



MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD JANUARY 21, 2026 – 5:00 P.M.

The Governing Board Regular Meeting was held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. in the MHSA Administrative Office located at 2001 North Garey Avenue, Pomona, California.

CALL TO ORDER Chair Leano called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL Roll call was taken by JPA Administrator/Clerk Olmos.

GOVERNING BOARD

PRESENT: Lorraine Canales, City of Pomona, Board Member (arrived at 5:21 p.m.)
Paula Lantz, City of Pomona, Board Member
Elizabeth Ontiveros-Cole, City of Pomona, Board Member (arrived at 5:20 p.m.)
Jed Leano, City of Claremont, Chair
Beverly Johnson, City of Pomona, Alternate Board Member (left at 5:20 p.m.)
Steve Johnson, City of La Verne, Alternate Board Member

ABSENT: Sandra Grajeda, City of Claremont, Board Member
Wendy Lau, City of La Verne, Vice-Chair

STAFF

PRESENT: Ontson Placide, Executive Director
Steven Flower, General Counsel
Diana Acosta, Chief Financial Officer
Elizabeth Renteria, Chief Clinical Officer
Dana Barford, Director of MHSA & Ethnic Services
Natalie Majors-Stewart, Chief Compliance Officer
Seeyam Teimoori, Medical Director
Micaela P. Olmos, JPA Administrator/Clerk

CONSENT CALENDAR

Chair Leano opened the meeting for public comment; and there was no public comment.

There being no further comment, Alternate Board Member Steve Johnson moved, and Board Member Lantz seconded, to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was carried by the following vote: Alternate Board Members B. Johnson and S. Johnson; Board Member Lantz; and Chair Leano. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Canales, Grajeda, and Ontiveros-Cole; and Vice-Chair Lau.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES THE DECEMBER 17, 2025 REGULAR JOINT MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD AND MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION

Recommendation: “A motion to approve the Minutes of the Governing Board and Mental Health Commission Regular Joint Meeting of December 17, 2025.”

2. ONTSON PLACIDE, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MONTHLY REPORT

Recommendation: “A motion to receive and file.”

3. DIANA ACOSTA, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER MONTHLY REPORT

Recommendation: “A motion to receive and file.”

4. LIZ RENTERIA, CHIEF CLINICAL OFFICER MONTHLY REPORT

Recommendation: “A motion to receive and file.”

5. SEEYAM TEIMOORI, MEDICAL DIRECTOR MONTHLY REPORT

Recommendation: “A motion to receive and file.”

6. DANA BARFORD, DIRECTOR OF MHSA AND ETHNIC SERVICES MONTHLY REPORT

Recommendation: “A motion to receive and file.”

7. NATALIE MAJORS-STEWART, CHIEF COMPLIANCE OFFICER MONTHLY REPORT

Recommendation: “A motion to receive and file.”

8. APPROVAL FOR THE DISPOSAL OF OBSOLETE OR DAMAGED I.T. EQUIPMENT

Recommendation: “A motion to approve the disposal of I.T. equipment listed on the I.T. Equipment List for Disposal – January 2026.”

9. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 835 APPROVING AN AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT AND ANY AMENDMENTS THEREAFTER

Recommendation: “A motion to adopt Resolution No. 835 authorizing the Executive Director to execute an Affiliation Agreement with University of Phoenix, and any amendments thereafter.”

10. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 836 ADOPTING A REVISED MASTER CLASSIFICATION AND SALARY SCHEDULE TO ADD THE JOB DESCRIPTIONS FOR CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER POSITION, AND THE EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT POSITION

Recommendation: “A motion to adopt Resolution No. 836 establishing the Job Description for the Chief Administrative Officer position, restoring the Job Description for the Executive Assistant Position, and updating the Master Classification and Salary Schedule to include these changes.”

NEW BUSINESS

11. REVIEW OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Paul Kaymark, Partner at Nigro & Nigro Audit Services, joined the meeting virtually and presented the audit results of TCMHA’s Audited Financial statements for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2025. He explained their agency’s responsibilities with regard to the Financial Statements audit noting that they are guided by the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and based on the planned scope and timing of the financial statement audit; review of accounting policies and practices; adoption of, or change in, significant accounting polies or their application; significant or unusual transactions; and management’s judgments and accounting estimates. He reported that results were an unmodified opinion or clean audit opinion; that they did not have any disagreements with management; they did not encounter any significant difficulties in performing their audit; and that no material issues arose to be reported to the Governing Board/Management, any minor issues were discussed orally and corrected by management. He then stated that the Operating Revenues increased by approximately \$4.7 million, largely due to a \$4.1 million increase in federal Medi-Cal revenues, and additional increases were reported in Realignment Revenue, MHSA funding, and grant revenue, while member-city contributions decreased by approximately \$12,000; and that Investment Earnings totaled \$2.7 million, reflecting an increase of about \$580,000, resulting in total revenues of \$45.6 million for the fiscal year. He then stated that Expenditures totaled \$35.9 million; that salaries and benefits increased approximately \$1.7 million due to benefit adjustments and pension liability changes; that facility and equipment costs increased by more than \$450,000; that miscellaneous operating expenses rose by approximately \$1 million; and that depreciation expense totaled \$165,000. He pointed out that the Financial Statements also reflected a donation of land, which was detailed in the accompanying notes; and the resulting Net Change in Revenue over Expenditures was \$9.6 million, which was added to the Reserves. He also reported that the TCMHA’s cash and investment balance increased from \$47 million to \$69 million, driven primarily by the collection of approximately \$5.4 million in outstanding accounts receivable, and a \$4.7 million reduction in unearned MHSA revenue; that the Net Change in cash for the year was \$21.8 million; and Investment returns for the period averaged 4.64%.

