



This meeting was virtual

**FOOTHILLS GATEWAY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
May 19, 2026**

Present

BJ Russell
Brittany Brown
Chrissi Alvarado
Lora Jonson
Mark Durand
Mikel Zimmerman
Ron Charkowski
Steve Dandaneau
Karen Bennett

Excused

Guests

Absent

Punkie Whitely

Staff

Alex Braine
Brandee Boice-Street
Carla Conrardy
Cynthia Hansford
Ed Bowers
Erin Eulenfeld
Jeff White
Lori Sauvageau
Pat Carney
Sara Koopman
Stacy Hill
Teri Billingsley
Ian Hopkins
Marla Maxey

President Steve Dandaneau called the meeting of the Foothills Gateway, Inc. Board of Directors to order at 7:02pm and welcomed attendees.

OPEN FORUM

President Steve Dandaneau invited guests to speak. There were no guests present to speak.

POTENTIAL BOARD MEMBERS

- Erin shared that a potential Board Member will be attending the June Board Meeting

PRESENTATIONS

- **Quality Assurance - Ian Hopkins, Quality Assurance Specialist** – Ian shared a presentation on the function of Quality Assurance in Case Management, inviting questions.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2026
- Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – April 21, 2026

***M-S-C (Russell/Zimmerman) Approve the minutes from the February Board Meeting
M-S-C (Alvarado/Zimmerman) Approve the minutes from the April Board Meeting***

The above minutes are tentative until voted on and approved at the following month's board meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT

- **Approval of Financial Report** - Carla Conrardy presented the unaudited statement of financial position for the ten months ending April 30, 2026. *Detailed financial information can be found in the Board Meeting packets, which are posted to the Foothills Gateway website.*

M-S-C (Brown/Zimmerman) Accept and approve the preliminary financial report position for the ten months ending April 30, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Long Bill and Medicaid Caps and Rate Changes Update** – Erin explained that increased enrollment in home and community-based programs, expanded service utilization and federal flexibilities have contributed to higher costs in long-term services and supports (LTSS). New caps were introduced for personal care, homemaker services, and community connector units, with reductions in allowable hours and units, and changes to youth transitions to the DD waiver and DD churn policies, resulting in longer waiting lists. The state will reinstate the post-eligibility treatment of income (PETI) for DD waiver participants and implement Medicaid provider rate cuts of 1.6% (already applied) and an additional 2% starting July 1, 2026. A new legislative Medicaid Commission, including Joint Budget Committee members and four other legislators, will convene to make recommendations on Medicaid spending and policy, with stakeholders expected to participate in presentations and feedback. There was discussion about the uncertain outlook for the next fiscal year, the political context of the commission, and the challenges of managing reductions, emphasizing the importance of monitoring and updating the board on these developments.
- **990 Filed** – FGI's 990 has been completed and posted to FGI's website.
- **Family Support Council Membership Application** - Stacy presented the application of Agnieszka Bradley for the Family Support Council, detailing her qualifications and the council's role, and the board unanimously approved her membership.

M-S-C (Russell/Zimmerman) Accept and approve the addition of Agnieszka Bradley to the Family Support Council.

CHIEF OFFICER UPDATES

- **Stacy** – Stacy reported that the Flying Pig 5K raised nearly \$17,000 for children's programs and announced upcoming Service League Regional Taste event on June 11th. Stacy also shared that FGI's open enrollment has been completed. AbleLight has also expressed interest in renewing their lease for another three-year term.

- **Marla** - Marla shared that the Intake Team received a record 427 referrals in April, Early Intervention is updating policies for eligibility changes, and Ongoing Case Management teams are participating in LTSS sustainability trainings. Efforts are underway to address staff turnover and improve recruitment materials. Marla also noted FGI is arranging Provider and PASA Fairs which are open to members and families seeking new providers, with sign-ups available on FGI's website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Executive Committee** – Steve Dandaneau shared that the Executive Committee met on May 10, 2026, and discussed the Board Meeting Agenda Review, Board Meeting Agenda Review, FSC New Member Application – Agnieszka Bradley, Michael Woodruff's Board of Directors application, Officer Updates provided above and held an Executive Session to discuss a confidential personnel issue.
- **Fiscal and Property Committee** – Brittany shared that the Fiscal and Property Committee met prior to this meeting and discussed the Financial Statement review Fiscal year ended April 2026, the FY 26/27 Budget BOD presentation, repairs needed to the Gym Flooring to mitigate moisture issues, the Auditor Request for Proposal information (RFP), FGI's 990 and potential staff bonuses.
- **Legislative Affairs Committee** – Ron shared that the Legislative Affairs Committee did not meet this month.

M-S-C (Brown/Russell) Unanimously approved convening an Executive Session to discuss a matter pursuant to section 25.5-10-209-2, b, IV (C) and G of the open meetings statute at 7:55pm

M-S-C (Alvarado/Russell) Move to adjourn Executive Session and reconvene Regular Board Meeting at 8:25pm.

ADJOURNMENT

M-S-C (Alvarado/Russell) Adjourn the meeting at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Steve Dandaneau
Board President

**The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Foothills Gateway, Inc.
Board of Directors will be June 16, 2026.**

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