



Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc.  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 9, 2022

The Tri-Valley Opportunity Council, Inc. Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Tri-Valley Administrative Office in Crookston, MN and remotely via Microsoft Teams.

Board members present were S. Vonesh, S. Peterson, J. Bachmeier, D. Svaren, M. Gunderson, J. Duckstad, S. Kjono, L. Hall, T. Anderson, G. Willhite, M. Ibanez, J. Jacobson, C. Spisak, H. Bawzer.

Staff members present were J. Carlson, M. Hams, A. Peterson

Quorum was established with 14 voting members present.

D. Svaren moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the current agenda, August 9, 2022 meeting agenda, June 14, 2022 meeting minutes, June 21, 2022 Executive Committee meeting minutes, status report, financial report. Seconded by T. Anderson. Motion carried.

Treasurer J. Duckstad reported the fiscal documents were reviewed and in order.

J. Carlson presented the Chief Executive Officer report. Reviewed the progress on the Fournet building. Elevator will be operating soon. Furniture will soon be installed. STS coming August 23 and 24 to move the boxes etc. Computer servers moving August 28<sup>th</sup>. Plumbing should be completed next week. If occupancy cannot be confirmed by end of August, staff may need to work from home a few days until everything is completed. The current building is starting to show age. There are a few things that need repair so hopefully moving will happen on schedule. Road reconfiguration for Broadway is moving forward. A. Peterson is the Program Director representing the Management Team. Health Insurance renewal is not looking positive. Seeing high needs right now. Moving forward TVOC will need to look at our health plans. TVOC was unable to get new bids based on usage. TVOC has been committed to covering our staff and dependents. Board members will hear more prior to September meeting and will be discussed at the September meeting. Motion to approve the report by J. Duckstad. Second by S. Kjono. Motion carried

J. Carlson provided the Head Start, Child and Family Programs report. Migrants and Seasonal Policy council report presented by S. Vonesh. The committee met in person in St Cloud. Head Start is still seeing COVID as an issue. Masking is still being required. Bethel Center progressing and is planning to open in the fall. President and Vice President were elected. A Treasurer and Ad HOC will be elected next meeting.

Office of Head Start Information Memorandum – Competitive Bonuses for Head Start Workforce – TVOC has already put the bonuses in place. TVOC Head Start was not closed long term through COVID as some other parts of the country were.

NHSA Program of excellence. Jason passed around the recognition plaque that TVOC Head Start received. 13 programs nationwide were awarded the recognition. The application was by invitation only. There were 27 applicants.

L. Coleman will be asking the board to consider a conversion of slots for children. The request will be coming to increase hours of service to fewer kids. The need is for longer hours and more intense work with children and families. The Executive Committee will be asked to take action if action is needed before the September meeting.

Board approval was requested for Head Start Report. M. Gunderson made a motion. There was a second G. Willhite. Motion carried.

Correspondence – TVOC received a congratulatory note from Senator Smith’s office regarding the recognition.

No unfinished business.

#### New Business

Bremer Wealth Management - TVOC has agency funds that could be working for the agency. Two scenarios were presented. J. Carlson reviewed the options with the board that could keep the money safe and generate some income. Discussion was held with questions asked. Looking at a blended portfolio. TVOC currently has funds in the money market that are not tied to grants.

Motion by D. Svaren to move 1.25 million of TVOC money market funds into bonds. Second S. Peterson. Motion carried.

Board of Directors Training will not be occurring tonight. Neither of the ROMA trainers are available tonight to complete the training. It will be rescheduled for another meeting.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be September 13, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

J. Duckstad moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by L. Hall. Motion carried. Adjourned at 7:10 p.m.