

Elgin Township Mental Health Board
729 S. McLean Blvd Elgin, IL 60123
Meeting of June 25, 2020 Minutes

On March 9, 2020 in light of the circumstances surrounding the public health emergency caused by Covid-19, Governor Pritzker issued a Disaster Proclamation for the state of Illinois. He renewed this proclamation on April 30, 2020 and it is still in effect. On March 16, 2020, Governor Pritzker issued Executive order 2020-07, which suspends for the duration of the Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, certain provisions of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Specifically, the order suspends the in-person attendance by members of a public body and suspends the conditions limiting when remote participation is permitted for attendance at a public meeting. That Executive order was also renewed by Executive order 2020-33, signed on April 30, 2020. Therefore, pursuant to Executive Order 2020-07 and 2020-33, some members of the Township Mental Health board are attending this June 25, 2020 Board meeting by means other than physical presence are doing so lawfully. This participation is by video conference. The meeting was called to order by Franklin Ramirez at 6:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Crystal Knight, Karen Beyer, Misty Javan, Kate McCormack, Danise Habun, Suzanne Rozycki, Franklin Ramirez were present. **Quorum was established.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS- None.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Inaugural meeting - no minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

None

OTHER BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Elections. Franklin Ramirez nominated himself and so did Danise Habun. Each candidate spoke as to why they would be better suited for the role and with a vote of 4-3, Mr. Ramirez was elected board President. Karen Beyer nominated herself as Vice President and with no further nominations, Ms. Beyer was selected by consensus. Crystal Knight nominated herself as Secretary and with no further nominations, Ms. Knight was selected by consensus.
2. President Ramirez moved that the mental health board be expanded from seven (7) members to nine (9) as allowed by law. Ms. Habun seconded. Discussion was held and by unanimous vote, the motion passed.
 - a. It was discussed that the current makeup of the board was heavy on the professional side and that more effort to obtain a diverse board should be made.
 - b. A link to the application on the Elgin Township website was emailed to all the board members the following day.
3. Board member terms – President Ramirez read over the state statute that governs the mental health board. The floor was open for members to select between a 2, 3, or 4 year term. Two (2) year terms – ending June 2022: Franklin Ramirez, Crystal Knight; three (3) year term – ending June 2023: Misty Javan, Suzanne Rozycki; four (4) year term – ending June 2024: Karen Beyer, Kate McCormack, Danise Habun.

4. President Ramirez handed out the compiled statues – MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES (405 ILCS 20/) Community Mental Health Act – that govern this body. President Ramirez address any questions that the board members may have had.
5. Open Discussion was held.
- a. Ms. Habun asked for a standing agenda item – PLANNING.
 - b. President Ramirez went over the Open Meeting Act (OMA) requirements and emailed the board members the following day.
 - c. Ms. Habun asked to have a contact list of the members of the board and that was emailed out the following day.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting of the metal health board is scheduled for Thursday July 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm. at the Township offices, 729 S. McLean Blvd. Elgin, IL 60123.

ADJOURNMENT

President Ramirez moved to adjourn. Motion seconded by Ms. Beyer. Motion carried 7-0-0. Meeting adjourned 7:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted by President Ramirez.

Crystal Knight, Secretary

Misty Javan

Franklin Ramirez, President

Suzanne Rozycki

Karen Beyer, Vice President

Danise Habun

Kate McCormack

Date