

The Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, December 16, 2025, at 5:02pm in The Chapel of All Faiths with Mr. McMullen chairing.

Chairman McMullen called the meeting to order at 5:02pm, welcoming all board members and visitors as well as sending sincere wishes of a Merry Christmas.

Members present in person were Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Edwards, Ms. Simmons, Mr. Howard, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Schubert, Dr. Stephens, Mr. Binion, and Mr. McMullen.

Chairman McMullen asked the Board to approve the agenda. Motion by Mr. Stephens to approve agenda, seconded by Mr. Binion. On aye: Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Edwards, Ms. Simmons, Mr. Howell, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Schubert, Dr. Stephens, Mr. Binion, and Mr. McMullen.

Chairman McMullen asked the Board to approve the November 18th minutes. Motion by Mr. Binion and seconded by Ms. Simmons. On aye: Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Edwards, Ms. Simmons, Mr. Howell, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Schubert, Dr. Stephens, Mr. Binion, and Mr. McMullen.

Chairman McMullen moved to item 6 on the agenda, asking Mr. Binion to provide the Board with a summary of the financial reports.

Mr. Binion pointed out that the Central Bank, NMA money market account that houses the one million dollars previously moved into it has increased by \$13,737.00 since the funds were moved into the account four months ago. Mr. Binion went on to state the account is gaining around \$3,000.00 to \$4,000 a month in interest every month. Mr. Binion pointed out a deficit of roughly \$26,000.00 which included the Authority, the kitchen, and the chapel, noting there have been some sizeable expenses (power bill, etc.) Mr. Binion stated he is not concerned about this at this time.

Mr. McMullen thanked Mr. Binion for his financial summary report and moved to item 7 on agenda asking Ms. Ashley to please provide update.

Ms. Ashley directed the board to their packets to review the newly created CSHLRA Board member's email addresses. Many of the board members asked that the IT team link their renaissance park email address to their personal address to assure receipt and review of emails. Ms. Ashley moved to item 7b asking board members to review noted website updates, noting the IT and marketing team have been collaborating with revamping the website. Ms. Ashley stated she is currently working with Dr. Nelson in getting the board's previously taken professional shots and potentially planning a follow-up photoshoot. Ms. Ashley turned the meeting back over to Chairman McMullen.

Dr. Nelson noted the photographer's plans to begin sending photos to Ms. Ashley's inbox starting December 29th.

Ms. Simmons asked is there a date scheduled for the photographer to come out to capture those Board members who were not photographed the first time. Ms. Ashley responded she is coordinating with Dr. Nelson regarding scheduling.

Dr. Nelson stated we need to make sure we are notified and present once the date has been set as the photographer has come a couple of times with no success.

Mr. McMullen informed the board he will have a first draft of policies and procedure regarding use of Authority email during the first meeting of the year. Mr. McMullen thanked Ms. Ashley for providing updates and moved on by stating that very few people know how much work goes on at the CSH campus. Mr McMullen expressed a great deal of appreciation for the work Ms. Ashley does and on behalf of the Board and Chairman McMullen gifted Ms. Ashley a present. Ms. Ashley thanked Mr. McMullen and the board.

Mr. McMullen moved to item 7c on the agenda, CSHLRA meeting date change. Mr. McMullen stated he asks that the board makes the change before the beginning of the year. Mr. McMullen mentioned that he has received emails regarding the conflict with the meeting schedules of the City and County.

Mr. Pittman stated the legislation that originally set the meeting date up using the recommendation of the people who chose to schedule the meetings on a Wednesday. Mr. Pittman went on to say the reason for the meeting's change to Tuesday was due to an ex-board member's scheduling conflict regarding their child's schedule. Mr. Pittman reiterated that this reason was the "why" the meeting was moved from Wednesday to Tuesday. Mr. Pittman followed up by saying he feels it is in the best interest of the Board to move the meeting date back to Wednesday or even another day to allow the local authorities the opportunity to attend the Authority's meeting seeing as they do appoint members of this board.

