

# FOUNDATION

For A Healthier West Orange

## BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 29, 2023, at 12:00 p.m.  
via Teleconference and in person at  
1200 E Plant St, Suite 200, Winter Garden, FL 34787

The HWO, Inc., DBA Foundation for a Healthier West Orange (the “Foundation”) Board of Directors met on Wednesday, November 29, 2023, via teleconference and in person at the Healthy West Orange Building. Chair J. Whiddon called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. A quorum was established, with the following **Directors Present Virtually:** J. Whiddon, C. Evans, N. Sutton, and T. Keating. **Directors Absent:** B. Spong, K. Vargas. **Staff Present:** T. Swanson, L. Boettcher, and P. Brown. **Staff Present Virtually:** A. Mendyk and J. Ziomek. **Guests Present:** None.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public were in attendance; therefore, no public comment period was necessary.

### APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES – NOVEMBER 6, 2023

**Board Action:** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the HWO Inc., DBA Foundation for a Healthier West Orange Board Meeting held on November 6, 2023.

### APPROVAL OF FOCUS GROUP REPORT OUT MINUTES – NOVEMBER 6, 2023

**Board Action:** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of the Village Network Focus Group Report Out meeting held on November 6, 2023.

### CREATIVE AGING GRANT NEXT STEPS

Chair J. Whiddon called upon T. Swanson who briefly refreshed the Board on the Creative Aging project timelines and project milestones since grant inception. She explained there is a pivotal decision to either move forward with a pilot of the Village concept or revisit the grant parameters and determine alternative opportunities. The Grant Funds were reviewed, and the team proposed leveraging the remaining \$258k of feasibility funds along with \$1.1M of the Creative Aging implementation grant funds to move forward with a three-year Village Network pilot, with opportunities to evaluate throughout the 3 years. The Board requested the team ensure collaboration with other entities to explore funding to help move the project to sustainability. Updates to the Board will allow for regular evaluation of ongoing viability and whether the piloted network program should continue.

**Board Action:** Upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved proceeding with the three-year pilot phase of the proposed Village Network using the \$258k remaining of the Creative Aging Grant feasibility funds and \$1.1 million from the Creative Aging Grant implementation funds; authorizing movement of the \$1.1 million to a money market account.

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## OPEN FORUM

T. Swanson updated the Board on an opportunity being pursued for Florida Appropriation funds to continue the Strong Beautiful Future campaign while the team works to secure front-line community partners and a permanent home for the campaign. Committee work will provide insights to viability in the first quarter of 2024 and final awards are expected by April 2024.

T. Swanson made the Board aware that the Foundation's membership with the West Orange Chamber of Commerce has advanced to Community Trustee Level.

L. Boettcher advised the Board of the kick-off for West Orange Walkers in January, anticipating more community engagement than the current Mall walkers outreach program.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:01 p.m.



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Jaclyn Whiddon, Chair