1. Welcome

a. Welcome and Introductions

Board spotlight for the meeting is Jason Stoff.

b. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 10:24am

c. Attendance

## Attendance

### Members

**Present:** Stephanie Cooper, Mallory Rusch, Tiffany Patton, Jason Stoff, Katheryne Staeger-Wilson, Randall Wollenberg, Rachel Tripp, Kimberly Henderson, Karen Englert

**Absent:** Jennifer Shotwell, Raquel Cooper, Pamela Neal, Amy Blansit, Deitra Colquitt, Pierre Yancy

### Guests

**Present:** Amber Foster-Hobart

d. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Karen made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, Jason seconded, no further discussion. Motion carries.

2. Legislative Session Update + Executive Director Report

Six weeks are left in the legislative session. EM is working on the following work this session: Modernizing the circuit breaker tax credit; opposing source of income discrimination and opposing preemption bills designed to prevent landlord registration requirement. Additionally, working on clean slate and maintaining local control of St. Louis City Police Department. They are also working on within criminal justice reform was DOC oversight, defending against new mandatory minimums, voting rights for those on probation, mental health treatment courts, death penalty reforms and Missouri Survivor's Act. Food Security and Safety Net Bills work includes SNAP ban repeal, school meals, grocery tax elimination, protection of SNAP, TANF and Medicaid. Finally, items staff are working on currently includes annual supply of birth control, MO Healthnet coverage of hearing aids and defending Prop A. Federal issues that are being monitored include cuts to SNAP/WIC, cuts to Medicaid, Title X funding freeze and cuts to programs that provides childhood vaccines to low-income families. Included in the ED reports are the focus on housing in the book club, the separation of Day of Action and Week of Action, four-part education series on the housing crisis for the public, podcast listenership is increased, training for new Ops director, prepping for board retreat, looking at reimagining the advancement team, been awarded 5 new grants for over $1 million dollars. Has hired a development consultant to support June events and Give STL day.

Randall made a motion to go into closed session, Jason seconded, no further questions, motion carries at 11:00am. Item for discussion was staff termination and hiring. Motion was made at 11:02 by Tiffany to end closed session, Randall seconded motion, no further discussion, motion passes to end closed session.

**3.** Governance Committee

- Karen provided an update on the governance committee and renewals for board members. Karen will work with Mallory to put emails out to the four board members that are up for renewal in the next few weeks. Tiffany will make contact with the current board members that are up for renewal. Karen is asking for the board to update the board matrix to help identify board members for recruitment.

Karen will provide Tiffany with the dates of the board members that are going to term out this year.
Assigned to: Karen Englert
Due: 04/11/2025

Tiffany will reach out to terming board members to determine their interest in renewing.
Assigned to: Tiffany Patton
Due: 05/09/2025

All board members need to review the board member matrix and self populate information.
Assigned to: Amy Blansit, Deitra Colquitt, Stephanie Cooper, Karen Englert, Kimberly Henderson, Pamela Neal, Raquel Cooper, Tiffany Patton, Jennifer Shotwell, Katheryne Staeger-Wilson, Jason Stoff, Rachel Tripp, Randall Wollenberg, Pierre Yancy
Due: 04/18/2025

**4.** Resource Development

Presentation from Amber Foster-Hobart on Give STL Day and Advocacy Awards Brunch

Amber is detailing Give STL Day on May 8, 2025. This project engages current donors and also allows to attract new board members. The page for STL Day is live and board members can register now. The staff are moving from the Advocacy Awards program to piloting a recognition of public servants in the KC area. This will allow for the event to raise awareness, a new opportunity to secure funds and recognizes and supports the stress in the community. There are some concerns from the board regarding participation due to DEI support. Mallory did state that they can float the idea around KC to see if selected supporters would be interested in this event and then come back to the board. Next steps will be to market to local sponsors in the KC area to see if there's any interest. Staff will come back to the board with notification of the event or cancellation.

**5.** Finance Committee

- Approve December, January, and February Financial Statements

Randall made a motion to accept the December, January and February financial statements as presented, Stephanie seconded. No further discussion, motion approves.

**6.** Strategic Plan Review + Annual Planning

- Reviewing Governance section of the FY25 Annual Plan
- Begin draft of Governance section for the FY26 Annual Plan

Tiffany reviewed the board survey goals for FY24 and the current goals incorporated into the strategic plan. Due to the fact that many of the committees have not met more than once, the issue of working towards fulfilling goals are not being met. The question is whether or not the goals not being met are due to a lack of structure or if there is too much work assigned to just one committee. The draft of the governance section for FY26 will be determined once the governance committee has convened to discuss surveys, goals, etc.

All board members will complete the board survey that was sent out by Mallory.
Assigned to: Amy Blansit, Deitra Colquitt, Raquel Cooper, Karen Englert, Kimberly Henderson, Pamela Neal, Tiffany Patton, Jennifer Shotwell, Katheryne Staeger-Wilson, Jason Stoff, Rachel Tripp, Randall Wollenberg, Pierre Yancy
Due: 04/11/2025

Once board surveys are completed, governance committee will convene to review results.
Assigned to: Tiffany Patton, Karen Englert
Due: 04/25/2025

Committee meeting chairs will reach out to their members to determine meeting dates and send those to Stephanie for Boardable input.
Assigned to: Tiffany Patton, Karen Englert, Randall Wollenberg
Due: 04/25/2025

Stephanie will schedule a Boardable training in July
Assigned to: Stephanie Cooper
Due: 07/31/2025

**7.** Closing

Mallory's evaluation will be reviewed and ready for discussion at the June meeting.

**a.** Action Items

**b.** Next Meeting Dates
June 7th 10AM-5PM (in-person)

**8.** Adjournment
Motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jason, seconded by Karen. No further discussion, motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 12:37pm.