

**GRAND TRAVERSE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BOARD**
1000 Pavilions Circle, Traverse City, MI 49684

**MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 15, 2023
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

PRESENT:	Cecil McNally, Mary Marois, Haider Kazim Darcey Gratton, Dave Hautamaki TJ Andrews	Board Staff Commission
ABSENT:		
GUESTS:	Gerard Bodalski	

The special board meeting of the Grand Traverse County Department of Health and Human Services Board was called to order at 10:06am by Board Chair Cecil McNally in the Board room at Grand Traverse Pavilions.

Roll Call - Marois - yes, McNally – yes, Kazim– yes

First Public Comment - None

Administrator Interview – Gerard Bodalski – The Board asked applicant Gerard Bodalski eleven questions. Prior to the meeting, the board gave Bodalski four questions. The board followed up with Bodalski on his responses. Bodalski was given a tour of the Pavilions with McNally and the Interim Administrator, Dave Hautamaki, before the meeting.

Ten minute recess at 11:58 am

Second Public Comment

Sylvia McCullough
Linda Pepper

Bodalski out 1:13pm

Lunch recess at 1:13 to 2:03pm

Board Deliberation – Regarding the Administrator/CEO Position – The Board unanimously agreed they had three extremely well qualified candidates and felt very fortunate to interview Al Raza, Amber Phillips and Gerard Bodalski and thanked all three for taking the time to meet, tour and for responding to questions prior to the meeting and during the public portion. The board deliberated on each of the interviews and discussed their references. McNally and Marois chose Bodalski as their top choice and Kazim chose Raza. Each board member shared their thoughts and analysis on ranking their number one candidate with all agreeing it was very close. McNally made a motion to appoint Gerard Bodalski as the next Administrator/CEO pending the outcome of the criminal background check and negotiations with a contract. Seconded by Marois. Discussed. Kazim shared he felt Bodalski and Raza were both very close as his top choice but noted that while his decision to have Raza remains unchanged as his top pick, he felt it was important for the board to be unified in their decision. With that said, he also voted for Bodalski. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the following steps to draft a contract and salary.

