

**Metro Social Services Board of Commissioners
Meeting Summary
of
March 25, 2015**

Board Members Present: Mary Rolando, Frank Boehm, Kim Johnson, and William Harris

Board Members Absent: Bill Sinclair, Chrissy Kirkwood and Betty Johnson

Metro Legal Advisor: Josh Lee

Mayor Liaison:

Commissioner Rolando called the March Metro Social Services (MSS) Board of Commissioners meeting to order.

Commissioner Rolando made a motion to approve the January meeting summary. The motion was, seconded and accepted unanimously.

Finance

Renee Pratt stated in the absence of Pam McEwen that it is now time for the Metro Social Services Budget hearing with the Mayor, which is scheduled for Thursday, April 2 at 10:30 a.m. The Council hearing is scheduled for the end of May, with the date and time to be forthcoming.

Commissioner Rolando commented on the abbreviated agenda for today's meeting due to the viewing of the documentary "A Place at the Table".

New Business

Commissioner Rolando stated the Bylaws Committee, chaired by Commissioner Betty Johnson has an important issue they would like the board to consider. Commissioner Rolando stated in the absence of Commissioner Johnson that the By Laws Committee met and has included a recommendation in each of the board packets to change the frequency of the Metro Social Services Board of Commissioners meeting to meet every other month rather than monthly.

Due to the sequence of other Metro boards and commissions that meet every other month the Bylaws Committee believed it would be something for the MSS Board to consider. The Committee felt that the MSS Board has a good standard element of business and very seldom experience monthly changes. The change would also decrease the redundancy of reporting the similar information every month to add more substance, along with possibly helping with board member attendance

Commissioner Rolando made a motion to approve the recommendation to change the Metro Social Services Board of Commissioners meeting to every other month beginning in April 2015. The motion was seconded and accepted unanimously.

The Board and others present viewed the documentary "A Place at the Table" on hunger in the United States.

After the viewing and discussion of the documentary by the Commission, it was decided that Julius Witherspoon, Project Analyst for Planning and Coordination, will put together a list of policies adopted by the Metro Council related to food (food banks) and their potential impact on hunger in Davidson County. Mr. Witherspoon will also provide information related to the Ideas to Reality proposal.

Commissioner Rolando called for the meeting to be adjourned.