



Richland County Mental Health & Recovery Services Board Special Meeting Minutes November 13, 2023

Present: Sue Bemiller, David Krenrick, Lonnie McGhee, Christina Thompson, Susan Lehr, Cindy Lewis, John Ahles, Carla James, Jennifer Lemon, Sylvia Jordan, Jordon Wurthmann and Elder Ron Moton.

Excused: Mike Donahue

Unexcused:

Staff Present: Joe Trolian, Sherry Branham, Angie Parker, and Carey Vogt

Guest: Richland County Prosecutor Amanda Middis, Attorney David Smith, Michael Prezioso, Lou Whitmire, Katie E Serrao

Bemiller called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M. The attendees said the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was completed, and a quorum was established.

Bemiller advised that on October 31, 2023 Trolian was placed on leave. On November 1, charges were served to Mr. Trolian, and he requested this hearing with the Board of Directors.

AGENDA ITEMS:

1. To begin the hearing, Bemiller called for a motion to move into Executive Session. Trolian requested the meeting be held in open session, and the meeting proceeded in open session. Attorney David Smith advised we are here because Trolian requested a hearing regarding his administrative leave and Neglect of Duty charges that were served to him. Trolian addressed the Board of Directors with a prepared written statement as related to being placed on administrative leave. He advised he is disheartened by the Boards actions. He addressed the charges made against him and that he has done nothing illegal. He read a written statement and spoke of Train for Change and his wife Christy Ellis-Trolian's work, of the Board's payable reports, of the sponsorship he approved to Lexington School, of public awareness work, of Wachs and the shared funding agreement. Trolian asked to be reinstated in the Executive Director position. After Trolian's presentation, Middis asked him if he voluntarily gave his statement and he advised "yes."
2. * **Executive Session-** At 5:52 P.M., Bemiller called for a motion to move into Executive Session. Wurthmann made a motion to move into Executive Session. Moton seconded, and a roll call vote was taken. The Board unanimously agreed to move to Executive Session.


At 6:51 P.M., the public was invited back into the room. Bemiller called for a motion to move out of Executive Session. Lewis made the motion, Jordan seconded, and roll call was taken. The Board agreed unanimously to return to open session. Bemiller advised called for a motion to terminate the employment of Trolian. Wurthmann made a motion to terminate Trolian's employment with the Board. Lehr seconded the motion. A roll call vote was held.

There were 11 yeas and 1 nay by Moton. Trolan was terminated from the position of Executive Director.

* **Adjournment-** At 6:55 P.M., Bemiller called for a motion to adjourn. Wurthmann made the motion, and Moton seconded the motion.

*Denotes items requiring Board action.

ATTESTED BY:



Susan Bemiller, Chair



Dave Krenrick, Vice Chair