

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

**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 5, 2025
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

PRESENT:	Mary Marois, Carol Crawford, Karen Griggs Dave Hautamaki, Darcey Gratton, Levi Petrone TJ Andrews	Board Staff Commission
ABSENT:	None	
GUESTS:	None	

The special board meeting of the Grand Traverse County Department of Health and Human Services Board was called to order at 4:18 pm by Board Chair Mary Marois in the Board room at Grand Traverse Pavilions.

Roll Call - Marois - yes, Crawford – yes, Griggs– yes

First Public Comment
Levi Petrone

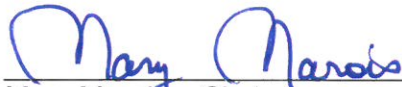
Board Deliberation – Regarding the CEO Position – The board deliberated on each of the finalist interviews with Darrell Lavender and James Arp and reviewed the candidates' references. Each candidate spent two days meeting with the leadership team, community leaders, the Grand Traverse Pavilions Foundation Executive Committee, and participated in informal settings including lunch and dinner engagements. All individuals involved, including board members, Commissioner Andrews, and executive staff, shared their impressions and experiences with each candidate. It was acknowledged that the decision was a close one among strong contenders.

Motion was made by Crawford to extend the offer for the CEO position to James Arp and to authorize Mary Marois to negotiate the terms of a contract with Mr. Arp. The final agreement will be presented to the board for approval. The motion was seconded by Griggs and carried unanimously.

Petrone reviewed options of fringe benefits for the CEO position.

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm

Signatures:



Mary Marois – Chair
Grand Traverse County Department of Health and Human Services Board

Date: June 26, 2025 Approved 

Corrected and Approved