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Hi, everybody. We have started the recording, but we're waiting

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We have a quorum of the board here, but we're waiting for the board chair.

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So, it'll be a couple more minutes. I just didn't want to keep the folks on the Zoom in suspense.

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Okay, we're gonna start the meeting

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Um, Dr. Fowler is gonna chair until Dr. Robin arrives.

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Okay, um, I'm gonna call to order and thank everyone who has, uh, braved this cold and wintry weather.

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to be here, and those who needed to join on Zoom, joining on Zoom.

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Um, it's wonderful to have both ways to participate these days.

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Um, roll call, please.

00:13:15.117 --> 00:13:17.117

Susan Fowler.

00:13:16.640 --> 00:13:18.640

Here.

00:13:18.640 --> 00:13:19.477

Neil Sharma.

00:13:19.476 --> 00:13:20.636

Here.

00:13:20.108 --> 00:13:22.108

Kim Fisher.

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Dr. Fisher is remote, so we will vote her in after the meeting starts.

00:13:27.690 --> 00:13:29.690

Diane Husby Gordon.

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Anne Robin.

00:13:37.044 --> 00:13:49.044

You can see Diane is here. Would you make a motion to allow her to participate virtually due to one of the... With him? Yeah. Um, I'd like to make a motion to allow...

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Um, Kim...

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Uh, Fisher to, um...

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participate, um, distantly based on...

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Um, inability to get here today.

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Work. Work inability, work interference to arrive here today.

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Um, uh, any, any second?

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Okay, any discussion?

00:14:14.057 --> 00:14:16.057

All those in favor? Aye.

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Hi. Kim, you're... you're with us. Thank you.

00:14:21.841 --> 00:14:25.841

Yeah. Um, let's move on to approval of the agenda.

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Any questions or concerns about the agenda?

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Motion to approve, hearing none.

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Oh, yeah, we can prove. Moves.

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Thanks, everybody.

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Second. Second. Okay. All those in favor?

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Aye. Okay.

00:14:43.748 --> 00:14:51.748

Uh, there's a schedule, yes. Um, I was pleased to see the draft schedule, which is, uh...

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Rroom, it's on page 3.

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Um, there are... there are 3 tentative dates and 1 off-cycle date.

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Which, um, are always placed on the agenda in the case that we need

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Extra time to review the proposals,

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come April. Um, and...

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In the event that we have other issues that come up, um, or have...

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potentially joint study sessions that need to be added.

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We could make the February 25th meeting a regular meeting and not tentative. We had a technical issue, which Kim Bowdry worked out this morning, so we can do the meeting, thanks to Kim.

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Okay, so, um, all those in favor of approving, um, the agenda,

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With the revision that February 25th is no longer tentative, but on the schedule,

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Um, um...

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Hi.

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I guess I need a motion.

00:15:52.968 --> 00:15:54.517

I'll make a motion. This is Kim.

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Thank you, Kim. We need a second.

00:15:57.185 --> 00:15:59.185
Second. All those in favor?

00:15:59.721 --> 00:16:01.721
Aye. Okay, great.

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Um, so moving from...

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The schedule, um, as you know, we always have the acronyms and glossary.

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So that if words confuse you,

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it's good to just do a quick look or ask.

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First day, I worked at the U.S. Department of Education, I came up with

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80 acronyms, and I was lost.

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Citizen input, public participation, do we have, um...

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any, um, citizen input, public participation at this time?

00:16:40.212 --> 00:16:42.212
Okay, seeing none...

00:16:42.234 --> 00:16:49.234
Let's move on. Chairperson comments? I'm not even gonna begin to try and take on Anne's comments.

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Um, uh, as, as an interim for the moment, I just want to say how thrilled I was to get this packet.

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in the mail, and to see all of the data.

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pie charts that were enclosed. Thank you, staff. That was just...

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Awesome. I know so much more now.

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Um, executive directors' comments. Lynn?

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I know that there are folks who have obligations today, so I don't want to go on and on and on. I certainly will during the meeting.

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But I do want to say, um, we have...

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We have been receiving audits and financial reviews. They were due at the end of December 30th, technically, but we still accept them on the 31st, and

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Um, they...

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What we're looking at...

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actually looks really good. Some of it is really good, and I can't remember a year like this. We just... Wow. It's been difficult for agencies even to accomplish that, for lots of reasons.

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Shortage of CPA firms, confusion about...

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Deadlines on the CPA firm's part. So, um...

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We have them, we've been taking some time to read and discuss. We have a...

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An independent CPA who...

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you know, consults on them. He's gone through them.

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So, it's been a really productive year, and I actually have had time to learn a lot more about the agencies, because there's stuff in the audits that's, like,

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kind of about how they manage, so that's sort of...

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bookends that memo at the end about, um, where funding comes from. I'm learning that...

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It's very complicated, and every agency is unique, and I'm appreciating people's patience with my questions, too, so...

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Um, that's been nice. DSC...

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submitted way before the deadline. We spent a lot of time talking about different things. It was super interesting. I now understand where the management fees come from.

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Which, at application time, I'm always asking that, but I'm ready now. So, anyway...

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Just to thank everyone for the excellent work, and for what looks like a really good year.

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Fabulous. Um...

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Then moving on to, uh, approval of the CCDDDB board minutes from November 19th.

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Um, actions required. Do I have a motion? Motion.

00:19:09.867 --> 00:19:11.636

Hi.

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Okay. Second?

00:19:12.735 --> 00:19:14.735

Uh, any discussion over the minutes?

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All right, um...

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All those in favor of approving the November 19th meeting?

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um, say aye. Aye. Aye.

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Great. Unanimous.

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Who moved and who seconded? Oh, sorry, Neil moved, and um...

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Diane? Okay. I seconded. Thank you. Uh-huh.

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Um, moving on then, we have vendor invoice lists.

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And I have a question there. We have pages 9 to 12, but I also had an email... Yeah. ...where I received

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vendor invoice lists and...

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Uh, the email was for November? Yes.

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And it's... is it the same? So, there's an addendum in the packet,

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And it... it's the same stuff, but with a little bit more information. We had... we, um...

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So we're in a moment where

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What we put in front of the public has to be ADA compliant, and what we receive through the many different online platforms that we use is far from compliant.

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But we didn't know exactly how

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Far from compliant, until we're trying to put it together, and...

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So we, you know, obviously, Chris understands a lot more about the information that he can draw down from the online system.

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And then we can format it to be prettier if you want to, but this is our starting point.

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We just... we missed something, so the addendum, which is posted online, and then there should be a paper copy of it at your table, I...

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Kim, thank you for going and getting these for folks.

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This is what we would ask you to approve, is that...

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the, um, complete vendor invoice list, and then...

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If you have ideas for...

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If you want it to be presented differently, this is something, you know, Chris and I can work on in the coming months, but...

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it's just, the important thing today is compliance with the ADA, um,

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But readability is...

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So, anyway, that's the long story.

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Um, I studied what was sent via email instead of going through the packet. I don't know if the rest of you did. Do you want to take a minute to look?

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at what's on your...

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on your table?

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Any questions for...

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Lynn or Chris?

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Uh, this is Kim. Susan?

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Hmm?

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I was just saying, this is Kim. I have a com... give us a comment.

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Yes. Do you have a question?

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Just comment.

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Okay. All right, um...

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Uh, just...

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Let's move to comments, and then we'll...

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Do we have to have a motion first?

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approve or not? Well, sure. Let's, um, do we have approval to just... to... do we have a motion to approve the minutes?

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Yeah, a motion to approve. We have a second.

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I'll second it. Okay. Now, comments. Go ahead.

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Kim?

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I just, um, I just want to commend... I spoke with Lynn on the phone earlier this week. I just want to commend the entire...

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DD, um, and mental health board staff for really being leaders in the county to make all of

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their information accessible digitally accessible, filing WCAG guidelines, and it's just very impressive, and

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I'm very, very grateful, um, and...

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Um, that's, I think, all I have to say. Oh, well, no, the other thing was, I think it's really because this system, the invoicing system, just reproduces reports, um,

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Mm-hmm.

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That are totally inaccessible to someone who might use a screen reader. The... I would encourage...

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The community, um, and, um, I don't know how the board staff would feel, but, like,

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through the procurement process of purchasing these very expensive software programs that spit out all kinds of reports,

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Particularly financial reports.

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Um, pushing those companies before we purchase the next, you know, round of, um, years of their

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Um, software... purchasing their software to use, we should probably...

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be demanding.

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They follow ADA compliance so that, you know, our staff doesn't have to spend hours and hours

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Doing work that they should have done in the beginning.

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I wholeheartedly support that, Kim, and I just remember

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back, um, 10, 15 years ago when I was on the Mental Health Board.

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The envoys were so incredibly difficult to read, and we spent so much time arguing about

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What was paid and what wasn't.

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This is so straightforward and simple that

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There's no concern.

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Uh, yes, please.

00:24:04.231 --> 00:24:06.231

Hey, Kim, this is Chris Wilson.

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Uh, the company that manufactures the ERP system that I use to make these reports,

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is called Tyler Technologies, and they are having a conference in Bloomington in the next couple months.

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And one of the sessions that they're going to be hosting is a roundtable

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Um, and I plan on...

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asking, um, if they have plans to make their reports ADA compliant at that roundtable.

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Great.

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Chris, awesome. Another example of how county staff is just tremendous, so thank you, Chris. If you need any testimony from us as board members, written testimony, um,

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Be happy to write something up.

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Couldn't hurt? Mm-hmm.

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Okay, moving on to staff reports.

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Go ahead.

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Oh, sorry, call for the vote for approval of the envoys.

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Motion to... It was already... it was already approved, so all those in favor?

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Aye? Aye. Okay.

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Thank you, Lynn.

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Um, staff reports, you know, as usual, I'm overwhelmed by what the staff does, and so impressed.

