



**Metropolitan Human Services District
Board of Directors Meeting
Monday, July 27, 2026 | 1 PM**

3100 General Degaulle Drive, New Orleans, LA 70114

MHSD fulfills its statutory role as the planning body for the behavioral health, addiction and intellectual/developmental disability services for the residents of Orleans, Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes by ensuring that eligible residents in these parishes have access to person centered and recovery focused supports designed to optimize their role in the community.

Agenda

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 1:10 PM by Vice Chair Taslim van Hattum and it was determined that a Quorum was present.

II. Attendance

- A. The quorum present consisted of Taslim van Hattum, Denise S. Dugas, Charles D. Jackson, Robert W. Kimbro, Stuart A. Simon, Gerard Woodrich, and Matthew Woodward.
- B. Absent from the meeting was Dr. Brian L. Turner and Leslie Ragas Prest.
- C. Other individuals in attendance were Steven Farber, MHSD Deputy Director of Administration and General Counsel, and Ry'Shanique Singleton, MHSD Executive Staff Officer.

III. Approval of the April 15, 2026 Minutes

Minutes from the April 15, 2026 meeting were reviewed and approved by motion of Mr. Stuart Simon, seconded by Mr. Matthew Woodward.

IV. Decision Information

A. Executive Director Authorization Renewal

The Board reviewed the renewal. Mr. Farber further briefed the Board on the Authorization Renewal and confirmed that there were no questions. Ms. Taslim van Hattum made a motion, seconded by Mr. Charles Jackson; all voted in favor, and the motion passed.

V. Consent Agenda

No consent agenda items were presented.

VI. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 1:12 PM by motion of Ms. Taslim van Hattum, seconded by Mr. Woodward.