



Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

July 16, 2026

ONLINE

Present: Jason Griffin, BOD Chair; Angela Dudley, Bill Hardiman, Robert O'Meara, Randy Richardville, Rev. Cindy Rudolph, Alisande Shrewsbury, Kristin Totten, Parrish Underwood

Absent: Aisha Farooqi, Chris Hawkins, Chandra Madafferri, Mark McDaniel, Michael Keller Zehnder

Staff and

Guests: Suzanne Greenberg, Lori Kroll, Jodi Mullett, Alan Stokes
Lorri Rishar Jandron (EDGE), Josh Davis & Kenzie Fedewa (Office of the Auditor General),

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 1:01 by Jason Griffin.

Board Chair Update: Jason Griffin

- a. Jason Griffin welcomed everyone to our non-voting, informational Board meeting online.
- b. Josh Davis with the Office of the Auditor General was introduced. State law requires an audit of Children Trust Michigan every three years.
- c. Approval of April 16, 2026, meeting minutes will happen at the next meeting.
- d. We will be calling a special meeting next month to vote on funding issues related to the passage of the legislation.
- e. Board priorities for 2026-2027: Legislative engagement is so important. We will be looking for opportunities to communicate the importance of Children Trust Michigan and our need for funding. This will require board participation.
- f. Legislative update. All four of our bills passed on July 3, 2026. As of this morning, they have not yet been signed by the Governor, but there are no concerns. Since the bills are not yet signed, this board meeting can not be a voting session. As we told the legislators, we are not going to be substituting in person meetings for all online. We will be doing a little bit of both in the future.

Remember Your Why

Jason Griffin reflected on the importance of this legislative win. We have been working toward this passage for three years. In the context of Lansing, this package moved forward in record time. Amy Tattre Loepp, our former board chair, persevered and had multiple conversations with Senators and Representative. The bills passing is a bi-partisanship accomplishment at its core. Only 66 bills moved with the budget and 4 were for CTM! This is absolutely extraordinary. Persistence wins. Bill Hardiman voiced his agreement in celebrating from the perspective of a long-term board member.

Executive Director's Report: Suzanne Greenberg

- a. We are so grateful for the passage of this legislation. Thank you to everyone for your work!
- b. **CTM Essentials:**
 - a. Name is Children Trust Michigan – it's a statement.
 - b. Our focus is primary prevention – it's before the crisis begins.
 - c. We do not receive state funding for our programming.
- c. **Federal updates:** Suzanne Greenberg reported on the updates she hears from Child Welfare League of America, Children's Trust Fund Alliance and Prevent Child Abuse America. At present, the funding for prevention at the federal level is being kept the same as last year. This is good news as there was discussion about cuts. Giving USA, a national annual report on philanthropy, reports that we are in the largest transfer of wealth in the nation's history. The amount of corporate dollars has stayed the same, but donor advised funds and individual giving is up 20%. Passage of the legislation to work with a 501C3 is important for individual donors. There is currently no monthly giving or legacy giving. We continue to work with the Children's Foundation of Michigan to be our 501C3 partner.
- d. **Auction Update:** Thank you for your attendance, engagement and support for the auction. Lorri Rishar Jandron from EDGE, our partner for fundraising, was introduced to give a more detailed report on the auction.
- e. Lorri Rishar Jandron shared the many positive antidotal comments about our dynamic event - guests loved the venue and food and pace. Gross income without in-kind gifts was just shy of \$600,000. She observed many trends including the reduction in involvement from the advisory committee. Their report details all the numbers. They were strategic in picking items for the silent auction, and we saw increases in both live and silent income. In-kind statewide advertising increased. Total net was over \$260,000 with expenses over \$430,000. Venue costs went down, but other costs increased. It was a sold-out crowd with 420 in attendance and more registered. Staff engagement was incredible and the volunteer core is critical to the success of the event. EDGE exceeded their contractual agreement because of their passion for this mission.
- f. Griff thought the venue was wonderful. Unfortunately, there was far less legislative engagement than in the past. (Session was not held on the day of the auction.) We have a responsibility as a board to grow the fire in the legislature for this event.
- g. **Financial Report:** Alan Stokes reviewed the FY26 to date report which includes projections for year-end revenue and expenses. Historically, we end the year in the black and don't need reserves. The new finance committee has met and reviewed reports in detail. Total revenue is higher in the fund development category because of generous gifts from sororities. Expenses are lower due to a gap in filling a staff position. Alan Stokes also reviewed the Auction ROI and answered questions.
- h. **Regional meetings & board member engagement:** As we look for legislative champions, we need them to understand our mission. We are working to set up times for champions and board members to visit Prevention Partners in their areas to see first-hand the impact they have on their community. A spreadsheet including these key legislative leaders, all board members, and the Prevention Partners in their area will be sent to the board. Griff asked the board members to reach out to Suzanne as CTM will assist in setting up those meetings. At some point in your term, each member is asked to visit at least one of our county partners. There is no expectation to go to all of them.

- i. **Data presentation:** Jodi Mullett shared a PowerPoint presentation detailing how CTM invested in data and how it benefits our Prevention Partners. In April, Jodi Mullett shared how our prevention approach is grounded in Strengthening Families and HOPE (Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences). Both frameworks emphasize strengthening relationships and positive experiences. Our partners align their programming with community needs. The data we provide assists in making decisions of how most effectively to prevent child abuse and neglect. Gathering the data was the first step, but then putting it into a useable format was the priority for our Prevention Partners. It's used to support grant writing and fundraising efforts, to communicate with families, and support high quality prevention decisions. The presentation will be sent out with the minutes as well as the ACE's (Adverse Childhood Experiences) infographic. The website to view these reports is www.michigan.gov/ACEsData.

Committee Reports:

- a. The Finance Committee Report was provided to the board via email. CTM staff are working with board members to schedule all the committee meetings.
- b. Every board member is invited to attend any committee meeting even if it is not the one they are assigned to.

Public Comment: N/A

For the Good of the Order:

- a. September 23, 2026, there will be a charity golf outing for CTM hosted by United Way and primarily sponsored by Salesforce. More information to come. Let Jason Griffin know if you want to join his foursome.
- b. Kristin Totten noted that in Kalamazoo County DHHS has lost much of its preventative funding. She is looking forward to connecting with her local Prevention Partner.
- c. Tim Click, Interim Deputy Director for Children's Services Administration, will be coming to the meetings in the future. If there are questions you have that he can prepare ahead of time, let us know.

Adjourn Meeting: A motion to adjourn was made by Angela Dudley and seconded by Rev. Cindy Rudolph. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 2:26.

Submitted by Lori Kroll.

Minutes to be formally approved at the next board meeting.