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Um, this is an opportunity, besides...

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are thanking the staff to allow questions from board members. Are there any questions on the...

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Staff reports.

00:25:37.475 --> 00:25:38.475

Aye.

00:25:39.960 --> 00:25:41.960

Uh, this Kim, can I...

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Go ahead, Kim. Or comments.

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Thank you. Um, yeah, just comments, just, again, to reiterate, thank you, everybody, for your reports.

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Excellent information. Um, I know we have an agenda item later about the Disability Expo, but I read in Kim's report that, um,

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The, uh, leaders of the steering committee have stepped down for the Disability Ask Expo, so, um, just thank them for their service. Um, and...

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just, again, this very informative reports, um, from the staff, so thank you very much.

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Any other comments or questions?

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Okay, seeing none, I think we'll move on.

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Um, to, uh, new business, which begins on

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Page 25. I would like to hold the special election because

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Um, our acting chair isn't here, we can have it if we... if possible, at the end of the meeting.

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Um, I don't, you know, I think we can have it whether she's here or not, but I'd like to give her the opportunity.

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to be present.

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Is it okay to...

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Hey, Stephanie! Yeah. Can we change the agenda in that way?

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Yeah, you can.

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Right. Okay, thank you. We won't forget. Thank you.

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All right, moving on then to Agency Special Request.

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Page 29 to 32.

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There was no reason to discuss the bylaws, was there? Okay.

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That was information. So we have a special request

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Um, from PACE,

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Uh, with a letter explaining, um,

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That the request is to seek payment

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for the, um, I believe January, February, March.

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Which was, um, withheld, uh, because the, uh,

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paint, uh, they did not have...

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Uh, their... their audit ready for the end of the year.

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Um, the reasons is stated in the letter. The Executive Director

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um, was ill and unable to keep up with the workload. Um, the executive director also said

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that the report would be ready at the latest by February 28th.

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So this is an opportunity for the board

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to, um... I guess we should make the motion and second it, and then discuss

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the extent to which we can be flexible,

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Um, two requests.

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that indicate a clear deadline for completing it, and that have a reason

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or rationale for not making the deadline.

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Um,

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Do I have a motion to either approve or disapprove

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the PACE request?

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From a board member.

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This is Kim. Our motion to waive the suspension of payments on PACE Incorporated's program year 2026 contract due to late audit.

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And to authorize CCDD

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be staffed to release January, February, and March payments as scheduled.

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Do we have the second? Second. Okay.

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So, Kim and Neil have...

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Moved and seconded.

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discussion.

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5 members of the board, any discussion?

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No, I think it's important to be flexible, like, it sounds like it was a reasonable, um, excuse, and so we shouldn't penalize. Okay.

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then let's move to the vote.

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All those in favor?

00:29:46.507 --> 00:29:48.507
I think we're gonna need a roll call.

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There you go.

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Placement of general.

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I'm sorry. Please move to a roll call vote. Apologies.

00:29:58.375 --> 00:30:00.375
Um, Neil Sharma.

00:30:00.728 --> 00:30:02.728
Aye.

00:30:02.728 --> 00:30:03.901
Kim Fisher.

00:30:04.698 --> 00:30:06.698
Diane Husby Gordon.

00:30:06.291 --> 00:30:08.291
Yes.

00:30:08.292 --> 00:30:08.982
Susan Fowler.

00:30:08.981 --> 00:30:10.424
Yes.

00:30:11.776 --> 00:30:14.776
Okay, great. Moving on to...

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Expo activities for 2026.

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Which is the decision memo beginning on page 33.

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Um, hopefully everyone has had a chance.

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to read what has happened, um,

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with the expo, um...

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I don't think I need to describe the memo. If you've read it.

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Um, we know that there are several factors that are impacting the Expo.

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Um, the revenue cost, the unexpected, um,

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resignation, um, the amount of time demanded to put together the expo,

00:30:56.071 --> 00:31:01.071
And the recommendation... recommendation to distribute, continue to distribute,

00:31:02.081 --> 00:31:04.081
The resource book, updating it.

00:31:05.261 --> 00:31:09.261
Um, and to have a steady year. So the decision...

00:31:09.516 --> 00:31:11.516
motion, if, um...

00:31:11.907 --> 00:31:19.907
If we're ready to make that motion, we can then have discussion. Motion to move in to second. Who would like to make the motion?

00:31:21.545 --> 00:31:25.545
Okay, a motion to move. Okay, Neil's making the motion. Do we need to read it?

00:31:26.611 --> 00:31:35.611
Neil, do you mind? Motion to direct CCDDDB, CCMHB staff to form an advisory committee to plan and carry out

00:31:36.409 --> 00:31:38.409
Disability Resource Expo activities.

00:31:39.278 --> 00:31:47.278
Which may include an in-person event, and to authorize the Executive Director to pay for related services and products using approved, budgeted funds.

00:31:48.009 --> 00:31:50.009
Okay, a second.

00:31:50.010 --> 00:31:51.135
Yes.

00:31:54.414 --> 00:31:58.414

Kim has seconded, or...? I am. Okay. All right. Uh, discussion.

00:32:01.115 --> 00:32:07.115

Please. Okay. Um, it was very hard for me to figure out exactly what to ask the board.

00:32:07.115 --> 00:32:11.382

Because this happened kind of... it was a little bit unexpected.

00:32:11.725 --> 00:32:16.725

But I think looking back, we understood that this could happen.

00:32:17.041 --> 00:32:34.041

the people, the coordinators who were doing the lion's share of the work are not able to continue. There are certain members of this big steering committee who are very active and had some ideas, and wanted to start, you know, a smaller committee and maybe take a year off from the in-person.

00:32:34.041 --> 00:32:42.337

There's... I'm not close to that, because we've budgeted for all this stuff. We certainly don't have to spend all the money that's budgeted. There's...

00:32:42.334 --> 00:32:47.334

No reason to do that. It might be very difficult to collect a lot of sponsorship revenues.

00:32:48.287 --> 00:32:52.287

During a year like this, so it might be nice just to bring it all down a little bit.

00:32:52.287 --> 00:32:58.051

Um, the... that subset of steering committee members had a lot of really good ideas,

00:32:58.051 --> 00:33:03.330

And so I guess what I'm... you know, I just kind of wanted the boards, who have not been able to

00:33:04.025 --> 00:33:15.025

say, for something like 20 years, if they even wanted to have an expo... to have an opportunity to give us some guidance, and this is... so this is just sort of a... a motion and inviting that, and...

00:33:15.025 --> 00:33:21.475

There is a meeting scheduled for today, the Mental Health Board was okay with this, so if you all are okay with this.

00:33:21.633 --> 00:33:26.633

that group can start to meet and talk, and they have talked about things like surveying

00:33:26.983 --> 00:33:30.983
providers who tend to be at the expo to understand what

00:33:30.983 --> 00:33:38.423
what they like and don't like, and, you know, where we're at in this moment in the community, and also to maybe ask community members what

00:33:38.985 --> 00:33:40.985
they think is important. So, um...

00:33:41.151 --> 00:33:45.151
I just... I thought, like, I was surprised at the productive...

00:33:45.846 --> 00:33:53.846
tone of that conversation, but I don't know what we can do without those people who work on it every day, and who are super organized, and they...

00:33:54.350 --> 00:34:01.350
They did have a plan to provide a year-end report to us, but they're not being paid anymore, so...

00:34:01.995 --> 00:34:07.995
they didn't do it, and I think under the circumstances, I'm okay with that, but we could ask them if there's information

00:34:08.996 --> 00:34:10.996
That, you know, that you all would want. Anyway, so that's...

00:34:11.617 --> 00:34:19.617
Sorry, I'm talking too much, but just to kind of apologize, we're, like, this might be the year of surprises anyway, so I need to get used to

00:34:19.551 --> 00:34:22.551
not having a lot of confidence in what I'm asking you.

00:34:24.910 --> 00:34:30.910
I'd like to note that there, you know, maybe two reasons to postpone. Number one, we really don't know what the funding picture's gonna look like.

00:34:31.463 --> 00:34:36.463
And how many of the resources that are presented at the Disability Fair

00:34:36.493 --> 00:34:40.493
will continue to be available at the level that they've been available.

00:34:41.338 --> 00:34:44.338
And number two, I did hear a lot of burnout comments.

00:34:45.344 --> 00:34:48.344
about the amount of work, physical work,

00:34:48.422 --> 00:34:50.422

that volunteers had to do,

00:34:51.557 --> 00:34:53.557

There were not complaints, they were just...

00:34:54.243 --> 00:35:01.243

I don't know how much longer I can do this, my body's getting older. So I think, um, to me it makes sense to have a planning year.

00:35:01.909 --> 00:35:03.909

Other comments from the board?

00:35:06.477 --> 00:35:12.477

Uh, that is interesting. I didn't, you know, at first I was like, okay, well, I mean, we should have the expo, but...

00:35:13.670 --> 00:35:16.670

Yeah, sometimes it's... it's important to just take a moment.

00:35:16.748 --> 00:35:22.748

a pause and regroup and re-strategize, if that makes it stronger going forward. I have to say,

00:35:23.366 --> 00:35:29.366

The expo and the resources have been... I mean, it's fantastic, and as a provider, um,

00:35:30.402 --> 00:35:36.402

I mean, it's surprising how many people don't know about puns, how many parents don't know about puns, and so I...

00:35:37.194 --> 00:35:42.194

Whether they're there to see me about that or whatever, I make sure to advocate, and...

00:35:42.657 --> 00:35:45.657

You know, people don't... Yeah, so this is like...

00:35:46.140 --> 00:35:58.140

I was, like, wondering, I'm like, I wish there was a unified resource where people can, like, look up stuff, and I get it, that's gonna be another whole logistic thing, but the expo is essentially that. And I was like, wow, this is really, um...

