets on behalf of Alaskans with behavioral health and disability and other challenges.  She was grateful for their leadership and work in the state.  She continued that she currently serves as the board chair of Recover Alaska and was called in to encourage trustees to continue financial support for Recover Alaska.  It is an incredibly well-run organization with a brilliant visionary leader.  The work is the right work and is as timely as ever to reduce the harms caused by alcohol in this great state.  The Aurora Project is well designed, is about understanding the local data, and empowering local communities with that data.  She stated that they would be grateful for the support and wanted to be on the record.  She thanked all and the staff of Recover Alaska for the critical work they do to reduce the harms caused by alcohol in the great state of Alaska.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Ms. Ripley and also everyone who contributed to the public comments.  He stated that it was 12:30 and the end of the public comment period on the agenda.  He repeated the address and the email for anyone who wished to make public comment and had not been heard.  Written comments are always welcome and could be submitted to the trustees at any time.  He thanked them all, and called a lunch break.

(Lunch break.)

CHAIR FISHER called the meeting back in session and continued to a presentation by the investment advisors.  He asked for a motion to go into Executive Session.

**CRE UPDATE AND FY27 BUDGET OVERVIEW**

**MOTION:** A motion that the Full Board of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees enter into an Executive Session, pursuant to the Alaska Open Meetings Act, Alaska Statute 44.62,310(c)(1), to discuss the Trust's remaining commercial real estate holdings in the FY27 proposed budget. The motion was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

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

(Executive Session from 1:01 p.m. until 1:41 p.m.)

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN for the record stated that she and her fellow trustees are returning to the Full Board of Trustees' meeting from an Executive Session. During the Executive Session, the Board of Trustees only discussed the items identified in the motion to move us into Executive Session. The Board of Trustees did not take any action while in Executive Session.

**CRE LLC DISSOLUTIONS**

CHAIR FISHER stated that the next item on the agenda is the Commercial Real Estate Dissolutions. He asked for a motion.

**MOTION:** The Alaska Mental Health Board of Trustees approve the Fiscal Year '27 expenditures for Amber Oaks and North Park, totaling $6,966,764. The expenditures are to be paid by the property manager for Amber Oaks and North Park from rents, cash reserves, or other income collected from the property, and a capital contribution of up to $1,500,000 is to be made by the CEO and funded from the Central Facilities Fund or other Trust income. The motion was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

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

CFO FARLEY stated that the next item is a consideration of a motion to dissolve LLCs that were created to hold the two commercial real estate properties -- the two properties that were sold in the most recent fiscal year. The two LLCs are 2618 Commercial Drive Investment Group, which was established to hold the Commercial Drive real estate property, and TLO TX1, which held Promontory Point. These LLCs will be dissolved as they no longer hold properties. She continued that, as the CEO, Mary Wilson is the manager of these LLCs. There is a motion here, and a following resolution to be signed by Chair Fisher. Then she will work with the CEO and RCLCO to wind up the LLCs.

**MOTION:** The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority's Board of Trustees approves the resolution to dissolve the Limited Liability Corporations created for the purpose of acquiring and holding commercial real estate assets. The Chair of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees will execute these resolutions to dissolve 2618 Commercial Drive Investment Group, LLC, and TLO TX1 Investments, LLC. Further, the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees authorizes Mary Wilson, CEO of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, as the designated manager of the entities, to execute certificates of cancellation and any other documents necessary for the dissolution of each of the listed entities. The motion was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: ACTION ITEMS**

CHAIR FISHER moved to the Finance Committee report with action items.

CFO FARLEY reported that the Finance Committee met on April 23, 2026. There was a presentation by Steve Center of Callan regarding AMPS, and a work session following that. She also presented the dashboard through February 2026. She continued that the first motion up for trustee approval is the allocation of the budget reserves that are managed by the Department of Revenue.

