

**Human Services Levy Review Committee Meeting Minutes for
Franklin County Children Services
June 13, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER—CHAIR

The Human Services Levy Review Committee (HSLRC) meeting was called to order by Jerry Friedman on Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 11:03 A.M.

ROLL CALL

- HSLRC members present: Jerry Friedman; Michael Curtin; Rose Handon, Ph.D.; Nana Watson; and Zak Talarek.
- HSLRC members absent: Jesse Hemphill; Jim Bowman.
- Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Rachel Buske, Budget Analyst 3.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Friedman stated that the first item on the agenda was the approval of the May 23, 2024 meeting minutes. Hearing no edits or comments, Mr. Curtin moved to approve the minutes and was seconded by Dr. Handon. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

FINALIZATION OF LEVY REPORT

Mr. Friedman asked if the other Committee members had any additional edits or feedback on the report. Hearing none, Mr. Friedman asked for a motion to approve the final report and the recommendations it contains. Mr. Curtin moved to approve the recommendations and it was seconded by Dr. Handon. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

Mr. Curtin asked if OMB would send a one-page summary of what was adopted by the Committee and Mr. Friedman asked that staff provide an updated draft with changes highlighted moving forward, so that members could see what had been changed from the first draft. Ms. Buske stated that OMB will send the one-page summary and will provide a draft with highlighted edits next time.

The Committee discussed a few items of business that were not related to the levy report.

LETTER TO ACCOMPANY REPORT

The Committee reviewed the draft letter for the Franklin County Board of Commissioners that will accompany the report. Hearing no additional feedback from the Committee, Mr. Curtin moved to approve the letter and Dr. Handon seconded. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

NEXT STEPS—OMB

Ms. Buske walked the Committee through the next steps in the process. OMB will send the report to the BOC Public Affairs department team for review. OMB will finalize the report and it will be submitted electronically to the Commissioners, County Administration, FCCS staff, and the HSLRC by June 20th, with hard copies being provided on June 25th.

Ms. Buske discussed the tentative schedule for the resolutions for the Certification of Estimated Resources and the Ballot Language. Mr. Talarek will present the resolution for approval on the Committee's behalf and Ms. Buske will send the Committee members the necessary information on how they can attend the call if they would like to do so.

Ms. Buske noted that the Alcohol, Drug and Mental Health Board (ADAMH) of Franklin County has scheduled a tour of the Franklin County Crisis Care Center for the Committee on September 10th from 3-4pm.

The ADAMH Mid-Levy Review is scheduled for September 24, 2024, from 1-3:30pm.

Ms. Buske informed the Committee that the mid-levy review agenda will include the following action items:

- Approval of the HSLRC letter to the Commissioners recognizing the need for agencies to improve their outreach and engagement efforts with a focus on inclusivity, including working to connect with those it might be overlooking.
- Approval of the updated checklist that OMB sends to agencies as to what they want an agency to include in its levy request. The updated checklist will ask for information on agency staff/contractor demographics, information on how they address racism as a public health crisis, and how they provide inclusive engagement.

OMB will provide the Committee with a draft of both documents prior to the meeting.

CLOSING REMARKS—OMB

Ms. Buske informed that Committee that Mr. Bowman and Mr. Hemphill will be leaving the Committee at the end of this review. Mr. Bowman was appointed to the HSLRC in 2006 and was known for his strong fiscal expertise. Mr. Hemphill was appointed in 2000 and served as the Chair of the HSLRC for many years. Ms. Buske noted that much of the success and respect of the HSLRC is due to his strong leadership. Ms. Buske thanked them for their service and wished them well moving forward.

Mr. Curtin asked if there are any records related to the Metropolitan Levy Review Commission that was a precursor to the HSLRC. OMB stated that it has most of the HSLRC records and some MLRC records, but will determine the extent of what has been retained.

Before turning the meeting back over to the Chair, Ms. Buske thanked the Committee for its hard work. She stated that the role of the Committee has always been an important service for the community, but that it is particularly important as this time as residents are faced with increasing property values and competing concerns for their tax dollars.

CLOSING REMARKS—CHAIR

Mr. Friedman thanked the Committee and staff for all of their hard work during the levy review and stated that he very much enjoyed working with everyone.

Mr. Curtin, Ms. Watson, and Dr. Handon offered similar feedback.

With no further business before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:48 A.M.

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These minutes are a general summary of the Human Services Levy Review Committee meeting on Thursday, May 23, 2024.

Submitted by:

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