00:35:58.922 --> 00:36:00.922

It's really a wonderful thing, so...

00:36:02.064 --> 00:36:04.064

Well, we should keep the site hooked. Yeah.

00:36:06.200 --> 00:36:13.200

Any other comments? Um, I would just say that I like the idea of a... of the survey of people who have been doing it.

00:36:13.363 --> 00:36:17.363

I would also encourage that group to reach out to groups that have stopped

00:36:18.514 --> 00:36:22.514

Yeah. And what drove their decisions to do that.

00:36:23.919 --> 00:36:25.919

Dr. Fisher...

00:36:28.121 --> 00:36:31.121

Okay, she's smiling and nodding on the screen.

00:36:31.806 --> 00:36:33.806

Yeah.

00:36:33.805 --> 00:36:36.306

Hi everyone, it's Kim. Um, I just want to clarify that this motion that we made

00:36:39.204 --> 00:36:41.204

No.

00:36:41.204 --> 00:36:41.991

is not to, for sure, cancel the event, right? It's just to give flexibility to the staff.

00:36:42.976 --> 00:36:47.976

to... or to Lynn and Chris, who... or whomever, Kim, whomever writes the checks or signs the checks.

00:36:47.976 --> 00:36:53.423

to do something different if the Disability Expo Committee

00:36:54.237 --> 00:36:58.237

decides to do something different. Is that... is that... is my understanding accurate?

00:36:58.237 --> 00:37:00.593

That's... I think it's very clear, because the motion says,

00:37:01.497 --> 00:37:03.497

Which may include an in-person event.

00:37:04.122 --> 00:37:06.122

Though it doesn't disallow anything.

00:37:08.168 --> 00:37:10.168

Okay.

00:37:10.166 --> 00:37:11.417

Okay, great. Yeah, I mean, the Disability Expo is a great resource, um, so...

00:37:11.853 --> 00:37:14.853

But I look forward to hearing more from what the...

00:37:30.170 --> 00:37:34.170

It's at 2PM. Paula, I'll send you the, um, email again.

00:37:35.855 --> 00:37:38.855

Okay, I found out about services

00:37:39.213 --> 00:37:41.213

By going to the Disability Expo,

00:37:41.323 --> 00:37:43.323

15 years ago.

00:37:44.194 --> 00:37:47.194

at that point, the school district was giving no advice.

00:37:47.387 --> 00:37:49.387

for transitioning.

00:37:50.131 --> 00:37:56.131

high schoolers. So, yes. Um, I'll, uh, so let's take a voice. Is this a voice vote, or a...

00:37:56.130 --> 00:38:03.420

It's not necessarily a financial vote. Well, I think this is the chair's prerogative, possibly, but what... but Stephanie might...

00:38:03.855 --> 00:38:05.855

have a preference, and you could...

00:38:06.699 --> 00:38:08.699

You're a small group, a roll call could work. No.

00:38:09.265 --> 00:38:11.265

No. Do you want us to do a roll call, Stephanie?

00:38:11.263 --> 00:38:13.263

Oh, that's up to you.

00:38:13.237 --> 00:38:15.237

If you want.

00:38:15.236 --> 00:38:16.357

Uh, well, let's do a quick roll call. It'll take...

00:38:16.936 --> 00:38:18.936

half a minute. Go ahead.

00:38:18.936 --> 00:38:20.159

Right. Uh, Neil Sharma.

00:38:20.044 --> 00:38:22.044

Aye.

00:38:22.043 --> 00:38:22.093

Um, committee recommends... I think there is... Paula has a question in the chat. She said to... I think about this meeting, the Disability Expo meeting, it says today, what time? So, Lynn, could you share that information?

00:38:22.094 --> 00:38:22.884

Kim Fisher.

00:38:23.311 --> 00:38:25.311

Diane Husby Gordon.

00:38:25.311 --> 00:38:27.262

Yes. Yes.

00:38:27.262 --> 00:38:27.576

Susan Fowler.

00:38:28.685 --> 00:38:32.685

Okay, approved. Moving on, then, to...

00:38:33.070 --> 00:38:37.070

A-I-R activities for 2026.

00:38:38.283 --> 00:38:40.283

Um, as we all know, um,

00:38:40.473 --> 00:38:43.473

The Alliance for Inclusion and Respect.

00:38:44.233 --> 00:38:46.233

Um, has been active.

00:38:46.232 --> 00:38:49.076

In conjunction with the EBERT, um,

00:38:49.077 --> 00:38:51.607

Film Expo, which

00:38:52.778 --> 00:38:54.778

ended this past year because

00:38:55.599 --> 00:38:58.599

of support no longer being available.

00:38:59.795 --> 00:39:02.795

At the same time, or shortly thereafter,

00:39:03.657 --> 00:39:05.657

Um... Shay...

00:39:05.960 --> 00:39:08.960

Ebert said that she would like to have

00:39:08.962 --> 00:39:12.849
a final show, so to speak.

00:39:12.925 --> 00:39:14.925
And so, um...

00:39:16.027 --> 00:39:22.027
their, um, the decision, basically, which addresses the unexpected,

00:39:22.027 --> 00:39:25.055
is that we could have a final event

00:39:25.054 --> 00:39:28.475
at the Virginia theater on April 17th and 18th.

00:39:29.040 --> 00:39:31.040
If you don't mind, I'll just read the motion.

00:39:32.255 --> 00:39:34.255
A motion to approve up to \$63...

00:39:34.640 --> 00:39:37.640
22.50.

00:39:38.155 --> 00:39:42.155
to share the cost of anti-stigma film sponsorship.

00:39:43.075 --> 00:39:46.075
And the Roger Eberts Film Festival 2026,

00:39:46.986 --> 00:39:50.986
And to authorize the Executive Director and staff to issue payment.

00:39:50.986 --> 00:39:54.904
This would allow us to continue for one final time.

00:39:55.546 --> 00:39:59.546
to sponsor that, um, what has typically been a valuable film.

00:40:00.638 --> 00:40:02.638
Um, and it may also...

00:40:02.588 --> 00:40:04.588
I suppose, allow...

00:40:05.309 --> 00:40:07.309
the alliance to do things.

00:40:08.012 --> 00:40:12.012
But that's up to the Alliance. So this is just our support for the film.

00:40:12.013 --> 00:40:15.627

Um, and this is a financial request, so...

00:40:15.867 --> 00:40:21.867

Um, do we have... I made the motion, do we have a second? Second. Okay, um, Neil seconded.

00:40:21.786 --> 00:40:23.786

Discussion.

00:40:24.049 --> 00:40:26.049

And then we'll have a roll call.

00:40:29.275 --> 00:40:31.275

Okay, let's... let's do the roll call.

00:40:31.430 --> 00:40:33.430

Oh, did you have a discussion?

00:40:34.532 --> 00:40:46.532

comment. I mean, this... again, this was another surprise, and, um, the Mental Health Board did agree to do this, so if the DD Board wants to contribute, this would be an up-to, because I don't know...

00:40:46.773 --> 00:40:48.773

how much they would actually expect.

00:40:49.775 --> 00:40:54.775

from us this year, but we've traditionally paid \$15,000, and then we have the art show, and there's a...

00:40:55.545 --> 00:40:57.545

It's just... it's a little easier to pull this off.

00:40:58.773 --> 00:41:00.773

Because we don't have to do all the coordination, but...

00:41:01.347 --> 00:41:04.347

I don't know, like, I got some emails yesterday,

00:41:04.647 --> 00:41:09.647

that Chaz Ebert and the other coordinator are pretty confident they can do this, but I...

00:41:10.668 --> 00:41:17.668

I don't know what's gonna happen, so this is kind of, again, maybe, and if we can do it, and you are into it, then that would be the most...

00:41:18.616 --> 00:41:20.616

It would cost the DD Board and...

00:41:20.751 --> 00:41:36.751

I... I don't know, I think the art show part is really exciting. It's also happy birthday, Susan! Oh! Right? Won't it be... it'll be your birthday

weekend. Yes, it will. We can make the whole festival. It's incidental. Yeah, so... and I'm, again, was like, whoa, I...

00:41:37.465 --> 00:41:40.465
finished the budget, we did budget revisions, and then...

00:41:41.464 --> 00:41:43.464
heard about maybe another Ebertfest, so...

00:41:43.950 --> 00:41:46.950
It's fun. Other comments or discussion?

00:41:49.308 --> 00:41:51.308
Any concerns about...

00:41:52.195 --> 00:41:57.195
Lynn needing to redo the budget and potentially expending an extra \$6,800.

00:41:59.079 --> 00:42:01.079
Okay, roll call, please.

00:42:01.777 --> 00:42:03.777
Diane Husby Gordon?

00:42:03.453 --> 00:42:05.453
Yes?

00:42:05.454 --> 00:42:06.502
Susan Fowler?

00:42:06.502 --> 00:42:07.827
Yes.

00:42:07.826 --> 00:42:09.395
Yes.

00:42:09.395 --> 00:42:09.819
Yes.

00:42:09.819 --> 00:42:09.841
Neil Sharma, Kim Fisher,

00:42:12.383 --> 00:42:14.383
Wow, we've gotten through

00:42:14.751 --> 00:42:17.751
A lot of the agenda, and we can now move to old business.

00:42:18.164 --> 00:42:20.164
Um, so...

00:42:20.102 --> 00:42:25.102
Resolution number one update is on pages 43 to 44.

00:42:25.530 --> 00:42:29.530
This is carried over from, um,

00:42:29.983 --> 00:42:33.983
the pledge that members of the board worked with

00:42:33.983 --> 00:42:36.013
um, staff to develop

00:42:36.013 --> 00:42:38.251
To recognize the...

00:42:38.427 --> 00:42:41.427
the rights and the dignity of...

00:42:41.888 --> 00:42:44.888
of individuals with autism and IDD.

