



MINUTES

Board of Directors' Meeting

Tuesday, June 15, 2021

Ladson & Zoom

PRESENT

Bob Baldwin, Chair	Marshall McClure	Courtney Plotner, Pres & CEO
Kristen Gayeski Tinkler, Sec.	Paula Mullen (Zoom)	Donna D'Amato, CFOO
Carol Clement, Treasurer (Zoom)	George Smythe	
Clay Hershey, Immediate Past Chair	Thomas Smythe	

ABSENT (*Meeting time change to allow for in-person meeting and technical issues lowered meeting attendance.*)

Joe Waring - Vice Chair	Jamie Hill
Karl Brady	John Kulze
Sam Clawson	Tricia Leyte-Vidal

PROCEEDINGS

The meeting was called to order at 3:01pm pm by Board Chair, Bob Baldwin. There was a quorum present for the meeting. The consensus agenda including the minutes from March 16, 2021, the external operations report and the internal operations report was approved.

Chair's Report

Bob Baldwin

Mr. Baldwin thanked the Board and staff for a successfully year.

Investment Committee Report

Donna D'Amato

Mrs. D'Amato gave a brief overview of our investment accounts and the market trends for YTD FYE 2021.

In the May Executive & Finance Committee meeting, motion was made to do an allocation move within the Stifel Investment accounts from our Equity/Bond accounts to the Stifel money market account in the amount of \$175,000. This, with the cash left over from FYE 2021 should cover our endowment needs for FYE 2022.

Treasurer's Report

Donna D'Amato

The financials for July 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021 were reviewed, and Mrs. D'Amato explained the variances in the Income Statement and Organizational Budget.

Development Committee Report

Courtney Plotner

Mrs. Plotner reported on the successes of External Operations, reviewed the new LVC and ALC members and updated the Board on Noir.

Program Committee Report

Courtney Plotner

Mrs. Plotner reported a growth in clients and clients served. She also reported that as of June 14th, ABVI had provided 1,000 training hours this fiscal year.

Guide Dog Committee Report

Courtney Plotner

Mrs. Plotner updated the Board on the Guide Dog Committees research on pet insurance and free preventative meds.

CEO's Report

Courtney Plotner

Mrs. Plotner updated the Board on program successes, a renewed partnership with the SC Commission for the Blind and opportunities including expanding development.

New Business

Motion was made by Mr. Baldwin on behalf of the Nominating Committee to elect the slate as follows: Bob Baldwin – Chair, Carol Clement – Vice Chair, Joe Waring – Treasurer and Kristen Gayeski-Tinkler – Secretary. No second was needed as the motion came from Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

Motion was made by Mr. Baldwin on behalf of the Nominating Committee to elect Sean Wilson to the Board of Directors. No second was needed as the motion came from Committee. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board discussed the Budget and meeting dates/times for FYE 2022 with Mrs. Plotner and Mrs. D'Amato.

Executive Session

The Board went into Executive Session to approve the salary for Mrs. Plotner and to approve the FYE 2022 budget with the corrections to the CEO's salary.

The Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Courtney Plotner, President & CEO

Next Meeting: September 14, 2021 - SouthState Bank