**ASSET ALLOCATION OF THE BUDGET RESERVES**

**MOTION:** A motion that the Board of Trustees recommend no changes to the asset allocation for budget reserves managed by the State of Alaska Department of Revenue. The motion was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

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

**BUDGET AMENDMENT – INCREASE FUNDING FOR FY27**

**MOTION:** A motion that the Board of Trustees authorize the transfer of up to $9,859,492 in unspent prior-year Authority Grant funds into the Fiscal Year ’27 Authority Grant funds. This transfer is comprised of $3,805,570 in unspent Fiscal Year ’23 Authority Grant funds; $4,148,951 in unspent Fiscal Year ’24 Authority Grant funds; and $1,904,962 in unspent Fiscal Year ’25 Authority Grant funds. The motion was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

TRUSTEE FIMON asked if the three years’ carryover was different as far as the prior year.

CFO FARLEY replied that there was no change to the numbers that were presented at the meeting. She stated that this is a process done on a nonroutine basis.

TRUSTEE FIMON asked if that would bring all those funds available in the next fiscal year.

CFO FARLEY replied yes.

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

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

**MOA WITH APFC**

CFO FARLEY moved to a bit of important housekeeping. There is a memorandum of agreement with APFC for the management of the Trust investments that are held and managed by APFC. This document has been updated to reflect the actual operations.

**MOTION:** The Board of Trustees recommends the approval of the Draft Memorandum of Agreement with the Alaska Permanent Fund Corporation and recommends that the Full Board of Trustees approve consideration and adoption. The motion was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

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

**MOA WITH DOR**

**MOTION:** The Board of Trustees recommends the approval of the Draft Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Revenue for consideration and adoption. The motion was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

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

**RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REPORT – ACTION ITEMS**

CHAIR FISHER moved to the Resource Management Report, and recognized Jusdi Warner, who reported remotely.

E.D. WARNER stated that the committee was updated on TLO key activities on April 23rd, and two motions from that date are in front of the board today. Subsequent to that, there was a Special Resource Management Committee held on May 11th, and there will be one motion from that meeting. She asked for the first motion.

**MHT 9201071 KENAI PENINSULA BOROUGH NON-EXCLUSIVE TERM EASEMENT**

**MOTION:** The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees concur with the decision to dispose of a portion of Trust Parcel 520006 through a nonexclusive term easement with the Kenai Peninsula Borough. The motion was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE MORRIS.

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

**APPROVAL – 3745 COMMUNITY PARK LOOP (TAB)**

**MOTION:** The Board of Trustees previously approved the expenditure of $3,254,768 for TAB mechanical equipment replacement. The Board's motion authorized the spending in FY26. The expenses will be incurred in FY26, FY27, and FY28. The Board modifies its previous motion by permitting the expenses to be incurred in FY26, FY27 and FY28. The motion was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any questions.

TRUSTEE MORRIS asked if the belief was that the work on the boiler and so forth in the Trust

Authority Building will now take multiple years to accomplish.

E.D. WARNER replied that the work on the boiler is continuing through the summer, for completion in October. That would bring the work into FY27. FY28 was added because the air handling unit, which pushes hot air through the building, will be installed, which should be done in FY27. It was an effort to not bring something back administratively to the board in case it ran past June 30th.

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

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

> **MOTION:** The Resource Management Committee recommends that the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees concur with the decision to dispose of a portion of Trust Parcel 52006 through a nonexclusive term easement to the Kenai Peninsula Borough. The motion was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE MORRIS.

E.D. WARNER stated that the Resource Management Committee had inquired about what appeared to be a timber buffer along the coast. She continued that it was confirmed with the Division that land was actually subdivided and sold prior to the issuance of a timber sale and was never included in that timber sale. She clarified that no buffer would be required along the coastline of Trust land. She added that there would be a buffer required if there are any streams within the boundary that are identified as fish streams. That would be a 66-foot buffer that would be implemented under the Forest Resources Practices Act. And then there would be no buffer required around the approximately 5 acres that has been identified as an historic district in the National Register where Boatworks sits. She stated that was all she had to add for that consultation. She asked to verify that the correct motion was read into the record.

TRUSTEE FIMON replied that one motion was read into the record, but a second one was discussed.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN added that she had two motions loaded and read the same one twice. She apologized, and then read the correct one, the Hollis timber exchange.

**MHT 9101091 HOLLIS EXCHANGE TIMBER SALE**

> **MOTION:** The Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Board of Trustees concur with the decision to dispose of the economic timber on Trust Parcel CRM7061 through a competitive sale. The motion was made by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

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

E.D. WARNER stated that was the conclusion of the RMC motions and report.