00:42:45.708 --> 00:42:50.708
Um, within our community, we felt there was an urgent need to be very specific.

00:42:51.505 --> 00:42:54.505
Following comments by the Secretary of Human...

00:42:54.782 --> 00:42:56.782
Health and Services, who...

00:42:57.053 --> 00:43:00.053
um, decried the lifetime

00:43:01.102 --> 00:43:03.102
trauma and, um...

00:43:05.730 --> 00:43:09.730
life and death sentence, basically, for families who have children with autism.

00:43:10.548 --> 00:43:14.548
Which enraged many of us who have... who are families with children with autism.

00:43:15.108 --> 00:43:19.108
So, um, uh, the adoption...

00:43:20.414 --> 00:43:24.414
Uh, of the resolution is included with draft actions.

00:43:25.362 --> 00:43:27.362
for a multi-governmental pledge,

00:43:28.124 --> 00:43:33.124
Um, this requires board action, because if you note on page 44,

00:43:34.071 --> 00:43:36.071
Next steps are recommended.

00:43:36.190 --> 00:43:38.190
to urge other...

00:43:38.206 --> 00:43:40.206
entities within,

00:43:40.319 --> 00:43:42.319
um, Champaign County,

00:43:42.275 --> 00:43:45.275
to also provide support for this.

00:43:46.375 --> 00:43:53.375
And the Pledge of Action to demonstrate this commitment will need to be developed.

00:43:54.241 --> 00:44:00.241
Or not? Well, this is... so you already approved the resolution in two different versions in November's just...

00:44:01.110 --> 00:44:03.110
sort of summarizes... Great. ...what that...

00:44:03.111 --> 00:44:16.681
what that was, and then what we did next. And now we're, again, a place where I'm not really sure what we're doing next, but I think whatever we do next, we need to bring in some experts, some people who advocate, and so this...

00:44:17.344 --> 00:44:24.344
Pledge of Actions is developed based on what I'm hearing from others. Some of it is stuff that units of government have to do anyway.

00:44:24.897 --> 00:44:32.897
Um, but to... to have this come from a person who actually has a developmental disability or autism,

00:44:33.470 --> 00:44:39.470
at a governmental meeting could be really powerful. So, I'm asking really for, um,

00:44:40.209 --> 00:44:42.209
If you'll approve or want to revise,

00:44:42.526 --> 00:44:45.526
This document, or even put it... if you want to put it off,

00:44:45.954 --> 00:44:48.954
Um, we would... the next step after that would be

00:44:49.002 --> 00:44:54.002

ask some... ask for some input from people who might actually go to a meeting.

00:44:54.002 --> 00:44:59.777

of, say, the county board, and give public input, and ask for this pledge of actions.

00:45:00.928 --> 00:45:06.928

So... Well, that was my question. Who leads the effort in your... so staff would work with

00:45:07.648 --> 00:45:11.648

a board member or the community represented by...

00:45:12.031 --> 00:45:15.031

The DD board defined a spokesperson.

00:45:15.331 --> 00:45:20.331

And staff would take on that role, or a board member would help staff with that role.

00:45:21.210 --> 00:45:23.210

Okay. Um, discussion.

00:45:24.253 --> 00:45:26.253

Oh, maybe motion first, sorry.

00:45:26.301 --> 00:45:28.301

Um, uh...

00:45:29.105 --> 00:45:31.105

Do we have a motion to approve?

00:45:31.290 --> 00:45:33.290

Um, the...

00:45:35.072 --> 00:45:40.072

board, um, agreeing that staff and a representative from the board

00:45:40.073 --> 00:45:43.771

should work together to identify a speaker. Is there a...

00:45:44.596 --> 00:45:54.596

Yeah, I had given Anne a potential motion. Okay. It was really simply just motion to accept the 2026 pledge to residents with disabilities as presented

00:45:54.698 --> 00:46:07.698

Or as revised. Oh, that's even easier. Yeah, because then the rest of it is gonna... it really does depend on who's available to work on things like this, and who's interested, and I am not working directly with any advocates.

00:46:08.291 --> 00:46:12.291
So I can't speak to whether... Right, I understand. ...they'd even want to do it. Yeah, okay.

00:46:12.826 --> 00:46:14.826
So, um, let me paraphrase.

00:46:14.827 --> 00:46:15.057
Yes.

00:46:15.057 --> 00:46:16.853
Um, uh...

00:46:17.355 --> 00:46:19.355
The motion is to approve

00:46:19.486 --> 00:46:21.486
The statement of...

00:46:22.236 --> 00:46:25.236
The resolution, as presented on page 43,

00:46:25.320 --> 00:46:27.320
And to support

00:46:27.353 --> 00:46:30.353
the next steps that are represented

00:46:30.448 --> 00:46:32.448
On page 44,

00:46:32.745 --> 00:46:34.745
to support the...

00:46:34.902 --> 00:46:36.902
Pledge of Actions.

00:46:38.060 --> 00:46:41.060
presentation to other units of local government.

00:46:41.061 --> 00:46:43.064
Is that close enough?

00:46:44.018 --> 00:46:47.018
I wasn't even thinking of anything that complicated.

00:46:47.018 --> 00:46:49.546
I can say the motion. This is Kim.

00:46:49.547 --> 00:46:50.710
Okay, go ahead, Kim.

00:46:50.780 --> 00:46:52.780
Thank you.

00:46:52.779 --> 00:46:55.078

Um, a motion to approve the 2026 pledge to residents with disabilities,

00:46:55.079 --> 00:46:57.929

Uh, as drafted or as edited.

00:46:59.711 --> 00:47:01.711

Period. Okay. Fine.

00:47:02.546 --> 00:47:04.546

Um, a second? Second.

00:47:04.753 --> 00:47:08.753

Okay, moved by Kim, seconded by Neil.

00:47:08.891 --> 00:47:10.891

Uh, further discussion?

00:47:12.722 --> 00:47:14.722

Hearing none, all those in favor?

00:47:15.010 --> 00:47:17.010

Oh, sorry, I see a hand.

00:47:17.010 --> 00:47:17.344

Oh, Sue, sorry. I... yeah.

00:47:17.134 --> 00:47:19.134

Go, Kim.

00:47:19.134 --> 00:47:21.556

This... this skim, yeah. Um, so one question I had is,

00:47:21.802 --> 00:47:28.802

Um, do we have any structure in our bylaws for ad hoc committees? Because this feels like...

00:47:28.757 --> 00:47:33.757

Um, a nice opportunity... I mean, staff has a lot of things to do.

00:47:34.582 --> 00:47:37.582

Um, and I'm wondering if this is something that, like, a...

00:47:38.014 --> 00:47:40.014

ad hoc committee...

00:47:40.016 --> 00:47:44.052

led by maybe a board member, would be a good idea?

00:47:44.712 --> 00:47:46.712

Or not? Lynn...

00:47:46.713 --> 00:47:50.062

Well, we have to be a little careful with committee formation, because then you're, um...

00:47:49.987 --> 00:47:51.987
Hmm.

00:47:51.987 --> 00:47:55.275
Some committees have to conform to Open Meetings Act, and then you need staff support.

00:47:55.556 --> 00:47:59.556
to announce and post agendas and create packets and...

00:47:59.666 --> 00:48:02.666
set up the microphones, and so... so...

00:48:03.275 --> 00:48:05.275
It's... you can certainly...

00:48:06.505 --> 00:48:09.505
take on tasks as an ad hoc committee,

00:48:10.365 --> 00:48:13.365
Um, but there... I don't know if... if you have more than...

00:48:14.102 --> 00:48:18.102
One board member. Yeah, we had a problem with this before, when we had

00:48:18.101 --> 00:48:24.562
two board members from each board working on something, that's a public meeting, then. That's a public entity, so...

00:48:25.123 --> 00:48:29.123
Um, this is... it's a great question. I'm not really sure...

00:48:29.122 --> 00:48:35.546
If it's just one board member working with our staff and some agency staff, I think you can just do that.

00:48:35.657 --> 00:48:37.657
Okay, perfect.

00:48:37.657 --> 00:48:40.466
Yeah, I think that the spirit of the motion should be what is voted on.

00:48:41.040 --> 00:48:45.040
Uh, or the wording of the motion, and then the spirit will recognize it.

00:48:45.039 --> 00:48:50.692
Kim or someone else would really like to work with staff on this to reduce the staff demands.

00:48:50.819 --> 00:48:53.819
How did you know, Susan? Yes, yes.

00:48:53.819 --> 00:48:55.010
Uh, I just guessed. Okay.

00:48:55.765 --> 00:48:59.765
Um, so, um, call the motion. All those in favor?

00:49:01.144 --> 00:49:03.144
Okay.

00:49:03.754 --> 00:49:08.754
Um, moving on. Thank you so much for all the input, um, Lynn and Kim.

00:49:08.759 --> 00:49:16.759
Um, agency special request update. Okay, so this has been an issue that we've been addressing off and on.

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Since last year,

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It has been a concern.

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Um, it's represented on page 45.

00:49:25.861 --> 00:49:28.861
I'm going to turn it over to Lynn to discuss.

00:49:29.517 --> 00:49:31.517
Um, I have a lot of comments written.

00:49:32.325 --> 00:49:35.325
On my... on my forum, so I'd kind of like you to lead...

00:49:36.274 --> 00:49:42.274
or the brief description of what's gone on, and then we can open it.

00:49:42.361 --> 00:49:44.361
for, um...

00:49:45.042 --> 00:49:48.042
for discussion, we don't have a motion right now.

00:49:48.043 --> 00:49:53.260
So we... this is an opportunity to discuss, before we make any kind of decisions.

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Lynn, do you mind doing that?

00:49:56.398 --> 00:49:58.398
No, this is... this memo, um...

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We were preparing this memo because we knew

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that the agency wasn't going to be able to get

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the financial review done.

