**GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH**

**AND RECOVERY SERVICES**

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**Board Minutes March 24, 2022**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Alberta Chokshi, Walter Claypool, Martin Fay, James Lee Holden, Kathy Johnson, Jennifer Malainy, Linda Miller, Gregory O’Brien, Steven Oluic, Michael Petruziello, Mary Ruth Shumway

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:** Ann Bagley, Vanessa Jensen, Carolee Lesyk

**GUESTS:** Valerie Clause (Maple Leaf), Janice Katz (Retired Psychologist), Gail Roussey (League of Women Voters), Mary Wynne-Peaspanen (Signature Health), Kim Carter (NAMI Geauga), Vicki Clark (Ravenwood Health), Melanie Blasko (Lake-Geauga Recovery Centers), Michelle Bertman (Catholic Charities), Andrea Gutka (WomenSafe)

**STAFF PRESENT:** Jim Adams, Amie Martin-D’Arienzo, Teresa Slater

1. **CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Ms. Malainy called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM and stated that this special meeting is being held in public for the purpose of conducting Board business, but that public comments will not be taken this evening.

Ms. Chokshi called the roll for attendance purposes and the following Board members were present: Alberta Chokshi, Walter Claypool, Martin Fay, James Lee Holden, Kathy Johnson, Jennifer Malainy, Linda Miller, Steven Oluic, Michael Petruziello, Mary Ruth Shumway. Mr. O’Brien arrived at 5:09 PM.

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **HOUSE BILL 51 AND ZOOM**

Mr. Claypool said a motion was made, seconded and passed at the last Board meeting that virtual attendance and participation in meetings via Zoom would be allowed under certain circumstances. The Prosecutor’s Office advised that the motion and vote were not valid. **Mr. Claypool then moved that meeting participation via Zoom not be allowed. Mr. Holden seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-9; Nays-1; Abstentions-0. Motion passed.** Ms. Malainy entered into the record a letter from the Ohio Legislative Service Commission about this issue.

1. **OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 121.22 (G)(1)**

**Ms. Malainy moved to go into Executive Session to discuss the discipline, dismissal or demotion of a public employee or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, pursuant to ORC Section 121.22 (G)(1). Mr. Holden seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Ayes-7; Nays-3; Abstentions-0. Motion approved.** The Board went into Executive Session at 5:09 PM. The Board came out of Executive Session at 7:23 PM and back into Regular Session. Ms. Malainy reported that no action will be taken as a result of the Executive Session.

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. O’Brien moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Fay seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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**Ms. Teresa Slater**

**Secretary/Receptionist**

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**Ms. Jennifer Malainy**

**Chairman of the Board**

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**Ms. Alberta Chokshi**

**Secretary of the Board**