



Official Proceedings of the Buffalo Bridges Human Service Zone Board – November 3, 2025

At 11:04 a.m., Zone Director, Mandi Freije called the regular meeting (In person and via Teams Meeting) of the Buffalo Bridges Human Service Zone Board to order. Zone Board Members, Tom Overn, Allison Swenson, Shawn Olauson, Tracy Johnk and Cole Conley were present. Absent was Ben Tompkins and Gayle Nelson. Jessica Alonge, Auditor/COO and Sean Ryan, Eligibility Supervisor also attended.

Olauson made a motion, seconded by Overn, to approve the presented minutes. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried.

Conley made a motion to approve the presented vouchers, seconded by Johnk. Roll call vote taken. Motion carried.

Sean Ryan, eligibility supervisor presented a PowerPoint to the board. The PowerPoint included the statewide backlog and workers doing overtime, LiHeap is year-round enrollment is live, Medicaid open enrollment and changes with ABAWD's (Able Bodied Adults Without Dependents).

Freije discussed and updated the board on the delay in SNAP benefits due to the government shutdown. Locally Buffalo Bridges is seeking food donations for the pantry (Bridge Together Pantry) and is encouraging food drives, we are expecting a delivery from Great Plains food bank of 2 pellets of food for the Jamestown office and 1 pellet of food for the Valley City office. Buffalo Bridges has a resource list to hand out to clients.

In other business Freije told the board the Toys for Tots program has begun.

The December 1, 2025, Zone Board meeting will be held both in person and virtually through Teams.

At 12:09 p.m., Olauson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Conley. The meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Mandi Freije, Zone Director

Gayle Nelson, Secretary