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They sent us the letter of disengagement, which is attached.

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Which is the... the, um, CPA firm who had been working on it,

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Saying they can't do it. And essentially, they don't have the materials...
the materials...

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Available for them to complete are not...

00:50:28.133 --> 00:50:33.133

sufficient. So... and that's kind of what we understood to be the case all along.

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So, this memo just kind of...

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was in preparation of them asking?

00:50:39.402 --> 00:50:52.402

You, for something, and then they decided to wait until February to ask you for something, so at your February meeting, there will be a request from the agency for more time to complete the financial review. So,

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So, because this memo was already prepared, I thought, this might be a good time to just kind of discuss how you feel about that.

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We... it does have hyperlinks to memos and materials that were presented by our team

00:51:09.697 --> 00:51:14.697

at previous meetings, there's a lot more detail, like, what we think about, the things they submitted.

00:51:15.228 --> 00:51:21.228

In order to satisfy the contract, um, you know, we can summarize that too, but I think it's...

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Um, there might even be...

00:51:25.215 --> 00:51:32.215

a reference, yeah, there was a... there's a reference in the update to what we had suggested at the last time, that it...

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It does look like a lot of activities continued which were consistent with one of the contracts. For the full year,

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Although they only received 6 months of payments for it. So, like, that... and we also knew that, because it relied heavily on social media, which we could all see.

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So, we under... and also, it's a small town.

00:51:52.736 --> 00:51:58.736

So we know that people are engaging in these activities. So that piece, you know, we could say with some confidence,

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The money was spent there.

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But the agency's own reports on the other contract indicated they had not done

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Any activities associated with the second contract.

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However, their financials charged

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money to that contract, so we... we're in a strange...

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for the... for the second contract.

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They charged...

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Maybe. Their financial reports indicate that money was split across the two contracts to support

00:52:29.994 --> 00:52:36.994

Both contracts' activities. However, no activities occurred with the second contract. So, what you make of that, then, is...

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Do they want to say that they spent all the money on the first contract and just did the financial reports wrong?

00:52:45.682 --> 00:52:58.682

after... and this is after we gave a lot of extra time to do the financial reports, so I think at that point, we were saying, let's wait till we have the financial review that will answer some of these questions. And we even made a comment that an audit would be better,

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But that, um, an...

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Their representative said an audit is more than they can afford to do. So, I think they were a little surprised at this letter of disengagement. I don't know what the plan is now, other than to come and talk to you about it in February, and to ask for more time.

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So, you can, if you want to see those more detailed memos with our

00:53:21.142 --> 00:53:26.142

reports on the reports, they're available through the hyperlinks, but I think...

00:53:26.842 --> 00:53:34.842

I don't know, there's other staff members at the table who may have something to say about that. We have spent a lot of time talking about it, too.

00:53:34.757 --> 00:53:36.757

Anyway...

00:53:37.567 --> 00:53:41.567

Personally, um, as the very interim chair of this meeting,

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Um, I'd like to hear from staff. Um, I guess I would like to see their request.

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But we have already spent probably over an hour in the last 6 months talking about this.

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Um, and it is a point of frustration for me personally.

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Um, but having some more background from staff would be helpful. Um, I don't even think I need to go back into the links, because I remember much of what was discussed.

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Um, Kim or Chris, do you have comments to add?

00:54:10.833 --> 00:54:14.833

background. I don't have any further updates aside from...

00:54:15.363 --> 00:54:18.363

what we've discussed previously. Okay.

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Um, if you guys have any specific questions, I can...

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do my best to answer those, but I don't... I haven't had any contact with...

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Um, the agency, I...

00:54:28.367 --> 00:54:30.367

I don't know what month it was they...

00:54:31.048 --> 00:54:39.048

You all directed them to just reach out and work with Lynn, so I've had discussion with Lynn. Back in the summer. Yeah, it was a very long time ago.

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But I have not had any, um, direct contact. Lynn has kept me informed and shared emails with me, but I don't have any updates. Okay. Chris?

00:54:48.510 --> 00:54:50.510

So I've got a... I've got a few thoughts.

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Uh, first off, Martin Hood is one of the premier accounting firms in the community.

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And if they are saying that they are unable to...

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complete this work.

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I find it unlikely that anybody else in the community would be able to do it instead.

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Um... I would add to that that without

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any sort of financial review or audit, with all the questions that we have about the financials that they submitted on our online website.

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Um, it's very difficult to prove

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any expenses were spent appropriately.

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And according to the contract that they had signed.

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So without that, we have no...

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way to verify.

00:55:37.935 --> 00:55:42.935
I would also say that right now, all the CPA firms in the community are...

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just now diving into personal tax return season.

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And, uh, it is very unlikely that they'll get anybody to even pick up the phone until after the tax deadline. Right. So...

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just bear in mind that, you know,

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they probably won't even get anybody to engage with them.

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if they're able to at all, until...

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April. Okay.

00:56:07.742 --> 00:56:11.742
so... and then from that point, actually doing the work and completing the report.

00:56:13.132 --> 00:56:16.132
I mean, that this... the deadline for this could just...

00:56:17.065 --> 00:56:22.065
Go on forever? Yeah. Yeah. Okay. So, one question, um, that I have before I open it...

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Is Steve Beckett still representing and advocating for them?

00:56:27.201 --> 00:56:30.201
Um, and is he planning to come to the meeting in February?

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And finally, is someone from the actual organization planning to come to...

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to the meeting in February.

00:56:39.066 --> 00:56:45.066
I think that's... if you want them to be here, I will let Mr. Beckett know that that would be really good.

00:56:45.886 --> 00:56:52.886
You all had a discussion about after this matter is settled, you'd like to meet with everyone for the organization. We're not settled yet, so...

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I think this would be a separate direction from you all to me to tell Mr. Beckett.

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Uh, discussion by the group. We don't have a motion, so we're just gonna talk for a limited time, no more than 5 minutes.

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To keep this meeting.

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you know, on schedule.

00:57:13.002 --> 00:57:14.002
Hi.

00:57:14.002 --> 00:57:19.931
comments? Yeah, I mean, I think the CPA firm backing out is pretty much saying, we'll never get that.

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Um, and it's important to have some accountability and transparency.

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Um, so, you know, and the fact is, it's been how many months have we talked about this, and nobody has come to even try to give some sort of narrative?

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you know, some sort of explanation, some sort of anything. It's just been, like,

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Let's get this...

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push the deadline, and so, yeah, it's sort of, like, I feel like we're spinning our wheels a bit, and so I'm glad that, um,

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they're gonna be coming next meeting, they should, I feel like... Received it's going to be coming.

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Yeah...

00:57:56.621 --> 00:57:59.621

So the question is, do we want someone from the agency also to come?

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I think so. I mean, I think at least before... I mean...

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give me a good reason. Like, think about what we did with Pace, right? That was a very reasonable request. It was... it's not a track record. This seems like this is...

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that their finances were a mess, and they weren't doing a good job keeping accountable to their money. And then that becomes a problem when you have people money, you know? Like, what happened to it?

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You know, was it just simply, oh, they just used it for this one project, even though they should have also used it for the other?

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Okay, maybe that's more forgivable, but then what if it...

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Not all that money, then that brings in other, uh, even legal questions.

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I'm not making any accusations or anything. No, no accusations, just the issue is, we know Steve Beckett is

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planning to come? Do we want to make any other requests? You're suggesting

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that a representative from the agency, preferably the president,

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Yeah, somebody who can speak and be accountable.

00:58:59.931 --> 00:59:03.704

Yeah. Um, Kim, do you have thoughts?

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Dan, do you have thoughts? Kim?

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Uh, yeah, so this is Kim, um...

00:59:09.661 --> 00:59:16.661

So is it for sure that Steve Beckett is coming next week, or next month?
And what would be the purpose of his...

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coming to the meeting.

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Well, he's coming to represent them because they're going to request...
they've already given us the request,

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for you, but they didn't want to...

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didn't want us to present in February because he couldn't... I mean, they
didn't want him to...

00:59:34.871 --> 00:59:39.871

They didn't want us to present it today because he couldn't come today,
so he asked for February so that he could come.

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To answer any questions that you might have, but I think it's fine if I...
if I reach out to him and say, I'm so glad you're gonna come, but we
could also use some other folks, so...

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Anyway, that's not what you asked, but yes, he's coming.

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Okay, and they... the request would be more time, just to clarify.

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or I guess we don't know, because we don't know... we haven't seen...

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No, I have the request, the request just asks for more time, that's all.

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Okay.

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As long as they know that there will be many questions, and hopefully
they can provide answers and accountability and just...

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an explanation.

01:00:19.539 --> 01:00:24.539

Yeah, so this is Kim... I mean, given what Chris has said about the...

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um, accounting firm...

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expertise, um, and also the timing of needing more time.

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Um... I can, you know, I've said this from the beginning, I continue to have grave concerns about extending this for much longer.

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Um, it is our number one duty to be good stewards of public money, and from what I've watched of the...

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County board meetings over the last several months, um, there are...

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big cuts coming to, you know,

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supposedly down the line, um, there's issues with the county budget, so each department...

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From what I understand of these public meetings,

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We'll have to make decisions about, um, future budgets. And I just would hate...

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Anybody...

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to see, uh, in the public, you know, that we... haven't

01:01:22.108 --> 01:01:28.108
whether, um, that there's complications with some of the contracts that we...

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with this particular agency, um, and our responsibility to make sure that the money is spent in the way that it's supposed to be spent.

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So, more time to prove that it was spent in the way it was supposed to.

01:01:43.752 --> 01:01:49.752
Um... it's already been several, like, years, right? Or over a year?

01:01:50.499 --> 01:01:52.499
Yeah. So...

01:01:52.499 --> 01:01:57.041

It's been a year. Well, I would like, with the board's consent, um, so I'd like to make a motion that

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We specifically request that a representative from the agency come with

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Uh, Steve Beckett.

