



**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**November 24, 2015**

**Present:** Kathy Magruder, Wyatt Shiflett, Ashley Doot, George Ashton, Josh Greene, Michele Peterson, David Rawle, Jessica Schiavone, John Spears, Leigh Williams

**Excused:** Anton Cohen, Eric Wachsman, Jeff Eckel

- Ms. Magruder announced the purpose of the call which was PSC filing to ask for financial support for the MHELP program. Board members had previously requested staff prepare a filing asking for MHELP to be funded with EMPower resources. That filing is due today at 5 PM. Ms. Magruder continued that it is her understanding from previous meetings, that EMPower is viewed as a tax/fee and the Administration is uncomfortable with increasing that tax with rate payers.
- If MCEC receives EMPower money for MHELP, that money wouldn't be able to fund/sustain MCEC the entity. So it would be disadvantageous to fund a program but with no support for the actual group that runs the program.
- Ms. Williams responded that if you go back to the order, the Commission stated the program has value, the concern is the administrative costs.
- Ms. Magruder clarified the statement made by Ms. Williams saying that it is not that the Administration does not support the concept of MHELP, they don't support the funding source.
- Ms. Williams stated that the Administration agreed with the administrative law judge, that the costs are high, but the program is worthy
- Ms. Magruder asked the Board for approval to file or not file the request
- Ms. Magruder concluded the meeting saying MCEC will not move forward with the filing and that is the action to take with no disagreement from the Board.