



**EASTSIDE HUMAN SERVICES FORUM**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, January 23, 2020 – 9:30am to 10:30am**  
**Mercer Island Community & Event Center**  
**8236 SE 24th ST, Mercer Island**

<p><b>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</b>          Lauren Thomas, Hopelink – Board Chair          Al Smith, Perkins Coie - Vice Chair (via phone)          Amy Falcone, Kirkland City Council - Sec/Treasurer          Lynne Robinson, Bellevue City Council          Jessica Forsythe, Redmond City Council          Cassandra Sage, LW School Board          Monique Gablehouse, EvergreenHealth          Paul Lwali, Friends of Youth          Helene Wentink, Alliance of Eastside Agencies</p> <p><b>BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</b>          Claudia Balducci, King County Council          Eric Evans, Shelter Holdings          Dr. Harlan Gallinger, Issaquah School Board          Stephanie Hamrick, Overlake</p>	<p><b>ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT</b>          Leslie Miller, Work Group Chair          Monica Negrila, Work Group Vice Chair          Brooke Buckingham, Governance Task Force          Melissa Bartoletti, Recording Secretary</p> <p><b>VISITORS PRESENT</b>          Dee Dee Catalano, City of Bellevue</p>
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**CALL TO ORDER** – *Board Chair Lauren Thomas, called the meeting to order at 9:45a.m. A quorum of the Board was present.*

Board Chair Lauren Thomas opened the floor for introductions and highlighted the newly elected members from the Annual Membership Meeting: Amy Falcone, Kirkland City Council filled Government Seat #1 for a one-year term, Jessica Forsythe, Redmond City Council filled Government Seat #3 (term expires 2021) as well as the newly elected officers: Lauren Thomas - Board Chair, Al Smith - Vice Chair, Amy Falcone - Secretary/Treasurer.

**Review of November Minutes**

**Motion 1:** *"I move the Board to accept the meeting minutes from the November 21, 2019 Board Meeting as presented."*

Motion was made by Monique Gablehouse and seconded by Helene Wentink. The minutes were approved as presented unanimously. Amy Falcone and Jessica Forsythe abstained.

**Develop 2020 Affordable Housing Action Plan**

Board Chair Lauren Thomas opened the floor for Board members to share learnings from the affordable housing panel and small group discussions during the Annual Membership meeting.

**2020 Workplan Adoption**

Workgroup Chair Leslie Miller proposed a revised work plan for the Board’s review. Discussion was held. The board proposed the following additions: to connect a needs assessment to the environmental scan, explore and advocate for an East King County affordable housing levy by identifying champions. Ask legislative committee task to identify and advocate for our highest policy change needs in affordable housing, identify and advocate for our highest needs for affordable housing with federal and state level in legislation.

The revised 2020 Workplan will come back to the board at the upcoming Board meeting in March.

Malory Gustave, from Hopelink, leads the Equity Committee. Paul Lwali volunteered to be a part of the Equity Committee.

### **Consider Legislative Coordinator Consultant Recommendation**

The board reviewed the resume and cover letter submitted by Liz Mills for the Legislative Communications Consultant position.

### ***Motion 3: "I move the Board accept Liz Mills as the Legislative Communications Consultant for the Eastside Human Services Forum"***

Motion was made by Lynne Robinson and seconded by Jessica Forsythe. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Organizational Review Update**

Agenda item is moved to the next Board Meeting on March 19, 2020.

### **Information Sharing Roundtable**

The Organizational Review Committee is meeting on Monday.

Helene Wentink announced that AEA has a board meeting in February and a Pivot Point Topic in March with more information to come. The AEA annual luncheon is June 3, 2020.

Paul Lwali announced that the Friends of Youth Luncheon is on March 6, 2020.

**Board Vice Chair Lauren Thomas adjourned the meeting at 10:46a.m.**