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to the February meeting,

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to explain why it's impossible to do an audit.

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and discrepancies, and I also would like...

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to, uh, well, that's all I want to...

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So, I'd like to limit the time they have to, but let's... let's just...

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go with that motion.

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That they be given half an hour and no more. How about that?

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to explain problems with the contract.

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Is that okay? Do I have a...

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reinterpretation of the motion, or...

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I mean, a half an hour is a really long time. We have really...

01:02:43.804 --> 01:02:45.804

Yeah.

01:02:45.804 --> 01:02:46.438

All right, do you want to go ahead and revise it to 15 minutes?

01:02:47.278 --> 01:02:53.278

Yeah. And I think, you know, maybe not just the audit, but I think the lesser, um...

01:02:53.745 --> 01:02:59.745

stringent reporting is the financial review, like, right? I think... is that my understanding? Like, financial review is less costly?

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So, maybe have them explain why they can't get the financial review.

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What if you had less detail about what you're going to ask them? Yes, let's just... So that you can ask them whatever makes sense.

01:03:15.446 --> 01:03:19.446

Okay, so let's go back to the motion. I move that we request that

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Steve Beckett come in February with a representative from the agency,

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to... and that we provide them with

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15 minutes.

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to present information.

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Related to...

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their request and the failed audit.

01:03:40.738 --> 01:03:42.738

Yeah.

01:03:42.738 --> 01:03:45.668

Okay, that's a great... yeah, that's...

01:03:46.043 --> 01:03:54.043

What's up out of curiosity, why 15 minutes, not the 30 minutes, or are they... Well, I think it'd be 30 as far as I'm concerned. I just don't want it to be a 2-hour board meeting.

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I... yeah.

01:03:59.140 --> 01:04:03.140

So, there are some... the motion is still tricky because there's no audit.

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So, to refer to a failed audit?

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is... there is no audit. It's a financial review. So I would say, like, maybe a simpler motion that's

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that request that Steve Beckett and a representative of the agency come and answer your questions for

01:04:20.070 --> 01:04:27.070

no longer than 15 minutes, or whatever. 15 minutes? Yeah. I... okay, I like your suggestion of simplifying it.

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I move that the Board...

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Um, request that...

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Steve Beckett, be accompanied by a member of the agency

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When he appears before the board,

01:04:39.836 --> 01:04:41.836

to make the request in February.

01:04:42.214 --> 01:04:44.214

Period. Yeah.

01:04:45.960 --> 01:04:48.960

And should ex- have explanations and, um...

01:04:49.907 --> 01:04:53.907

Also, what do they think is their perspective of how they spent it?

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If they even have. Do you want to make an amendment to add that? I don't know, no.

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That's...

01:05:02.939 --> 01:05:05.713

I would... this is Kim, I would just leave it as open, and then...

01:05:05.914 --> 01:05:07.914

Yeah.

01:05:07.914 --> 01:05:11.384

we could ask those questions. I mean, they actually... we've asked those things, and they've already answered them.

01:05:11.295 --> 01:05:13.295

Yeah, hopefully they know.

01:05:13.295 --> 01:05:13.665

But I'm... yeah.

01:05:14.502 --> 01:05:16.502
So, I can second Susan's motion.

01:05:16.502 --> 01:05:19.441
So do I have a second? Okay, Kim seconded. Further discussion?

01:05:19.525 --> 01:05:21.525
We know it's gonna be awkward.

01:05:22.571 --> 01:05:24.571
Um, all those in favor?

01:05:24.935 --> 01:05:26.935
Oh, sorry, please. It's okay.

01:05:28.457 --> 01:05:31.457
Coming into this new... I've followed along a little bit over the last year, but...

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don't have all the background, uh...

01:05:34.110 --> 01:05:36.110
just from what was shown.

01:05:36.110 --> 01:05:38.263
But, um...

01:05:39.614 --> 01:05:43.614
when they do come in in February, they're going to be asking for more time.

01:05:45.823 --> 01:05:48.823
what is the end game here? I mean, what is the end...

01:05:48.884 --> 01:05:50.884
what is it that we're trying to get to?

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As a final result, or don't we... we don't know.

01:05:55.067 --> 01:06:01.067
I'm sorry. I mean, I don't... I think the money is spent. The money's gone. So, I think it's...

01:06:02.201 --> 01:06:07.201
And I'm not sure that everybody in this story understands what we're looking for.

01:06:07.504 --> 01:06:11.504
But there is a requirement for financial accountability. It could be

01:06:12.309 --> 01:06:18.309

If a financial review is impossible, maybe there's an alternative, but I appreciate what Chris Wilson said, like, this is...

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a bad sign if one of the most esteemed firms can't do it.

01:06:23.012 --> 01:06:28.012

Who can? And are we in some position to come up with a different type of

01:06:28.810 --> 01:06:33.810

financial require... reporting requirement beyond what was already submitted, so...

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I'm not even sure anymore what we're asking for. I think that it's...

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It's possible that...

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they really think they can prove that they spent the money well, and they might have done that, but without financial records.

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It's, you know, the proof is the problem.

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So, I... so I don't even know what kind of questions you might feel inclined to ask them if they're here.

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I'll have some.

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Well, I hope that they're prepared. I mean, um...

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Mr. Beckett, I mean, he's a lawyer, so he's... he needs, uh... it's like...

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present his case, present why... what happened. Um, we... I think that's important. We just need accountability.

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And then, let's hair. Let's... if there's something, then maybe we can figure something else out, but... I don't think our board is mean-spirited. We're simply frustrated because we haven't been given information.

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We would like more information. We have other agencies with whom we've worked.

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who have been very diligent at providing requested and yet more requested information.

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So, to put it up as an example of, oh, some can get away with it, and some can't,

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To be very crass in the comparison.

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Um, I think is a concern for the board and for how the...

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County Board may view us...

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Uh, and our ability to be fiduciary stewards for the money that the county provides.

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So, we need some resolution and further discussion. We cannot just keep

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putting up, uh,

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extended timelines.

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And it's gone beyond what's reasonable.

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Yeah, absolutely.

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From my opinion. Okay, can we call the question, or is there another...

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comment. Chris? Well, I just wanted to tack on to what Lynn was just saying.

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Uh, about the proof, um...

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you know, there is actually a clause in our contract with them that says that they're, uh, their books have to be...

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kept in an audit-ready state at all times, and what that means is, if an auditor were to walk in their door, they could open the books and perform an audit.

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And to me, it seems like

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they were out of compliance from day one, because they were not maintaining their books.

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And that's a caution to us as a board when we fund proposals. Are they capable?

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of maintaining books that can survive an audit.

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We're gonna have less money in the future, very possibly. So who do we fund, and what do we fund?

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So we've fixed that last year. We did. Because of this. We fixed that last year. We can't... an application is not complete unless we have either an audit of the most recent year, a financial review, if that's appropriate, or audited... what is it?

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audited balance sheets, which also... that's another product that you don't do on your own. You need a...

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You need to take your stuff to a CPA firm who's qualified to vouch for it.

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This is now, like, you won't even be asked to consider applications that don't have that foundation. This is...

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Yeah. And part of it is, like, this community is so unique. We have 500 nonprofits, we have brand new, exciting,

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um, brilliant projects, but a lot of those do not come with a

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solid business office, or even an understanding of...

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of what accrual accounting is and why that's important to public funders, so...

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This is an issue that has started a long, long time ago. This particular episode has kind of brought it to a head.

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Um, so now you're protected in the future, you have some... I mean, there's no guarantee about anything, but you have a better...

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standard now, yeah. Okay.

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So, further discussion, or can we call the motion?

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I'd like to call the motion here, hearing no further discussion. All those in favor of the motion?

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That was presented and seconded.

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Aye. Aye. Great.

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Hi.

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All right, um, that was a little more than 5 minutes, but not too bad. That's okay.

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Um, yeah.

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Um, Susan, this is Kim, real quick. I'm sorry, I have to go to the... I have to run, I have to catch a flight, so... I'm sorry.

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Okay, all right, we understand.

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Okay.

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Does that, um, require the board to come to...

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We're good, we still have quorum. Okay.

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Yes, thank you.

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Thank you so much, Kim, for participating under dire circumstances, catching a flight in this weather.

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I know. Wish me luck. Alright, thank you.

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Yeah, good luck. Okay, um, emerging threats, um...

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Uh, are presented. You know, I think that the threats are continuing to emerge.

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I'd like to hold that discussion.

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Um, if that's all right, because I think that we have...

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Um, not only the need for, should we have input,

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From people with IDD,

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I also have a very brief report for changes that are occurring in Engage Illinois.

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And I would really like to provide a short moment, at least for the evaluation capacity.

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building project to give an update.

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Um, and, um...

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I think that... that's about all we can do before people are going to have to start leaving this meeting.

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based on other competing priorities.

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So, um...

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Do we have input from people with

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developmental disabilities or intellectual disabilities for this meeting.

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Okay, nothing. Um, there. Then Engage Illinois. So, Engage Illinois started off with, uh,

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like a rocket in January.

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And we've already had, um...

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Three board meetings or committee meetings. I've agreed to serve as the representative for Downstate. I am the only representative

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representative, and Vicki was outside of, I agreed to work with the outreach Committee, which is, um,

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Focused on expanding

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Participation in Downstate, um, Chicago does have an attitude that they are most of the population.

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But they are really willing

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to encourage us to bring more people from across the state,

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into, um, the discussion.

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My understanding from several long

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meetings that I've had, is that Engage Illinois really wants to begin to clarify

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What's not working with the home-based waiver system?

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And what's not working

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in silos, particularly in the Chicago area, and possibly downstate, where there's very little choice.

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For person-supported care.

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So, the home-based waiver system provides a lot of choice, but no...

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Supporting infrastructure or guidance.

