

**LIFEPATH SYSTEMS BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

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1515 Heritage Drive, McKinney, Texas – Trinity Meeting Room

**JULY 31, 2025**

<b><u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b>		<b><u>STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT</u></b>	
Dona Watson Matt Foster Doug Kowalski	Arthur Cotton Rick Crawford Dan Reiss	Tammy Mahan Brent Phillips-Broadrick Keyanta Gaddy Luis Palma	Jennifer Morgan Pete Kabira Deanna Easley Kiara Gonzalez

**Quorum Establishment and Call to Order:** A quorum was established, and the meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by Doug Kowalski, Chair of the LifePath Systems Board of Trustees.

**010725 - Consent Agenda**

Doug Kowalski requested comments or concerns regarding items within the Consent Agenda. There being none:

**MOTION:** Dona Watson moved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Matthew Foster seconded the motion. The vote to accept the Consent Agenda was unanimous.

**020725 - Public Input and Partner Organizations**

- a. **Public Commentary:** Doug Kowalski called for public comments. None were offered.
- b. **LifePath Foundation Monthly Report:** Keyanta Gaddy, Director of Development, provided the Foundation’s monthly update on Celebrate to Elevate Fundraiser 2026 and the upcoming North Texas Giving Day on September 18, 2025. Also presented was a proposal to appoint four new Foundation Board members: Mark Ayers, Amber Wax, Andrew Kirbs, and Liz McFarland.

**MOTION:** Dona Watson moved to accept the four new members to the Foundation Board. Matthew Foster seconded the motion. The vote passed unanimously.

**030725 - CEO Report**

Tammy Mahan, Chief Executive Officer, provided an update on new federal guidance that changes who may be eligible for services that are funded by federal dollars. Recent guidance indicates undocumented immigrants are no longer eligible. Staff are working with the Texas Council to understand and implement new guidance.

Staff are also reviewing new state laws that came out of the 89<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session. Trainings provided at the recent June 2025 Texas Council Conference were also discussed. The training provided by TCRMF legal counsel, Pam Beach, updated participants on the many new laws passed affecting governmental boards. Ms. Beach specifically encouraged trustees to only use Center-issued email accounts.

Substance Abuse contracts are changing significantly with some contracts moving to a public university for contracting and implementation. LifePath will be applying for some funds through this new mechanism.

The proposed FY26 budget will be presented at the next Board of Trustees meeting.

Tammy provided an update on the Board of Trustees Strategic Goals for FY25-FY27. Progress has been made on each goal including operational excellence, financial stability, community engagement and education, and vision for the future.

#### **040725 - Committee Reports and Action Items**

- a. **Budget and Finance Committee:** Dona Watson reported for Matt Duncan, Chair.

The Committee met to review auditor firm bids and recommend Forvis Mazars Group based on expertise in healthcare/government accounting and strong references from Dallas Metrocare. The Committee also received a training on "Governmental Accounting Principles & Revenue Recognition." The Committee recommended presenting this information to the board members at the December meeting in preparation for next year's audit report.

**MOTION:** The Committee recommended approval of the Forvis Mazars Group as auditor for the LifePath Systems FY25 Compliance and Financial Audit. The motion passed unanimously.

- b. **Facilities Committee:** Dona Watson presented the report for Ernest Myers, Chair.

Photos of the Bloomdale building progress were presented. Parking lot striping is completed, and landscaping preparation is underway. Furniture delivery is scheduled to begin August 5, 2025. Fire sprinkler and alarm system testing is scheduled for August 1, 2025.

Utilization of the Mullins and Cross Bend residential properties was discussed. With the current underutilization status and the ongoing associated costs of the two residential properties, the Committee recommends leasing the properties. A leasing agent will be hired to manage rental operations.

**MOTION:** The Committee recommended approval of contracting with a leasing company for the Mullins and Cross Bend properties. The motion passed unanimously.

- c. **Compliance and Quality Assurance Committee** - No report.
- d. **Human Resources Committee** - Report deferred to Executive Session.
- e. **Programs and Communications Committee** - No report.
- f. **Technology Committee** - No report.
- g. **Legislative Report** – Rick Crawford provided a report on Texas Council legislative activities.

#### **050725 – Executive Session:**

The Board convened into Executive Session as allowed by Texas Government Code 551.074 (Deliberation of Personnel Matters) at 8:24 PM. No official actions or votes took place in executive session. The executive session adjourned at 8:40 PM.

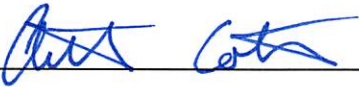
#### **060725 - Chairman's Report and Announcements**

- a. **Consider motions resulting from Executive Session Deliberation:** No motions were made.
- b. **Announcements & Upcoming Events:** Doug Kowalski reminded members to review the Events Calendar located in the board meeting packet.

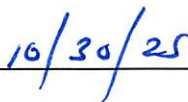
- c. **New Business:** Doug Kowalski called for items to be discussed at the next meeting on August 28, 2025. An item to add to the agenda is to update the Board Guidelines and to implement the identification of veterans on the board as required by the 89<sup>th</sup> Legislature.

**070725 - Adjournment** - There being no further business:

**MOTION:** Dona Watson moved to adjourn. Dan Reiss seconded the motion. The vote to adjourn was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 8:48 PM.

  
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