



Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

October 16, 2025; 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Grand Tower, 235 S. Grand Ave, Lansing, MI 48933

Present: Tammy Bernier, Angela Dudley, Bill Hardiman, Chris Hawkins, Elizabeth Hertel, Amy Tattrie Loepp, Chandra Madaffer, Earl Major, Robert O'Meara, Alisande Shrewsbury, Kristin Totten

Online: Jill Bable, Aisha Farooqi, Kelle Jo Ilitch

Absent: Rev. Dr. Steve Bland

Staff and

Guests: Suzanne Greenberg, Lorri Rishar Jandron, Lori Kroll, Alan Stokes

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Amy Tattrie Loepp at 1:10 p.m. to await a quorum.

Board Chair Update: Amy Tattrie Loepp

- a. Legislative update is in the Stakeholder Education report.
- b. Board evaluation is required by PCAA and will come out by email. We need 100% participation and demographic information as required.
- c. Since we are not a 501(C)3 we are not able to accept certain funds. We are in discussion with an organization to partner with them.
- d. **A motion to approve the minutes from the July 17, 2025, Board meeting was made by Angela Dudley and seconded by Earl Major. The motion passed unanimously.**
- e. A new Board Reserve Policy was discussed. The purpose of this Reserve Policy is to ensure the financial stability and long-term sustainability of Children Trust Michigan by establishing guidelines for maintaining and using operating reserves. These reserves serve as a safeguard against unexpected financial challenges and support strategic initiatives approved by the Board of Directors. **A motion was made by Robert O'Meara and seconded by Chris Hawkins to approve the policy. The motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Director's Report: Suzanne Greenberg

- a. Friendraisers - On August 6, 2025, we held the first "Friendraiser" in Marquette. Hosted by Board members Kelle Jo Ilitch, Jill Bable, and Amy Tattrie Loepp, approximately 40 people learned more about CTM's mission and work locally. Other Board members are encouraged

to host one in their area. CTM will provide materials and support. Help is appreciated to raise awareness and funds.

- b. Auction update – Lorri Rishar Jandron, EDGE: The 24th annual Pam Posthumus Signature Auction will be Tuesday, May 19, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. Location has moved back downtown to the renovated DoubleTree by Hilton. We are working to keep costs low without diminishing the experience. Discussions have begun with key stakeholders and the advisory committee is re-organizing to maximize energy and impact.
- c. Family Resource Center update - funding changes—As of 9/30/25, the FRCs are no longer being funded. 10 of 11 of them are working on local fundraising to stay operational while we work to secure the much-needed funding to continue the critical work. Currently, we are working with the Social Determinants of Health Director in MDHHS to secure some funding through the Rural Health Transformation Grant. We have also submitted a Proposal for Change for 2027 to support these 10 FRCs and expand them strategically to include the screened-out pathway work that has been so successful.
- d. Staffing update — As of 9/30/25, the Data Coordinator and Resource Development positions are no longer. As of 1/2/26, Training and Education, Family Resource Center Coordinator, and Family Coordinator will be no longer due to unexpected lack of financial support.
- e. Financial Report - Alan Stokes reviewed the FY25 report. Expenses were cut back due to realized budget challenges and less reserves were taken than had been projected.
- f. Strategy planning - Tammy Bernier: Context was given by Amy Tattrie Loepp for the strategy process which began when we received ARPA funds. The strategy committee felt confident that we would continue with those funds from other sources, but it did not work out the way we hoped. The result is we are eliminating functions that we had built up. Tammy Bernier reviewed the strategy documents. Discussion centered around the importance of prevention, data and strategies from other states, as well as the effectiveness of the Family Resource Centers (FRCs) that Michigan does not fund.
- g. Financial Report FY26 - Alan Stokes reviewed the revised budget for FY26 that includes lower revenues, reducing staff and major reductions in auction expenses. **A motion was made to approve the revised FY26 budget by Chandra Madafferi and seconded by Bill Hardiman. The motion passed unanimously.**
- h. FY26 scenario planning - Various options were discussed for taking 6% or 7% or 8% from the trust fund and the impact on the capacity of CTM. Details are being worked on with Treasury. **A motion was made by Chandra Madafferi to approve taking up to 8% from the trust fund when legislation is passed that allows for that, followed by a written plan. Alisande Shrewsbury seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Committee Reports:

- a. Committee Reports were provided to the board via email.
- b. The future of the committees is to be determined as CTM staff capacity is reduced.

Board appointments:

- a. Six board members are scheduled to roll off the Board: Amy Tattrie Loepp, Tammy Bernier, Earl Major, Jill Bable, Kelle Ilitch, and Rev. Dr. Steve Bland.
- b. If you desire to remain on the Board, you must go through the application process again. The maximum is usually two terms served.
- c. You are responsible for staying on the Board until your position is replaced.

For the Good of the Order:

Dr. Debra Simms, who was our Champion for Children at the 2024 Auction, has been selected as the pediatrician of the year by the Academy of Pediatrics and the Children's Trust Fund Alliance.

Adjourn Meeting:

A motion to adjourn was made by Angela Dudley and seconded by Tammy Bernier. The motion passed unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Submitted by Lori Kroll. Minutes to be formally approved at the next board meeting.