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The CILA provides a great deal of support, but little personal

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choice and direction.

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So we've got this mismatch of systems.

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And the goal of Engage Illinois is to come up with a very specific, new,

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Um, slideshow, PowerPoint presentation,

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to use with multiple agencies across the state, and we're talking local.

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So, all of the 708 boards...

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There are very few DD boards, but there are other groups

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That, um, are...

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parent groups, et cetera, and that...

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are related... that are concerned downstate with how...

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Services are available and not available.

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And if any of you have tried to get into a group home,

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Recently downstate,

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It's very, very difficult. It's not impossible.

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But it's very, very difficult.

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So, I'm really encouraged by the spirit of the board and what they're
planning to do.

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Um, I will provide a quick update every month.

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But I think they've really...

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honed in on action.

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So that it's not just a small parent group in Chicago saying, let's change the system. It's, uh...

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Let's create a coalition across the state.

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to change the system.

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Um, so that's my update. Um, and, you know, I...

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kind of thought we were dragging, um, but I think the Engage Illinois had to

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really come to grips with a lot of issues.

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Uh, and they... and they're doing that.

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So that's all I have to say about Engage Illinois, but I'm optimistic.

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that it could be a force.

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Okay, um, moving on to evaluation capacity building.

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We have a report. Yes, we do, thank you for being here.

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Happy hump day, everybody!

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Um, so I'm just in the Darius, I direct the Family Resiliency Center. I'm leading the Evaluation Capacity Project.

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With a team of excellent people, Nate and Rachel.

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Um, I'm gonna be real short, so usually I come in and show microalerting, and we've done that so many months in a row.

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Um, we're in the process of developing a new microlearning, um, which is utilizing, um, Google and Microsoft Forms so that, um,

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Uh, different agencies can create their own surveys, uh, for lower cost, so that's highly scalable and sustainable.

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So, developing the microlearning that also our working group has helped in providing feedback on, and having a one-pager so that people who have different learning styles

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with the, um, audio and visual versus the, um, text versions, um, that both can be served. And then having an in-person training

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To have, um, whomever from the agencies want to come in their programs actually do hands-on creating of their own of survey or form using those systems, because you can only learn so much from videos and short videos.

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So, um, we are working on planning that, and working with our working group, who's given us great advice and suggestions on how to make this

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Um, more user-friendly and, um, in very lay terms.

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Uh, we've been working with technical assistance with 3 of the programs, and that's going well, helping them develop logic models, surveys, thinking about their outcomes.

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Um, and so those are the things that we've been, uh, really focusing on. So, lots of work going on, but no more micro-learning this, this month. It's okay if I did it every month, it'd get tired of it, right?

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No. We do try to keep them a little entertaining so people will watch.

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I love the practical approach that you're taking.

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to support the agencies. It's just...

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really hands-on. You may only be able to work with 3 agencies at a time, but you're building an infrastructure of support learning.

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for the other agencies, and I can't...

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say enough about how impressed I am.

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Other comments from the group.

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Can I add one more thing? Um, we launched our office hours, and we're launching that and trying to advertise it as much as possible, so...

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Anyone from programs or agencies who have a quick question or something small, or something that they just want to work on is free to contact us, even if they're not one of the one-on-one intensive technical assistants, so...

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I forgot to mention that as well. And what are your office hours?

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So, they can go in and choose the office hours that work for them. It's a scheduling, so we sent out the link, so it's not just...

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Fridays at 4 to 5, which, you know, everyone wants to come to your office hours at that point, but they're on demand, um, office hours that they can choose any time that they want to, to chat with us about it.

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Wow. Okay.

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Comments?

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Thank you so much for all that you're doing, and I see a lot of smiles from the agency people behind you.

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Great. Well, thank you for your support.

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You really appreciate it. Yeah.

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Okay, moving on to Disability Resource Expo update.

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Do we need to do that, given that we've had new business and past emotion? Okay. We're going to have a first meeting of that advisory committee that you just directed us to start.

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Today, Kim put that together, and the folks who had lots and lots of ideas

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When we were crashing and burning in December, our... hopefully they're gonna be there. Okay.

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Great. Okay, thank you.

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And then, um...

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Finally, comparison of 2025 agency revenues.

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I think that this is gonna require some study to have, um, maybe an in-depth conversation.

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Um, I was just so thrilled

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to see these pie charts. I've been wondering for years,

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What does it look like for an agency

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With robust support, or potentially robust support,

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Um, you know, what are the different sources of funding? How varied can it be?

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And to what extent does an agency depend only

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on CCDBB, or the Mental Health Board.

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And, um, we know right now that...

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It's not longer completely safe.

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to depend on one source of funding, right? I used to have a lot of
federal grants at the university,

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They became a little bit more tricky. I went to state grants.

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They became very tricky during the, um...

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Budget shut down.

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added some private funds, and now the whole field.

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Seems a little bit tricky.

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So, I think that having this in our hands will make it so much easier.

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to approach the review of proposals.

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In the spring, because it has...

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At least for 2025, some of the additional data.

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And I guess one comment I'd like to make is to encourage the agencies

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to really study, and you probably already know what your agency looks
like,

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But I see some highly vulnerable agencies,

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And I'm really concerned, and I know it's not easy to diversify.

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In a short period of time.

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Um, but this is something I think that we really need to discuss. I also
would like to give Lynn a few minutes

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To talk about, you know, particularly the aggregate data and some of the...

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wonderful news that that does represent for our community.

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Um, and then maybe open it, um, for discussion of...

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what you'd like to do with this data.

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in the next meeting. And again, I... we can go until 11, but I'm also aware
that

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It's not the best travel day.

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Because... and people have been...

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pressed to fit more appointments into the latter part of the week,
because it was so bad in the beginning of the week.

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Lynn, do you want to talk a little bit?

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We first look at certain pages. We've, you know, traditionally when we're
reviewing those applications for funding, the agencies are giving us a
lot of information. So in the, like, even in the beginning.

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Like, this... this project came because they give us so much information
throughout the year, and then those year-end

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reports are so interesting to me, and I often, like,

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don't have enough time to read them very thoroughly, or do something
about it for you.

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So, I think this year, like, Kim put together our

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I think this is the second year we've done it, you know, a summary of the
outcome results, which is something

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That means reading that very, very long aggregate document. Super interesting comments in there, so by giving you a summary, we don't mean to say don't look at what the agency wrote in the first place.

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Similarly here, I wanted to... the aggregate information was kind of about...

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In case any members of the public are not sure what their tax dollars do, I wanted to show that

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Their tax dollars are very, very important to the work that they might love.

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And rely on, and take for granted. I don't... this memo is silent on what the services are, how many people are served, even what the local programs look like.

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Let alone, do people have good outcomes? That's a different memo. This is just about money, and you can see the first three lines are state, federal, and then...

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um, state pass-throughs, state and federal partnerships, and there's the monster share of the money,

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And in 2025, we came to feel differently about that money. So in all of the applications for funding,

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We'll see these data again, and that is something that I always put into those program summaries for you. What are the shares of the total agency revenue?

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Um, just so you kind of know, like, it means something different throughout the years, apparently. Like, 10 years ago, if it was all state funding, we'd be very worried.

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about an agency, but that's not quite what's going on now. But the good news that I found was, um,

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Private funding. The older an agency is, and some of them are very old in this community,

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The more you see things like private foundation funding, or, like, just a nice solid...

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fundraising line, so it takes a while to get there, but that can be more stabilizing than some of these

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public tax-funded programs that go from one year to the next and create, like, a whole other level of stress and chaos for everyone.

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Um, you know, local government is a smaller part of it, and we're part of local government, but...

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But I was very, very glad to see among the private funding sources,

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the top 3 reflect, like,

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potentially very generous population here, like people giving their own money individually to projects they believe in. I thought, that's so nice, I'm happy to live in Champaign County. So anyway, beyond that, like, the... yeah, yeah. Stop you just for a moment on page 55.

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If you add fundraising to contributions,

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for the aggregate, and this is just the aggregate.

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Um, 46% of the funding

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to agencies in the aggregate, not individual agencies,

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It's based on...

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contributions in fundraising.

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Now, that's always going to vary based on the economy, I'm sure, but 46, that's almost half.

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of the resources come directly from people in the community who are willing to support

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The efforts of the Mental Health Board and the DD Board. That is astonishing.

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Really? It just made me love my neighbors a little bit, so I thought that was super good news. Then, you know, obviously, like, the agency-by-agency pictures are very important for understanding conditions and...

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You know, they do what they can. We might have suggestions, but we're not in their shoes. Right. So, anyway. And some are older, some are newer.

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Um, thoughts about how to proceed with...

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Discussing and looking at this data in February.

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From the group.

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Do you think it's important to do, necessary to do? Are you happy with what you have?

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Yeah. Okay, so we could have it on the agenda again in February if, um, there's time.

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for a deeper dive. Um...

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I just, I, you know...

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I got back from a terrible two days of trying to get home.

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With flights, and I saw this, and it was like, as Lynn said,

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Christmas, when I opened it, because, I'm sorry, guys, but for those of us who received the mailed copy, it's in color.

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So it's really easy to see the distinction, and I thought, this is something I've been wanting to see.

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For years, and it's such a positive picture.

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And then we see a few agencies that we can say, oh my gosh,

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I'm a little worried. Um, it's not that they're bad agencies, they're really great agencies.

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But can they diversify, and how much will we need?

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to diversify, and we don't know. That's part of the emerging threats, right?

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Yeah, and it's good for us to get input. I think we as staff get input individually from agencies about things like the...

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you know, kind of the long-term effect of

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Funders like the state have a...

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have traditionally had a very low indirect cost rate limit,

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And that can be a real problem if you're trying to compete for...

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Yeah, for technicians or financial experts, so that makes...

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That has created some of the vulnerabilities that you're dealing with on a functional level, so...