CHAIR FISHER commented that a group was out at Port Lions, which was a great tour, and asked Ms. Warner about Trust land in the area. They were aware that there was some Trust land near there. He continued that it would be nice for the trustees to know, when on these trips, exactly where the Trust land is.

E.D. WARNER replied that they could work with Shannon to get some maps loaded on the iPads for trustees to see their real time spot on the map.

CHAIR FISHER thanked Ms. Warner, and moved to Program & Planning.

**PROGRAM & PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT/GRANT APPROVALS**
COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON pointed out that the trustees had the Program & Planning Committee summary report. She stated that, at the meeting, Dr. Sandra Heffern presented the results of the IDD provider assessment, and then the majority of the rest of the meeting focused on grant approvals. She highlighted that the Authority Grant contract approval, the competitive grant approval for the FY27 mini-grant program was recommended by the committee to the Full Board for consideration. All grants included in the consent agenda were recommended by the committee to the Full Board for consideration. There was additional discussion regarding the Wrangel Mountain Project, which is on the agenda during the nonconsent portion of the agenda. She continued that all projects within the nonconsent agenda were also recommended to the Full Board for consideration, with some additional discussion related to the Recover Alaska proposal. There is also information linked to the agenda related to that request. She stated that the team was prepared to speak to any questions, but they do not intend to reiterate the presentation of the proposals unless asked to provide additional information.

**AG CONTRACT APPROVAL – NO WRONG DOOR: CONNECTIONS TO CARE**

> **MOTION:** <u>The Board of Trustees approve an amount not to exceed $150,000 for the No Wrong Door Connections to Care contract. This contract will be awarded using the State of Alaska procurement process, and the funds will be allocated from the Trust focus area strategy implementation line of the FY27 budget. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORRIS.</u>

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

> *There being no objection, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)*

**COMPETITIVE GRANT APPROVAL – MINI GRANT PROGRAM TO INFORMATION INSIGHTS**

> **MOTION:** <u>The Board of Trustees approve a $2,300,000 FY27 Authority Grant to Information Insights for the mini-grants for Trust beneficiaries Behavioral Health and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Program. These funds will come from the mini-grants for beneficiaries experiencing mental illness, chronic alcoholism, substance-use disorders, and intellectual and developmental disabilities and traumatic brain injuries, and the Trust mini-grant contract administration lines of the FY27 budget. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORRIS.</u>

> *There being no objection, the MOTION was APPROVED. (Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, yes; Trustee Morris, yes; Chair Fisher, yes.)*

**CONSENT AGENDA – AG REQUESTS OF LESS THAN $250,000 AND WITH A GRANT TERM OF 12 MONTHS OR LESS**

**MOTION:** The Board of Trustees requests approval of the following Authority Grants, as outlined below, to include:
No. 1, Alaska Behavioral Health Association, Alaska Behavioral Health Association Supervisor Academy, $200,000;
No. 2, Southeast Alaska Independent Living, Inc., SAIL Ketchikan capital project, $1,050,000;
No. 3, Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities, Building a System to Achieve Employment First for All, Year 2, $146,126;
No. 4, Resource Center for Parents and Children, Family Support, $145,000;
No. 5, City and Borough of Juneau, Zach Gordon Youth Center, gap funding for Sheiyi Xaat Hit Spruce Roo House Youth Shelter and Transitional Living Program, $120,000;
No. 6, Rural Alaska Community Action Program, Inc., early childhood mental health consultation, $88,500;
No. 7, Stone Soup Group, cooperative youth engagement, building skills, belonging and support, $80,000;
No. 8, Southeast Alaska Independent Living Inc., the Orca training, travel, and scholarship initiative for beneficiary well-being, $75,000;
No. 9, City of Fairbanks Community Response Coordinator, $74,000;
No. 10, JAMHI Health & Wellness, Alaska prisoner reentry initiative, reentry coalition capacity development Juneau, $60,000;
No. 11, City of Fairbanks, Fairbanks Reentry Coalition Coordinator, $60,000;
No. 12, Valley Charities, Alaska prisoner reentry initiative, reentry coalition capacity development Mat-Su, $60,000;
No. 13, Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc., Anchorage reentry coalition, $60,000;
No. 14, Council of Athabascan Tribal Governments, open doors community support facility improvements for vulnerable adults, $55,000;
No. 15, Anchorage Community Land Trust, investing in Mountain View's nonprofit hub, necessary building safety improvements for the Mountain View Service Center, $50,000;
No. 16, New Hope Counseling Center, parking lot expansion and pavement for New Hope Counseling Center, $50,000;
No. 17, University of Alaska Southeast, trauma response tools for Alaska's emerging special educators, $50,000;
No. 18, JAMHI Health and Wellness Juneau Reentry Coalition reentry housing, $48,500;
No. 19, Alaska Association on Developmental Disabilities, IDD system capacity development, $25,000;
No. 20, Junior Achievement USA, financial literacy as a pathway to long-term stability for vulnerable young Alaskans, $22,125;
No. 21, Alaska Association for Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, looking forward: growth and sustainability, $20,000;
No. 22, Municipality of Anchorage, strengthening crisis response at the first point of contact, CIT and trauma-informed de-escalation training for emergency dispatchers, $10,750.
The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORRIS.

