



# BOARD OF DIRECTORS EAST CENTRAL DISPATCH CENTER

## *Board Members*

Bola Akande  
Amy Hamilton

David Gipson  
Jennifer Yackley

Michael Reese  
Elliot Brown

Barbara Sondag  
Marie Peoples

## *Executive Director / Deputy Director*

Paul Jokerst / Kurt Ploch

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

**Date & Time:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022 @ 3:00 PM

**Location:** Richmond Heights City Hall – Council Chambers  
1330 S. Big Bend Blvd.  
Richmond Heights, MO 63117

- **Call to Order & Roll Call**

Meeting called to order by David Gipson at 1506hrs. Seven (5) board members were present and 3 absent (Barbara Sondag, Marie Peoples, who arrived at 1510 hrs, Elliot Brown). It should also be noted that David Gipson had to leave the meeting at 1531 hrs. Quorum was maintained throughout the meeting though.

- **Approval of May 18, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting Agenda**

Motion to approve the agenda made by Michael Reese. Seconded by Bola Akande. All in favor. Motion carried.

- **Approval of April 20, 2022, Board of Directors Minutes**

Motion made by Michael Reese to approve the minutes. Seconded by Bola Akande. All in favor, motion carried.

- **Award Presentation**

Paul Jokerst, in conjunction with Clayton Fire Department, awarded Director's Accommodations to two East Central Crews for their actions in two separate events on the same day.

- **Public Comment**

There were no public comments.

- **Executive Director's Report**

Paul Jokerst reported on the following topics:

**Strategic Plan Development RFP** – two entries, David Gipson and Bola Akande will represent the board during the evaluation phase.

**Amendment to the Participation Agreement**—The board agreed that attaching the withdrawal letter from the City of Shrewsbury will suffice.

**Personnel Update**—ECDC is still 1 person short and are currently in the process of hiring.

**CAD Update**—Motorola CAD provisioning is still taking place. The police side is nearly finished. The fire side of CAD, due to the complexities, will take longer.

**CALEA Update**—The mock assessment will take place in June, the actual assessment will be in July. Once ECDC has the dates of the actual assessment as well as the public hearing, they will be shared to all members.

- **Operation Chair Changes**

It was reported that both chairs will rotate to the respective Chiefs of Olivette. The board asked if there were any issues with both chairs being from the same city. After a brief discussion, Jennifer Yackley made a motion to accept the new chair people. Amy Hamilton second. All in favor. Motion Carried.

- **Future Board of Director Meetings**

- August 17, 2022 – Regular Board Meeting
- November 9, 2022 – Regular Board Meeting
- February 15, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting
- April 19, 2023 – Regular Board Meeting

- **Closed Session**

The Board of Directors may hold a closed meeting, with a closed vote and record, as authorized by Section 610.021(1), (2) and (3) Revised Statutes of Missouri, relating to legal issues, real estate and/or personnel, negotiation of a contract pursuant to Section 610.021(12) RSMO., and/or proprietary information pursuant to Section 610.021(15).

Jennifer Yackley made a motion to go into closed session pursuant to the above statute, reference personnel.

Amy Hamilton second.

Roll Call Vote

Bola Akande – yes

Amy Hamilton – yes

Jennifer Yackley – yes

Michael Reese – yes

Marie Peoples – yes.

- **Adjournment**

The Chairman Pro Tem Michael Reese called Executive Director Paul Jokerst and advised him the closed session and adjournment of the meeting happened at 1630hrs.