

Board Meeting Minutes
Productive Living Board
June 8, 2026

Attendance

Present:

Members: Curt Ittner, Melissa Garza, Dave Herman, Lauri Koster, Scott Malin, Felice McClendon, Amy Wilson

Staff Participants: Becky Herschbach – Executive Director, Don Kaufmann - Director of Finance and Administration; Amy Meyer - Director of Agency and Community Relations

Guests: Mike Kaemmerer, McCarthy, Leonard & Kaemmerer L.C.; Samara Lillioja, Program Specialist, Bridges Community Support Services; Oliver, Participant, Bridges Community Support Services

Absent:

Members: Lou Brock, Jasmine Chen

I. Call to Order

A quorum was preset and due notice had been published.
Mr. Herman called the meeting to order at 4:02. p.m.

II. Open Forum for Comments from the Public

No comments were made.

III. Agency Overview - Bridges Community Support Services

Samara Lillioja, LMSW, Program Specialist at Bridges Community Support Services, shared about their programs: Sexual Health and Disability Education (SHADE), Counseling, and Community Support. She introduced Oliver, who shared his experience with Bridges' Community Support Services and answered questions from the Board regarding how he learned about Bridges.

IV. Executive Director's Report – Becky Herschbach

Satisfaction Survey

In April PLB sent out a satisfaction survey to our partner agencies to send to all the individuals who participated in PLB funded services. Currently the response rate is 33%, an increase of four percentage points compared to last year. It will increase after the summer service participants are given their survey. The majority of the feedback reflects the highest level of satisfaction with services. Staff are following up with dissatisfied respondents who included their contact information.

Legislative Updates

The proposed constitutional amendment to eliminate income taxes will be on the August ballot. New ballot language was issued by the Missouri Western District Court of Appeals on Friday, to more clearly inform voters of the intent to expand sales and

use taxes to offset reduced income taxes. If that decision is appealed, the Missouri Supreme Court will need to meet today or tomorrow to meet deadlines for ballot language.

The Purple Alert System passed this legislative session. It is an alert system that will help locate people with IDD who are missing. Our statewide association, MACDDS, has been asked to help develop and promote this system.

The Missouri legislation regarding Medicaid Work Requirements, HJR 154, did not pass. The Federal government just released an interim Final Rule clarifying new Medicaid eligibility rules resulting from the \$1 Trillion in Medicaid cuts a year ago. It includes new guidelines regarding work requirements, including changes to determining who is medically frail or has special medical needs which exempt them from work requirements.

HJ3467, the state legislation that would have allowed Senate Bill 40 Boards to ask voters to approve a sales tax of up to one-half of one percent on retail sales did not pass but received strong support.

The Budget is still awaiting the Governor's signature, which is required by the end of the month.

Other Updates

Agency funding contracts are due by June 26.

PLB's fiscal year is coming to a close, the final invoice date for agencies is July 31.

June 26 - Board Agency tour of Gateway Down Syndrome Association

June 30 - Board Retreat on Contingency Planning

Ms. Herschbach concluded her report by thanking outgoing Chair, Dave Herman, for his commitment, support, and passion for improving the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

V. Board Consent Agenda Items

Ms. Wilson moved to approve the Board Consent Agenda items as listed. Mr. Malin seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

A. Approval of May 11, 2026 Productive Living Board Meeting Minutes

B. Approval of May 28, 2026 Special Board Meeting Minutes

VI. Financial Report – Don Kaufmann, Director of Finance and Administration

Mr. Kaufmann reported that the Executive Summary of Financial Statements reflects that revenue was \$109 thousand higher than prior year and \$758 thousand higher than budget. Year-end revenue is expected to be \$29.1 million, which is a \$700 thousand increase over budget.

Administration expenses were \$15 thousand lower than budget. Service reimbursements increased by \$1.9 million over prior year as the result of one-time funding initiatives.