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

**NON-CONSENT AGENDA – AUTHORITY GRANT REQUESTS OF AT LEAST $250,000 AND/OR REQUESTS THAT HAVE A TERM OF MORE THAN 12 MONTHS**

**MOTION:** <u>The Board of Trustees motions to approve a $1,017,842 Authority Grant to True North Recovery for the Anchorage Launchpad Crisis Walk-In Center grant. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORRIS.</u>

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

**MOTION:** <u>The Board of Trustees recommends approval of a $1,000,000 Authority Grant to Covenant House Alaska for the scaling homelessness prevention statewide demonstration project grant. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORRIS.</u>

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

**MOTION:** <u>The Board of Trustees recommends approval of a $640,500 Authority Grant to the State of Alaska Department of Health Division of Senior and Disability Services for their InterRAI project. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE MORRIS.</u>

CHAIR FISHER asked for any questions.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN asked if this particular project was seeking legislative appropriations for funding for this to go forward. She continued asking if they were falling back on the Trust, or are we working in combination with the legislative appropriations for this project.

MS. BARSTAD replied that it is a combination.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON reclarified that it is an Authority Grant.

CHAIR FISHER called the vote.

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

**MOTION:** <u>The Board of Trustees recommends approval of a $100,000 Authority Grant to Iliuliuk Family & Health Services, Inc., for Iliuliuk Family & Health Services behavioral health safe room grant. The motion was made by TRUSTEE FIMON; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.</u>

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

**MOTION:** The Board of Trustees approve a $450,182 Authority Grant to New Life Development, Inc., for the Safe Families project grant. The motion was made by TRUSTEE MORRIS; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

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

**MOTION:** The Board of Trustees approve a $439,974 Authority Grant to Alaska Children's Services, Inc., for the Alaska Child C.A.R.E.S high-fidelity wraparound family services program grant. The motion was made by TRUSTEE MORRIS; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

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

**MOTION:** The Board of Trustees approve a $430,000 Authority Grant to Mat-Su Youth Housing for the My House Services continuum of care grant. The motion was made by TRUSTEE MORRIS; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

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

**MOTION:** The Board of Trustees approve a $300,000 Authority Grant to the Alaska Network on Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault, Inc., for the victim transition supports grant. The motion was made by TRUSTEE MORRIS; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

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

**MOTION:** The Board of Trustees approve a $299,860 Authority Grant to the Alaska Legal Services Corporation for the Alaska Public Benefits Advocacy Project grant. The motion was made by TRUSTEE MORRIS; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

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

**MOTION:** The Board of Trustees approve a $270,000 Authority Grant to the Ketchikan Wellness Coalition for the Ketchikan Crisis Now grant. The motion was made by TRUSTEE MORRIS; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.

