

CMHB, Moraine Township

Minutes of Board Meeting

July 13, 2026

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Secretary Kari Guhl at the Moraine Township Office located at 800 Central Ave, Highland Park.

Motion to Allow Chair David Paushter to join the meeting remotely in accordance with the Moraine Township Community Mental Health Board's Remote Attendance Policy.

The following Board Members were in attendance in person: Secretary Kari Guhl, Members Daniel Jenks, Desmond Raftery, Heather Schwartz, and Nora Barquin.

Also present: Moraine Township Administrator Sanela Abazovic.

Remote attendance: Chair David Paushter and Case Manager/ Community Liaison Guadalupe Somerville.

Absent: Members Zach Duenow, Allison Levin, and Vice-Chair, Daniel Yohanna.

Public Comment:

- None

Approval of Minutes:

- Member Jenks moved, seconded by Member Schwartz, the approval of Minutes from the June 22, 2026 regular board meeting.

Approval of Bills:

- Member Jenks moved, seconded by Member Raftery, to approve the bills for the period of June 23, 2026 to July 13, 2026 in the amount of \$798.29.
Voting Aye by roll call vote: Chair Paushter, Secretary Guhl, Members Barquin, Jenks, Raftery, and Schwartz
Voting Nay: None. **The motion passed**

Financial Reports:

- Administrator Abazovic shared that the CMHB has received \$451,000 from Lake County, which is about half of our Levy for this fiscal year and approximately \$5,500 Replacement Tax from the State of Illinois.

- Administrator Abazovic also informed the Board that a new CD has been opened in the amount of \$400,000.

Action Items:

- The Board discussed a proposal to require Moraine Township residency verification by the grant recipients with contractual attestation and CMHB audit capability. This item was tabled.

Chair's Remarks:

- Chair Paushter thanked the Board for attending and participating in the Fourth of July parade sharing that it was a great success.

Executive Session:

- None

Standing Committee Reports:

Governance: Members Yohanna and Levin

- None.

Finance: Members Jenks and Yohanna

- Member Jenks informed the Board that he is working with Administrator Abazovic on a monthly cash flow projection.

Grants: Chair Paushter and Member Barquin

- Member Barquin informed the Board that she met and is working with Community Liaison Somerville in gathering feedback from organizations and adjusting the grant application accordingly for the next grant cycle.

Working Group Reports:

Website/Navigation: Member Duenow and Secretary Guhl

- Member Guhl informed the Board that the CMHB will be hiring a contractor to help with updating our website. The position was posted and is currently live.

Convening: Members Barquin and Raftery

- Member Barquin reported that a representative from a new organization has requested an opportunity to present information about the organization's mission and activities. The presentation is scheduled for the August 10th CMHB meeting.

Communication/Outreach: Secretary Guhl and Member Raftery

- National Night Out is scheduled for August 5th. Members Guhl, Raftery & Barquin will represent the CMHB at the event.

Strategic Planning: Members Levin and Schwartz

- Member Schwartz handed out a copy of the Implementation Road Map to the Board for review and brainstorming. The materials will be used to support discussion and development of Strategic Metrics at the July 27th CMHB meeting.

Old Business:

- None

New Business:

- None

Staff Report:

- Guadalupe Somerville informed the Board that the post-application survey is complete and will be sent out shortly with the hopes of getting feedback for the July 27th CMHB meeting.

Adjournment:

Member Raftery moved, seconded by Secretary Guhl, adjournment of the meeting at 7:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

/s/ Guadalupe Somerville

Guadalupe Somerville, Acting CMHB Secretary