

MINUTES

TOWN OF THE CITY OF CHAMPAIGN BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: August 12, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Feinen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Shauna Clayborn Michael Foellmer
William Kyles Vanna Pianfetti
Robert Pollett Kathy Shannon
Davion Williams Chairperson Feinen

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT: Matthew Gladney

OTHERS PRESENT:

Kyle Patterson, Township Supervisor
Thomas Yu, Township Attorney
Carla Zarnsy, Strides Shelter Program Director
Charlene Murray, Strides Operations Director
Shaya Robinson, Strides Guest Relations Director

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- July 8, 2025 Special Regular Township Meeting
- July 29, 2025 Community Civic Event Strides Tour

Board Member Pianfetti, seconded by Board Member Foellmer, moved to approve the minutes. There was no Board Member discussion. A voice vote was taken; all voted yes. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

APPROVAL OF SUMMARY OF CHECKS WRITTEN – ALL FUNDS, June 2025:

June showed the total for the Town Fund was \$522,114.81; General Assistance Fund was \$19,730.74; Shelter Fund was \$34,401.12; Social Security Fund was \$1,072.38; and IMRF was \$12,770.70. Total expenditures for the month of June 2025 were \$590,089.75. Board Member Pianfetti, seconded by Board Member Foellmer, moved to approve the expenditures, and place them on file. A voice vote was taken; all voted yes. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS: None

STRIDES LEADERSHIP TEAM PRESENTATION: Director Zarnsy, Director Murray and Director Robinson's presentation included the following topics:

- Who We Are
 - Strides Model
 - Staffing Breakdown
 - Rapid Rehousing (RRH)
- Who We Serve
 - Demographics
 - Sanctions & Incidents
 - Guest Input
 - Success Story
- What We Do
 - Services & Programs
 - How the Community Ties In
 - Challenges We Face
- Funding & Vision
 - Burn Rate
- Vision

Board Member Technical Questions: Board Members' technical questions included resources and financial challenges; minimum staffing; the need for a facility audit; addressing shelter complaints; baggage checks; update on flooring contract; volunteers; explanation of burn rate and request for a breakdown of the burn rate; waiting period for case management; meetings available to residents; CU@Work; strategic planning; available shelter data; sponsor based vouchers from the Housing Authority; funding from Housing Authority in current budget year; cost for fulltime day center; guest rules for outside of the shelter during the day and staff monitoring of outside area; staff training; investigations of shelter violations; and shelter capacity.

Public Input: The following members of the audience spoke regarding the Strides Leadership Team Presentation:

- Daniel Wells, Champaign
- Andrew Davis, Champaign
- Jan Erkert, Champaign
- John Kaiser, Champaign
- Alan Nudo, Champaign
- Martel Miller, Champaign

Board Member General Discussion: Board Members' comments included appreciation to staff for the presentation and to the public for their comments; infrastructure needs; staffing challenges; data to support funding; the need for a facility audit; concern and compassion for unhoused population; empathy for business owners; developing solutions; concerns for budget line item details; tour of Strides facility; capacity to

manage CU@Work; shelter location and impact to surrounding community; and growth of unhoused population and need for continuum of care.

STRIDES JULY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Board Member Pianfetti, seconded by Board Member Foellmer, moved to approve the Strides July Financial Report. A voice vote was taken; all voted yes.

FY 25/26 PRELIMINARY BUDGET PRESENTATION:

Supervisor Patterson provided a brief overview of the FY 25/26 budget and noted the budget to be similar in most categories from prior years.

Board Member comments included concerns for various budget line items; the need for a budget narrative; guaranteed revenue funding vs. funding to be awarded; the timeline to amend the budget as presented to address concerns noted by Board Members; the need for an additional special Town Board meeting for further review of budget; ability of Supervisor to meet deadline for special meeting; and recommendation of study session for next year's budget.

Attorney Yu recommended the FY 25/26 Preliminary Budget Presentation be deferred.

Supervisor Patterson acknowledged the concerns noted and confirmed he would work to address the budget items noted and provide the requested information before the next meeting.

Board Member Pianfetti, seconded by Board Member Foellmer, moved to defer the FY 25/26 Preliminary Budget Presentation. A roll-call vote was taken; all voted yes.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: The following members of the audience commented regarding various community concerns:

- Miss Hart, Champaign
- Martel Miller, Champaign

TOWN BOARD AND TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR'S COMMENT: None

NEXT MEETING: Chairperson Feinen noted the next Special Town Meeting will be scheduled for August 19, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT: Board Member Pianfetti, seconded by Board Member Foellmer, moved to adjourn. A voice vote was taken; all voted yes. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Shannon Myers
Town Clerk