Mr. Ittner moved to accept the Financial Report as presented. Ms. Koster seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

VII. Standing Committee Reports

A. Nominating Committee – Dave Herman, Chairperson

1. Nomination of Officers for FY'27

Mr. Herman gave a brief summary of the Nominating Committee meeting. Recommendations for leadership roles were based on individuals' interest and availability.

Mr. Herman moved that the Board approve the following Slate of Officers for FY'27.

Chairperson	Lauri Koster
Vice Chairperson	Curt Ittner
Secretary	Scott Malin
Treasurer	Amy Wilson

Ms. McClendon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Herman announced the Service Committee members for FY'27.

Community Services Committee; Jasmine Chen - Chairperson, Lou Brock, Curt Ittner, Lauri Koster, and Dave Herman.

Employment Services Committee; Melissa Garza - Chairperson, Scott Malin, Felice McClendon, and Amy Wilson.

B. Administration Committee – Lauri Koster, Chairperson

Ms. Koster provided a summary of the Administration Committee meeting. The Committee reviewed the Operations and Special Projects Budgets for FY'27, Agency Insurance Waivers, UCP Heartland's request for additional funding for their Independent Supported Living Assistance (ISLA) program, and Board Strategic Planning. Staff recommended that the Strategic Framework that was put in place in 2023 be used to evaluate and identify new Strategic Initiatives. Staff proposed that instead of bringing in a consultant to assist with identifying new initiatives, use consultants to aid in implementing parts of the strategic plan that would benefit from additional capacity. The Committee supported staff recommendations.

1. FY'27 PLB Operations Budget

Ms. Koster moved that the Board approve the Productive Living Board's annual Operations Budget for FY'27 as submitted. Mr. Malin seconded the motion.

Mr. Kaufmann gave an overview of the budget and answered a question from the Board regarding the changes in staff salaries from support positions to professional positions.

Mr. Herman called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

2. FY'27 PLB Special Projects Budget

Ms. Koster moved that the Board approve the Productive Living Board's annual Special Projects Budget for FY'27 as submitted. Mr. Malin seconded the motion.

Mr. Kaufmann gave a summary of the Special Projects Budget and answered a question from the Board regarding the natural disaster special funding usage.

Mr. Herman called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Agency Insurance Waivers

Ms. Koster moved that the Board approve the requests for waiver of specified insurance requirements for the following agencies: St. Luke's Hospital and Mercy Hospital St. Louis. Mr. Ittner seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Independent Supported Living Assistance (ISLA) Request for Additional Funding

a. UCP Heartland Request for Assigned Funds for FY'26

Ms. Koster moved that the Board approve an additional appropriation for UCP Heartland PLB Service #1091/36 in an amount not to exceed \$9,449 for FY'26 from the ISLA Assigned Fund for a revised FY'26 total appropriation of \$146,260. Mr. Malin seconded the motion.

Ms. Meyer discussed the funding request and the motion passed unanimously.

b. UCP Heartland Request for Unassigned Funds for FY'27

Ms. Koster moved that the Board approve an additional appropriation for UCP Heartland PLB Service #1091/36 in an amount not to exceed \$58,395 for FY'27 from the Unassigned Fund for a revised FY'27 total appropriation of \$199,311. Mr. Malin seconded the motion.

Ms. Meyer discussed the funding request and the motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Board Action Item

A. Personal Financial Disclosure Resolution

Mr. Ittner moved that the Board approve the Resolution, as presented, that will allow Productive Living Board to use the Conflicts of Interest Policy as stated in

Section XV of the Productive Living Board Bylaws as their method of disclosing conflicts of interest. Ms. Wilson seconded the motion.

Ms. Herschbach discussed the Personal Financial Disclosure Resolution and answered a question from the Board relating to compliance.

Mr. Herman called for the vote and the motion passed unanimously.

IX. New Business

There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Melissa Garza, Board Secretary

As recorded by Jill Zeller, Manager of Executive Projects and Board Relations.

The above minutes were reviewed and approved by Dave Herman, Chairperson of the Productive Living Board.