

The Central State Hospital Local Redevelopment Authority met in regular session on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 5:00pm in the Lawrence Building with Mr. McMullen chairing.

Chairman McMullen called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm, welcomed the members and guest. Guests present included Mayor Copelan, City Councilman Walter Reynolds, Community activist Sussie Marshall, Broker/Relator Pattie Burns, philanthropist Edd Simmons and Edwin Atkins.

Members present in person were Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Simmons, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Vance, Dr. Stephens, Mr. Binion, and Mr. McMullen. Member Mr. Howell arrived at 5:05 pm.

Chairman McMullen made a brief comment regarding his apologies for having to reschedule to board meeting from its originally scheduled date due to personal matters. Mr. McMullen informed the board of issues with the Authority's Gmail address and that IT has been notified. Mr. McMullen asked that board members and guests please contact him using his personal email or office manager MS. Ashley's email address. Dr. Nelson informed the board of a recent data breach with Google.

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

Mr. McMullen asked the board to approve minutes for May 13th called meeting for CSHLRA and GIFC, LLC. After a brief discussion of corrections required; spelling of Dr. Nelson's name, Mr Howell's name, and the last line of each vote edited.

Motion by Mr. Vance to approve the minutes, seconded by Dr. Stephens. On aye: Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Simmons, Mr. Howell, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Vance, Dr. Stephens, Mr. Binion, and Calvin McMullen.

Mr. McMullen asked the board to approve minutes for the May 20th meeting. A brief discussion of corrections required. Motion made by Mr. Vance to approve minutes, seconded by Dr. Stephens. On aye: Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Simmons, Mr. Howell, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Vance, Dr. Stephens, Mr. Binion, and Calvin McMullen.

Chairman McMullen moved to the financial reports for May 2025. Mr. McMullen gave a summary of the status of the CSHLRA account stating the income for the month of May as \$31,952.22, with a year-to-date balance of \$499,927.43 in terms of assets.

Dr. Nelson inquired about the status of the Kitchen's electrical bill. Mr. McMullen reminded the board of a payment made in the amount of around \$21,000.00. The deposit fee of \$19,000.00 is still under review. And the current monthly bill is \$3,286.12.

Chairman McMullen moved to ask the board to review a continuing budget resolution, Resolution 2506-01 provided in their packets. Mr. McMullen reminded the board of his appointment with committee members during the last board meeting. He stated that due to members' inability to meet, he asks that the board approve a continuing budget resolution. Chairman McMullen reminded the board of the fiscal year ended and an audit is in the Authority's near future. Motion made by Mr. Binion to approve resolution 2506-01, seconded by Mrs. Simmons. On aye: Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Simmons, Mr. Howell, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Vance, Dr. Stephens, Mr. Binion, and Calvin McMullen.

Chairman McMullen moved to next agenda item, appointment of committees/election of officers and the office positions will start in July. Chairman McMullen asked Mr. Vance to provide instructions.

Mr. Vance thanked Dr. Nelson and Mr. Howell for their support with the preparation for the voting process. Mr Vance instructed board members of the election process, provided voting ballots to all board members as well as asking 2 meeting guests, Mr. Atkins and Mrs. Mitchell, to assist in counting the ballots. Once all board members completed ballots, Mr. Vance collected all ballots, and exited the meeting area with assistants, counted ballots and returned to the meeting area with results. Mr. Vance informed board members of results; Mr. McMullen as chairman, Mrs. Edwards as vice chair, Mr. Binion as treasurer and Mrs. Simmons as secretary. Mr. Vance noted that the ballots were shredded upon the completion of the count.

Mr. McMullen spoke briefly on committee assignment. Mr. McMullen reminded the board, according to the by-laws, the executive committee will consist of the chair, vice chair, treasurer and secretary. The Finance committee would consist of Mr. Binion, Dr. Stephens and Mr. Vance. Mr. McMullen stated he wanted to create another committee labeled the Job recruitment and retention committee. McMullen expressed the need for this committee to be able to assist the community, creating job fairs and screenings for individuals who might be looking for jobs and could be potentially hired by contractors/private companies that can use with projects on campus. Mr. McMullen asked Mrs., Edwards, Mr. Howell and Dr. Nelson to serve on this committee. Mr. McMullen went on to state the last committee required by the by-laws is the policy and rules committee, he asked that Mr. Vance serve as chair on this committee. Mr. McMullen asked that Dr. Nelson and Mr. Howell to volunteer for this committee as well. Mr. McMullen reminded the board that each committee has 3 members with the chairman being the fourth as each committee cannot have more than four members.

Mr. McMullen went on to discuss the Authority's presence on social media and the website. Board members, Mrs. Edwards and Mrs. Simmons chimed in on the conversation inquiring about access and updating the information as well as providing photos of actual sites. Dr. Nelson reminded board members that the Authority does not own the .com/domain. Dr. Nelson went on to state it may be necessary to purchase our own domain. Ms. Ashley informed the board the current managers/owners of domain have sent the annual invoice for domain. Mr. Vance stated the Authority is better off owning our domain. Mr. Howell stated that it may be possible to transfer the domain through purchasing from the current owner.

Mr. McMullen reminded board members of the need to activate the Authority's card and began to use it. Mr. McMullen covered the progress of the scheduling of the work session and orientation.

Mrs. Edwards stated it would be a good idea to have the board take a tour of the campus. Mr. McMullen responded the tour of the campus would be a part of the orientation.

Mr. McMullen asked that a motion be made to go into executive session. Motion made by Mr. Vance, seconded by Mrs. Edwards. On aye: Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Simmons, Mr. Howell, Mr. Pittman, Mr. Vance, Dr. Stephens, Mr. Binion, and Calvin McMullen. The Board entered into executive session at 5:58 PM.

The board returned from executive session at 7:06 PM. Motion to return from the executive session made by Mr. Howell, seconded by Mr. Vance. Mr. Pittman exited the meeting at 7:00 PM.

Mr. McMullen stated Mr. Binion needs to be added to the Authority's account. Mr. McMullen provided the board with a resolution to add Mr. Binion to be added. Mr. Binion asked who is currently on the account(s). Mr. McMullen stated Dr. Stephens, Mr. McMullen and Mr. Roberson. Mr. Roberson will be removed, and Mr. Binion will be added. Documentation is required to do so.

Dr. Nelson made a motion to approve resolution 2506-02 seconded by Mr. Vance. On aye: Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Simmons, Mr. Howell, Mr. Vance, Dr. Stephens, Mr. Binion, and Calvin McMullen.

Mr. McMullen opened the floor to public comments.

Mr. Edwin Adkins, representing the Friends of Central State, expressed his thoughts on the status of the cemeteries. He asked the Authority to consider preservation. Mr. Atkins noted that the current board's present plans are very good.

Mr. McMullen made closing statements addressing Mr. Atkins concerns as well as the positive work being done. Mr. McMullen closed with his excitement on the work to come. Chairman asked for a motion to adjourn meeting.

Meeting adjourned motion made by Mr. Howell seconded by Mr. Binion. On aye: Dr. Nelson, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Simmons, Mr. Howell, Mr. Vance, Dr. Stephens, Mr. Binion, and Calvin McMullen. Meeting adjourned at 7:16PM.

Calvin McMullen, Chairman

Approved _____

Vote _____ Aye _____ Nay _____ Abstained