



## **Official Proceedings of the Buffalo Bridges Human Service Zone Board – February 2, 2026**

At 11:04 a.m., Zone Director Mandi Freije called the regular meeting (held in person and via Microsoft Teams) of the Buffalo Bridges Human Service Zone Board to order. Board members present were Tom Overn, Allison Swenson, Shawn Olauson, Ben Tompkins, and Cole Conley. Gayle Nelson was absent. Also in attendance were Jessica Alonge, Auditor/COO, and Eligibility Supervisors Susan Reichenberger and Sean Ryan.

Olauson made a motion to approve the presented minutes, seconded by Conley. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

Overn made a motion to approve the presented vouchers, seconded by Conley. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

Sean Ryan and Susan Reichenberger provided Economic Assistance updates. They discussed Medicaid open enrollment, non-citizen healthcare, and ABOTS changes. They also updated the Board on the SNAP backlog and error rate.

Freije presented the Customer Support Centers December metrics.

Freije informed the Board of the immediate resignation of Board Member Tracy Johnk.

In other business, Freije discussed the purchase of two new zone vehicles. Buffalo Bridges purchased two 2026 Ford Explorers from Stoudt's—one for the Stutsman office and one for the Barnes office.

The next Zone Board meeting will be held on March 6, 2026, both in person and virtually via Microsoft Teams.

At 11:54 a.m., Tompkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Conley. The meeting was adjourned.

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Mandi Freije, Zone Director

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Gayle Nelson, Secretary