**GEAUGA COUNTY BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH**

**AND RECOVERY SERVICES**

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**Board Minutes May 4, 2022**

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

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

**GUESTS:** Susan Parker, Kimberly Carter (NAMI Geauga), Mary Wynne-Peaspanen (Signature Health), Michelle Bertman (Catholic Charities), Gail Roussey, Nina Lalich (League of Women Voters), Mark Rood, MD (Cleveland Clinic), Catherine Whitright, Al Cisan

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

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Ms. Malainy called this Special Meeting of the Geauga County Board of Mental Health and Recovery Services to order at 7:47 PM today, May 4, 2022. She further stated that this meeting is being held in public for the purpose of conducting the Board’s business, but no public comments will be allowed today.

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, Gregory O’Brien, Steven Oluic, Michael Petruziello, and Mary Ruth Shumway.

1. **EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER THE APPOINTMENT, EMPLOYMENT, DISMISSAL, DISCIPLINE, PROMOTION, OR DEMOTION OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OR OFFICIAL, OR THE INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES OR COMPLAINTS AGAINST A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE, OFFICIAL, LICENSEE, OR REGULATED INDIVIDUAL PURSUANT TO ORC SECTION 121.22(G)(1)**

**Ms. Malainy moved to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, or demotion of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual. Ms. Shumway seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call: Ayes-9; Nays-1; Abstentions-0. Motion passed.**

Ms. Malainy asked the public to leave and said they would be called back into the open meeting. The Board then went into Executive Session at 7:48 PM. The Board came out of Executive Session and back into Regular Session at 8:56 PM.

**Mr. O’Brien moved to place Jim Adams on paid administrative leave and to appoint Amie Martin-D’Arienzo as Interim Director to handle the day to day affairs during that administrative leave, effective immediately. Mr. Holden seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Roll Call: Ayes-9; Nays-1; Abstentions-0. Motion passed.**

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. O’Brien moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Petruziello seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

**Respectfully submitted by:**

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**Ms. Teresa Slater**

**Secretary/Receptionist**

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**Ms. Jennifer Malainy**

**Chairwoman of the Board**

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**Ms. Alberta Chokshi**

**Secretary of the Board**