This meeting was virtual

FOOTHILLS GATEWAY, INC.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
June 16, 2026

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

Excused
Mark Durand

Guests

Absent
Punkie Whitely

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

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
- No potential Board Members were present.

PRESENTATIONS
- **FY27 Budget Highlights Review –** Carla presented the highlights of the fiscal year 26-27 budget to the board, including projected net loss, revenue and expense changes, and capital improvements.

M-S-C (Russell/Zimmerman) Approve the Budget for FY27 as presented

CONSENT AGENDA
- Approval of Board Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2026

M-S-C (Russell/Zimmerman) Approve the minutes from the May 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 eleven months ending May 31, 2026. *Detailed financial information can be found in the Board Meeting packets, which are posted to the Foothills Gateway website.*

M-S-C (Russell/Zimmerman) Accept and approve the preliminary financial report position for the eleven months ending May 31, 2026.

NEW BUSINESS

- **July Board Meeting –** Erin explained that the July meeting is typically canceled due to heavy vacation schedules and no anticipated business, and that this would also cancel the July Executive Committee meeting. Steve Dandaneau noted that if an emergency or urgent business arises, the board could convene a meeting if a quorum is available. Brittany moved to cancel the July meetings, Mikel seconded, and the board unanimously approved the cancellation

M-S-C (Brown/Zimmerman) Approve the cancellation of the July board meeting with the provision that one will be called if needed.

- **Quarterly Community Advisory Committee Update/Member Exceptions -** Brandee provided an update on the Community Advisory Committee, describing its structure, complaint review process, and review of Member Exceptions. Brandee also highlighted positive feedback from the Committee regarding FGI's creation of Intake timelines to help Members understand processes. Brandee noted that meeting schedules and minutes are posted to the Foothills Gateway website for transparency.

CHIEF OFFICER UPDATES

- **Erin –** Erin reported that the state legislature created a Medicaid Commission, which met for the first time on June 4th to review historical information about Colorado Medicaid and will meet again to discuss technical assistance contractor responses on Wednesday, 6/17. The Medicaid Commissions goal is to produce a report and recommendations for the incoming governor. Erin, Marla, Pat, and Alex meet with HCPF administration every two months to discuss stabilization efforts, with Foothills Gateway receiving positive feedback from both HCPF and statewide advocates.

- **Stacy –** Stacy updated the board on $322,679 in grants awarded to agencies serving the IDD population in the past fiscal year, ongoing improvements to the grant application process, and recent and upcoming social events organized by the Foothills Service League, including the Ice Cream Social and The Taste fundraiser, both of which were held this month.

- **Marla -** Marla reported consistently high referral volumes, with 455 referrals in May. FGI case managers and service coordinators are actively completing trainings related to upcoming changes being implemented by Health Care Policy and finance through Long Term Services and Supports sustainability efforts and Co Dept for Early Childhood for annual Early Intervention eligibility redetermination. Staff report that these training opportunities are extremely helpful in preparing for what's ahead. While they continue to balance their day-to-day responsibilities, they remain resilient and adaptable during this period of change. We have experienced some increase in turnover, but we are also receiving a number of highly qualified applicants.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Executive Committee –** Steve Dandaneau shared that the Executive Committee met on June 5, 2026, and discussed the Board Meeting Agenda Review, the July Board meeting and the Officer Updates provided above.

- **Fiscal and Property Committee –** Brittany shared that the Fiscal and Property Committee met prior to this meeting and discussed the FY27 Budget Review, Financial Statement review YTD May and the Auditor RFP Selection Process

- **Legislative Affairs Committee –** Ron shared that the Legislative Affairs Committee did not meet this month.

OTHER

- Ron Charkowski announced his upcoming move to Canada and his resignation from the Board after the August meeting, sharing that he is working on identifying potential replacements.

ADJOURNMENT
M-S-C (Zimmerman/Russell) Adjourn the meeting at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

Steve Dandaneau
Board President

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Foothills Gateway, Inc. Board of Directors will be August 18, 2026.