Mr. McMullen stated he holds Bible study on Wednesday but would personally recommend Thursday.

Mr. Howell stated he does not feel there is a perfect day and feels the Authority has found the middle where most of the Authority can attend the meetings.

Mr. Pittman responded, saying the board can decide if we want to change it or stay the same.

Mr. McMullen stated the board has been asked to consider changing the meeting dates by City, the Mayor and County Commissioners individually. Mr. McMullen stated with Ms. Simmons becoming a City Council in January we will need to address the Board's Meeting schedule. Mr. McMullen agreed with Mr. Howell stating everyone has something to do but the people we want to accommodate are those whom we work with.

Mr. Howell stated the City does not meet during our meeting time, the County does.

Mr. McMullen asked for a motion regarding the schedule.

Dr. Nelson stated she cannot meet on Thursday.

Mr. Howell asked prior to changing the date shouldn't we allow time for board members to review their schedules and pole the day(s) available.

Mr. McMullen and Mr. Binion stated the "poling" process was attempted prior to now and it did not work.

Ms. Simmons made a motion to keep the meeting date as is (3rd Tuesday of each month) and seconded by Dr. Nelson. On aye: Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Edwards, Mr. Howell. On Nay: Ms. Simmons, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Schubert, Dr. Stephens, Mr. Binion, Mr. McMullen.

Mr. Pittman made a motion to change the date from Tuesday to Wednesday and was seconded by Ms. Simmons.

Dr. Nelson questioned if several of the board members are unable to attend, due to the attendance policy, those members will be punished or/and removed from the board.

Mr. McMullen asked if there is any actual conflict with moving the meeting to Wednesday night.

Mr. Binion informed the board he conducts his real estate classes on Mondays and Wednesday from 6pm to 9pm on three-month increments. Mr. Binion went on to state he completes his schedule a year in advance and agrees moving losing the use of one Wednesday would be hard, but he is willing to move the meeting to one Wednesday night a month.

Dr. Nelson question Monday?

Mr. McMullen no, not Monday due to the amount of work in preparation for the board meeting.

Mr. Howell asked can we table the vote until next month.

Mr. McMullen stated the Board has tried tabling the matter before with no resolve, but we need to decide tonight. Mr. McMullen reminded the Board that he is compromising along with Mr. Binion by accepting the change to Wednesday night.

Mrs. Edwards stated she needs to check her schedule.

Mr. McMullen reminded the Board of the motion made by Mr. Pittman to change the date from Tuesday to Wednesday and seconded by Ms. Simmons. On aye: Ms. Simmons, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Schubert, Dr. Stephens, Mr. Binion, Mr. McMullen. On nay: Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Edwards, Mr. Howell.

Mr. McMullen stated a new schedule will be sent out. Mr. McMullen stated the board will work on the schedule issues for those who cannot attend. Mr. McMullen enquired if the meeting will be held on the 2nd or 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Mr. Pittman made a motion for the meeting to be held on the 3rd Wednesday of the month seconded by Mr. Schubert. On aye: Ms. Simmons, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Schubert, Dr. Stephens, Mr. Binion, Mr. McMullen. On nay: Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Edwards, and Mr. Howell.

Mr. Binion stated the current scheduled date for the Real Estate Committee will remain the second Thursday of each month.

Mr. McMullen stated the board does not have any matters to be taken into executive session. Mr. McMullen asked if there would be any public comments. Mr. McMullen asked for a vote to adjourn the meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Binion and seconded by Mr. Howell. On aye: Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Edwards, Mr. Howell. On Nay: Ms. Simmons, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Schubert, Dr. Stephens, Mr. Binion, Mr. McMullen.

Calvin McMullen, Chairman

Approved _____

Vote _____ Aye _____ Nay _____ Abstained