Board Member Lantz stated that she did not recall the land donation. Controller Bogle stated that the land donation was the Baseline property under the Disposition and Development Agreement for the senior housing project, which the land value was required to be removed from the project, resulting in the recorded donation. Auditor Kaymark pointed out that since the land does not depreciate, donation is the only mechanism for removing it from TCMHA’s asset records.

Chair Leano opened the meeting for public comment; and there was no public comment.

There being no further comment, Board Member Lantz moved, and Alternate Board Member S. Johnson seconded, to approve and file the Authority's final issued audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2025. The motion was carried by the following vote: Alternate Board Members B. Johnson and S. Johnson; Board Member Lantz; and Chair Leano. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Canales, Grajeda, and Ontiveros-Cole; and Vice-Chair Lau.

12. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 837 AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH GETACCEPT, INC. FOR ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE SERVICES FOR ONE YEAR IN THE AMOUNT OF \$36,353.01, WITH AN OPTION TO RENEW FOR TWO SUCCESSIVE ONE-YEAR TERMS

Chief Compliance Officer Majors provided an overview of GetAccept services, the electronic signature vendor. Alternate Board Member S. Johnson inquired about the purpose of the service. Chief Compliance Officer Majors explained that the platform would allow the agency to collect signatures from clients electronically, functioning similarly to DocuSign. Alternate Board Member S. Johnson asked whether the signatures could be obtained over the phone. Chief Compliance Officer Majors replied in the affirmative.

Chair Leano opened the meeting for public comment; and there was no public comment.

There being no further comment, Alternate Board Member S. Johnson moved, and Alternate Board Member B. Johnson seconded, to adopt Resolution No. 837 approving an Agreement with GetAccept, Inc. for Electronic Signature Services in the amount of \$36,353.01 commencing on December 12, 2025, and terminating on December 12, 2026; with an option to renew for two successive one-year terms; and authorizing the Executive Director to execute the Agreement. The motion was carried by the following vote: Alternate Board Members B. Johnson and S. Johnson; Board Member Lantz; and Chair Leano. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Canales, Grajeda, and Ontiveros-Cole; and Vice-Chair Lau.

13. ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR THE 2026 CALENDAR YEAR AS REQUIRED BY THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF POMONA, CLAREMONT, AND LA VERNE

Chair Leano announced that he and Vice-Chair Lau would like to continue serving in their respective leadership roles.

Board Member Lantz nominated Jed Leano to continue to serve as the Chair of the Governing Board.

Alternate Board Member S. Johnson nominated Wendy Lau to continue to serve as the Vice-Chair to the Governing Board Vice-Chair.

Chair Leano opened the meeting for public comment; and there was no public comment.

There being no further comment, Board Member Lantz moved, and Alternate Board Member S. Johnson seconded, to approve the re-elections of Chair Jed Leano and Vice-Chair Wendy Lau. The motion was carried by the following vote: Alternate Board Members B. Johnson and S. Johnson; Board Member Lantz; and Chair Leano. NOES: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Board Member Canales, Grajeda, and Ontiveros-Cole; and Vice-Chair Lau.

At 5:20 p.m. Board Member Ontiveros-Cole arrived at the meeting; and Alternate Board Member B. Johnson left the meeting.

GOVERNING BOARD COMMENTS

Chair Leano referred to Item No. 10 and commented that the proposed additional job positions were excellent and noted given the nature of the agency, long-term intentional planning would be essential for structural changes. Executive Director Placide concurred, and stated that new positions were forthcoming that aligned with long-term planning efforts.

At 5:21 p.m., Board Member Canales arrived at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CLOSED SESSION

At 5:22 p.m., The Governing Board recessed to a Closed Session pursuant to Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation; significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code § 54956.9(d)(2). One case.

At 6:00 p.m. Board Member Grajeda arrived at the meeting.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

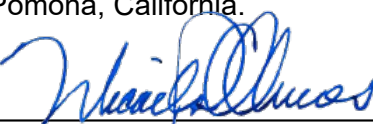
At 6:25 p.m., the Governing Board reconvened to an Open Session.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT

There was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT

At 6:25 p.m., on consensus of the Governing Board, its Regular Meeting of January 21, 2026, was adjourned. The next Regular Meeting of the Governing Board will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., in the MHSA Administrative Office, 2001 North Garey Avenue, Pomona, California.



Micaela Perez Olmos, CPMC
JPA Administrador/Clerk