

The Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at 5:04pm in the Lawrence Building with Mr. McMullen chairing.

Chairman McMullen called the meeting to order at 5:04pm, informing the board of expected absences of board members Dr. Stephens and Mr. Vance.

Members present in person were Dr. Nelson, Ms. Simmons, Mr. Howell, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Binion, Mr. McMullen. Mrs. Edwards arrived at 5:04 pm. Members Mr. Vance and Dr. Stephens were absent.

Mr. McMullen asked the board to approve the agenda. Motion by Mr. Pittman to approve the agenda, seconded by Ms. Simmons. On aye: Dr. Nelson, Ms. Simmons, Mr. Howell, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Binion, and Mr. McMullen. Mrs. Edwards was not present to vote.

Mr. Howell asked for clarification on a previous discussion by the Board regarding adding Officials' comment to agenda.

Mr. McMullen responded that the board never agreed to the action at this time. Mr. McMullen opened the floor for Representative Griffin to speak.

Mr. Pittman made a motion to approve the agenda for September 16, 2025, meeting, seconded by Ms. Simmons. On aye: Dr. Nelson, Ms. Simmons, MR. Howell, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Binion, Mr. McMullen.

Representative Griffin thanked the Board for allowing his comments. Rep. Griffin expressed wanting to express his concern regarding a letter previously sent to the board/ Chairman McMullen. Rep. Griffin stated during August's meeting he requested a response to his letter and stated his request was that if the board was unable to respond then to simply ask for an extension to do so. Representative Griffin went on to state he asked for a meeting with the IG which lasted 45 minutes. Representative Griffin stated most IGs work the same way. Representative Griffin informed the board that the letter he sent to the Board provided to the IG and they found it interesting. He went on to say that the only update to share with the Board was that there is an active investigation. Representative Griffin expressed his views on respect and informing the board he has "all the cards" and does not want to ask for a meeting with the Governor regarding the Authority.

Mr. Howell stated he was curious about one point made by Representative Griffin.

Chairman McMullen asked Mr. Howell to hold his comments as he wanted to remind everyone, he has indicated publicly that he welcomes any investigation.

Mr. Howell stated majority of the board is a new board and questioned is the investigation on the actions of the previous board or the current board.

Mr. McMullen stated that it's not a conversation that can take place at this point.

Vice Chairman Edwards asked why the board can't be informed of what's going on.

Mr. McMullen stated the IG said that everything that they are doing or intend to do should not be discussed in public. He went on to say if they are investigating, it will be from the beginning up to a point where they decide.

Mr. Howell stated he feels it is prudent to know is the investigation regarding actions taken during this period or a period prior to the current board.

Representative Griffin stated he found a request for the IG with the information that had been provided to me to look at what is going on with the authority. HE went on to state it is left up to the IG on how far he wants to go. WE do know that he will look up to the point where the investigation was requested. He only wants to reiterate that an investigation is active.

Mr. Pittman stated he feels everyone has realized that and is going to wait until it's over with.

Mr. McMullen asked for a motion to go into executive session.

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Mr. Howell, second motion by Mr. Pittman. On aye: Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Edwards, Ms. Simmons, Mr. Howell, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Binion, and Mr. McMullen.

Executive session began at 5: 12pm.

Mr. McMullen asked for a motion to come out of executive session.

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Mr. Howell, second motion by Mr. Binion. On aye: Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Edwards, Ms. Simmons, Mr. Howell, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Binion, and Mr. McMullen.

Return from executive session at 6:20pm.

Mr. McMullen stated there is a resolution 25-09-01 regarding the old fuel-depot property which consists of 7.5 acres of land.

1<sup>st</sup> motion made by Mr. Binion, second motion by Mr. Pittman On aye: Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Edwards, Ms. Simmons, Mr. Howell, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Binion, and Mr. McMullen.

Chairman McMullen went on to resolution 25-09-02 regarding the Mobley Road Fire Station property, also known as the firehouse. Mr. McMullen asked the board for a vote on this resolution. The Martins were present regarding this resolution.