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Anyway, okay. I just think it helps to have a deeper knowledge of what's going on, and we're really getting to that.

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Thanks to Lynn and her staff.

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And the agency reports, which can be summarized

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more coherently and simply in ways like this, and boy, can I...

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I can't thank the staff enough, because this is extra work.

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That they did on top of their other work.

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So, okay, moving on then, um...

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to successes in other agency information. This is always a star of our meetings.

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So, um, it's alright if we don't have them this meeting, but if we do, we would love to hear them.

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Any agency reports?

01:28:13.741 --> 01:28:17.741

Hi, I'll be pretty quick. This is Becca from Community Choices. Um, excuse me.

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Um, I just want to tell you guys, we had our first, um, like, futures planning family, uh, workshop last, uh, January 7th. We have our next one coming up here on February 4th.

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Um, we talked about Social Security, we had a really great turnout, um, and so we provided information, and then we also provided a template for,

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a binder that families can use to sort of

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gather information that they maybe already have or know some things that they might need to start putting together, sort of, for their...

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their own sort of future planning, um, disc...

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coming week, we're going to be talking about Medicare and Medicaid, sort of health...

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services. So, um, this is the first year we've done this, and we're really excited about how well it's going.

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Um, I also just wanted to share that, um, we're going to be presenting at the art conference, um, in late April.

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On our transportation program, which you guys have been really instrumental in helping fund and make possible. Um, and so our hope is to share kind of how

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the program works, how we got it started, um, and sort of give people a little bit of a blueprint for what they could potentially use. So, thank you.

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Fabulous.

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Anyone else? Yes?

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I'd sure want to include me and

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Eric from PACE

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Continue to work

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With the

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Family Re

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Mmm. We have a

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Well

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Plan that we are

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Working on. And... oh.

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You want to share a plan with us?

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We can share that with you in the coming months.

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No, we... are working on.

01:30:39.938 --> 01:30:41.938
Working on a survey.

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A survey.

01:30:47.196 --> 01:30:57.196
Yeah, that we are coming up...

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With you a.

01:31:08.749 --> 01:31:13.749
And it's been a great

01:31:14.826 --> 01:31:18.826
Collaboration.

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Did you catch that?

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And. I've been...

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Working Group.

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Cool.

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For the survey, which you will be sharing with us in a coming meeting.

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I've been

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Openly this group

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Yes.

01:32:02.755 --> 01:32:03.804
Okay, that's great. Thank you, Paula. So you're working with a group to develop a survey.

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With the Building

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With the university

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A unified.

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unified group?

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Thank you Eric.

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Hello, this is Eric. Thank you, Eric. Uh, Paula was just sharing that we've been collaborating with the Family Resource

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Center on, uh, developing a program survey and stuff, which hopefully we'd like to share in the spring.

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Oh, that's fabulous. I think we got most of it, Paula. Thank you so much.

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This is great.

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Thank you, Eric. Okay, anything else?

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All right, do we have another agency that wishes to share?

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Hi, um, I'd just like to share two things, if that's okay. Um, just to...

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After hearing that people in our community-first program through

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our robust survey process. Thanks, Jacinda.

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And company. Um...

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We learned that people are interested in agriculture, so we created the weekly Iron and Acre Group.

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Uh, so this group has spent, um, the past few months traversing

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Champaign County, when it's not snowing or raining ice.

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Um, around, and uh, we've been invited to some farm implement places, um, have had some tours from

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Places like Awesome Machines,

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Uh, Jennings implement, um, and they've even used some, some,

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Uh, computer programs to learn about diesel engines and

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design their own digital tractors, so that's been pretty fun.

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Um, and I also would like to share that the Crow will also, uh, be...

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A venue for the Boneyard Arts Festival, the weekend of April 10th, um, so we hope to see you there.

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Our opening reception will be on Friday, the 10th... April 10th from 6 to 8 p.m.

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And light refreshments will be served.

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Um, this year's theme is Growing Together to showcase our community's ability to grow together in art while fostering inclusivity and connection.

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So...

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Thank you so much. Please, go ahead.

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Hi, this is Annie from the Ark of Illinois, and I apologize, I realize maybe I should have said this in public comment, since technically I'm not a funded agency, but I am from an agency.

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It's okay. Okay. Um, just want to share kind of an exciting thing that the Arc of Illinois is doing here locally. We are hosting listening sessions.

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And it reminds me a lot, kind of similarly, to Engage Illinois.

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Uh, looking to gather a lot of feedback from people on what's working in the system, what's not working,

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where we should be funding our money, where we should be putting services.

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And, like you said, Susan, there's a whole lot of Chicago input, and so I'd love to have a super strong...

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I'd really like to be able to brag to my colleagues about all the folks I got to come out in Champaign-Urbana,

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So, um, that one is Thursday, February 5th, next Thursday evening.

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From 5.30 to 7.30 at the Champaign Public Library. Um, you do need to RSVP so I can buy you food.

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But there will be food, and we'll just be very low-key discussing, kind of, areas where folks can

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provide their input. Families, advocates, self-advocates, individuals, anybody from provider agencies that want to work in an evening time.

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I would really love, um, a super strong turnout, so...

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And, um, Annie, I know that I got an email from the ARC that I could press a link to sign up,

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If someone doesn't typically get emails from the ARC,

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How can they go about RSVPing?

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It should be all over the ARC's Facebook page. Okay, go to Facebook. And we're kind of doing it in partnership with the CCDDDB. I know Kim and Lynn plan to attend, and maybe you guys can send an email out?

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on your listservs, um, also anyone's willing to contact me, happy to send it to them.

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And if you don't RSVP, like, it's okay. I'll plan for more food.

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Thank you so much. Thank you.

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Okay, any other agency input?

01:36:41.811 --> 01:36:47.811

Hearing none, um, Lynn, do we have, um, input from the County Board, or the...

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Okay, great.

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County Board, thank you.

01:36:52.785 --> 01:36:56.785

Yes. Hi, um, I just have a quick.

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thing to add, um, I wanted to say I support your next steps on item 8I.

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I would welcome public input at a county board meeting.

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Um, on resolution number 1. Which was discussed earlier, and also, I appreciate your work to find accountability for county funds, because.

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We definitely need that at our level. Um, I remember the prior discussions on this, and.

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Your stewardship is definitely appreciated. Um, we're starting our FY27 budget process soon, so... I just want to let you know that that's underway, um, and again, appreciate anything you can do to make sure that we can account for.

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any funds that go to, uh, CCDDB? Thank you.

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Thank you so much for representing us.

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And keeping us informed. Really appreciate it.

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Okay, um...

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Champaign County Mental Health Board input.

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Then? They met last week, and they approved the, um, the plan to...

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Have an expo pause year, or maybe an in-person thing, just to figure... you know, the plan to go figure it out.

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Which, I'm so sorry.

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I just wanted board guidance, and I got it. So, that was really important to me. They also approved

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Um, doing one last eBroot Fest.

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And... I think they had to make a decision about two agencies whose audits were... or financial reviews were not completed.

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And what to do... and the agencies provided them pages and pages and pages of really good

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information about what happened, and...

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why, like, it was two very exceptional, easy-to-understand circumstances. I... they're not... I don't think they're on these meetings right now, but I really appreciate the care.

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that those two agencies put into it. It was...

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what we want to... what we feel comfortable presenting to the board so they were comfortable

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making exceptions. They did have a discussion about the audit requirements, because this is, you know, kind of always

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It's always an issue. We get to a little bit of a timing traffic jam now with...

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20... trying to read 20 audits, if they're submitted at the last minute or late.

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We... it does become difficult to complete that work before we're looking at applications for funding, which is really your most important activity.

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And we, you know, we want to be able to provide you thorough and accurate information for that phase, so...

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You know, some acknowledgement of that. The other thing they did was...

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I can't even remember. They have a study session tonight. They're starting to have mid-year program presentations, um,

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So the study session tonight is the... is one of the programs Don Moyer runs, which is a...

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youth programs,

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Sponsored by the...

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Champaign County commu...

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the Champaign County Community Coalition.

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So there's that... that mid-year report. It's not a mid-year report, it's a full-year report. And then a mid-year report on...

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Family Service Program, which we've funded for years and years and years, but was expanded.

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It's their counseling program, and they have expanded it to include some creative

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Options for seniors, and so I think this will be a pretty upbeat study session, because those are, like, really positive

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you know, promotion that...

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you know, a good health promotion programs, so...

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Yay, then later in the year, we'll have conversations about crisis services, which is just hard. That's...

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It's just hard, really important, but anyway.

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Um, but that's it.

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All right, um, moving on to board announcements and input.

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Do you have any announcements, Lynn, or Kim, or Chris?

01:40:51.423 --> 01:40:55.423

Okay, moving on then, to board...

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Um, input? Any input from the remaining board members?

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Today?

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If you have any input. No? Okay. Well, guess what? We're now to the point of adjournment.

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And, um, I think this was a great meeting, and we, um...

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You know, hopefully none of us have been, uh...

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pulled out of the parking lot for being here more than an hour.

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Is it okay for us to defer the special election to February? That's right, the special election.

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Um, what would you like to do, since we have 3 board members here?

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And we don't know what Ann Robbins, um, preferences are.

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I have talked.. I had talked to Anne several times in the week,

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preceding this meeting, so I'm a little bit concerned about what might have happened, so...

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Just out of respect for.. I know that she was gonna be here and was planning to do this,

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Till we understand what's going on. Right. If that's okay... is it okay to... Is it okay to pause and table it until February? Of course. Okay.

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Okay, we'd like to... all those in favor? Aye. Okay. Informal vote to table.

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Yeah. Yeah.

01:42:10.455 --> 01:42:13.455

Hopefully she's alright. I hope she's okay, yeah.

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It's accident weather.

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Life is gone.

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Thanks.