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

**MOTION:** The Board of Trustees approve a $200,000 Authority Grant to Recover Alaska for the Aurora Alaska's unified response on reducing alcohol harm grant. The motion was made by TRUSTEE MORRIS; seconded by TRUSTEE FIMON.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any questions.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN stated that she had many and would keep her comments succinct. She continued that she had been looking through grant reports for the past ten years and it appears that the Trust has awarded over $1.3 million to Recover Alaska. They went through the Rasmuson Association for 2016 and 2017, and then Sultana took over as the fiscal agent for Recover Alaska. It appears that the leadership in Recover Alaska has relied on Trust funds for its entire existence. This is not a sustainable practice. We have been trying to move away from legacy funding for projects like this that rely strictly on Trust funds to operate. She added that she is struggling with this request because as she has tried to garner information from previous grant reports to determine when Recover Alaska will become self-sufficient they have obtained funds from the Department of Health, as well. She shared a few more facts and was struggling with appropriating more money and to look at a different direction. She shared a few ideas and added that she feels that this is a legacy project, and she could not support this request.

TRUSTEE MORRIS stated that he spent some time looking into this grant, as he does others, and was not able to find the level of specificity of action of what we would be measuring, what would be done with this money that allowed him to be comfortable voting yes for it. He added that it is an important cause and hears that this is a problem, but he could not support it at this time.

TRUSTEE FIMON stated concern and asked if there was more information.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON stated that the analysis was done and the information uploaded to the website. There was an addendum which specifically addressed some of the information. There was also the analysis for the contingency, should the other pending funds not come through. She added that Recover Alaska also intends to apply some of their existing funds to the project, as well.

TRUSTEE FIMON asked if there is an official definition of a legacy project.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON replied that they were currently in the process of looking at a legacy project being something that the Trust has supported for more than five years plus. There are some that have been supported for ten years plus. She continued that part of the plan is to engage some of the technology solutions to actually more efficiently utilize the grant information available to come out with some summaries that help to inform staff and the trustees. She highlighted that Recover Alaska operations were historically funded as the core operations. This particular project came forward with a specific focus on a project versus just general operating funds for Recover.

TRUSTEE HALTERMAN asked if Recover Alaska received their funding from the CDC to become a clearinghouse, and if they did, where is the data.

COO BALDWIN-JOHNSON stated that Tiffany Hall, the executive director, is online. And, specific to this project, this would be the pilot element of this data project.

MS. HALL stated that they did receive funding from CDC to be one of eight states that receive funding for an alcohol epidemiologist. Alaska was the only state that was not run through the State's health department because it was not interested in it. She continued that they applied for it in partnership with them. They ended up rescinding the grant when they switched from being fiscally sponsored at Sultana to a standalone nonprofit in 2024. They did not reapply for the last year of that grant because of the CDC having internal turnover.

The discussion continued.

MS. HALL stated appreciation for all the care that all of the trustees are taking with this invaluable resource to Alaska and appreciated the long-term support received from the Trust over the years as one of seven funding partners that all give annually. She added that they had never applied with a very specific project before, and this is a brand-new project for Recovery Alaska.

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

> *After the roll-call vote, the MOTION was DENIED. (Trustee Fimon, yes; Trustee Halterman, no; Trustee Morris, no; Chair Fisher, no.)*

> **MOTION:** <u>The Board of Trustees approve a $100,000 Authority Grant to Valley Charities for the Mat-Su Reentry Coalition housing project grant. The motion was made by TRUSTEE MORRIS; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.</u>

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

> **MOTION:** <u>The Board of Trustees approve a $10,000 Authority Grant to the Wrangel Mountain Center for the Young Raven Alaska Native Youth Camp grant. The motion was made by TRUSTEE MORRIS; seconded by TRUSTEE HALTERMAN.</u>

MR. HICKEY stated that Trustee Moran asked a question at the Program & Planning Committee meeting about any legal or constitutional issues with the fact that the funds would be earmarked for solely Alaska Native youth. He continued that the issue was researched, and they did not find any constitutional prohibition under the Equal Protection Clause. He wanted to make sure that the research done was on the record, and there is no prohibition on this.

CHAIR FISHER asked for any questions, there being none, he called the vote.

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

CHAIR FISHER stated that concluded all of the grants and recessed the meeting until tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m.

(Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority Full Board of Trustees meeting recessed at 2:57 p.m.)