Mr. Pittman made a motion to approve the sale of the Mobley Rd. Fire Station property to the Martins, seconded by Mrs. Edwards. On aye: Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Edwards, Ms. Simmons, Mr. Howell, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Binion, and Mr. McMullen.

Chairman McMullen moved to the next item to vote on the amendment to an agreement to expand a lease to a tenant, a previous tenant that's already here. Moving his rental space from 1,800 to 3,600 square feet effective date retroactive Sept. 1 with Ken Singh

Mr. Pittman made a motion to approve the sale of the Mobley Rd. Fire Station property to the Martins, seconded by Ms. Simmons. On aye: Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Edwards, Ms. Simmons, Mr. Howell, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Binion, and Mr. McMullen.

Mr. McMullen moved to the next action item on the agenda, the use of River's Prison from October 5<sup>th</sup> through October 10<sup>th</sup> for training purposes by the Army Special forces.

Mr. Binion made a motion to approve the use of the facility for specified dates seconded by Ms. Simmons. On aye: Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Edwards, Ms. Simmons, Mr. Howell, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Binion, and Mr. McMullen.

Chairman McMullen moved to the next action items, approving the August 19<sup>th</sup> board meeting minutes. Chairman McMullen asked for a motion to approve.

Mr. Pittman made a motion to approve the minutes for August 19<sup>th</sup> board meeting seconded by Mr. Binion. On aye: Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Edwards, Ms. Simmons, Mr. Howell, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Binion, and Mr. McMullen.

Chairman McMullen moved to asking the board for approval of the minutes from the called meeting held on September 2, 2025.

Mr. Pittman questioned a statement he made during the called meeting on Sept. 2 regarding using the money for fencing around the buildings associated with The Grove Project.

Ms. Simmons reminded him he was making a general comment stating the board could make better use of the money that was said to be put on insurance.

Mr. Pittman thanked Ms. Simmons for her recollection of the moment.

Mr. Binion made a motion to approve the minutes for September 2<sup>nd</sup> called board meeting seconded by Mr. Pittman. On aye: Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Edwards, Ms. Simmons, Mr. Howell, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Binion, and Mr. McMullen.

Chairman asked Mr. Binion to give an update on the financial reports.

Mr. Binion stated our year started July 1<sup>st</sup>, so we're two months in, July and August. The financials are doing well and are on target for this year. The Chapel started out not making a lot of income for July but made a bit more in August. Mr. Binion went on to state the Chapel is losing a little less money now than it was on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Dr. Nelson asked Mr. Binion where the Board stands on writing a letter on behalf of the Chapel to possibly have some money for capital improvement projects.

Mr. Binion responded he had not completed a letter.

Mr. McMullen stated he had not moved on it.

Dr. Nelson asked why he had not done so.

Mr. McMullen extended the offer for Dr. Nelson to do so. McMullen responded he had not completed the task nor is it on the priority list for him. He went on to state we must look at it as a holistic way of how we're going to do it. He went on to state we need to know exactly what type of improvement that we're going to look for to complete. Chairman McMullen stated in his experience in writing proposals for anything, we don't do small proposals, as the same amount of time used to write either a small or large proposal.

Dr. Nelson went on to state there is empirical data from before that suggested some projects like HVAC system are needed. Dr. Nelson reminded the board of Representative's Griffin represented the committee with the opportunity to have money. Dr. Nelson went on to remind the Chairman and board members that those monies have possibly been allocated so that we could have and use those monies for us to be able to do that. Dr. Nelson expressed she felt not responding is disrespectful and not prudent to respond to the Representative.

Chairman McMullen reminded the board of the CSHLRA Orientation scheduled for Tuesday September 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025, from 1pm to 5pm at the CSHLRA Office with a Trolley tour starting at 1pm.

Motion to Adjourn meeting made by Mr. Binion and seconded by Ms. Simmons. On aye: Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Edwards, Ms. Simmons, Mr. Howell, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Binion, and Mr. McMullen.

Meeting Adjourn at 6:47pm.

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Calvin McMullen, Chairman

Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Vote \_\_\_\_\_ Aye \_\_\_\_\_ Nay \_\_\_\_\_ Abstained