

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING  
KEWADIN CASINO AND CONVENTION CENTER  
SAULT STE. MARIE, MICHIGAN**

**February 20, 2024**

**5:00 P.M.**

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. INVOCATION: Prayer, Smudging
- IV. MEMBERSHIP PARTICIPATION
- V. PRESENTATION:
- VI. MINUTES: 2/6/24 Meeting, 2/13/24 SPMTG
- VII. RESOLUTIONS: FY24 Budget Mod Inland Fish & Wildlife & Establish FY24 Budget-CCER Technical Services Contract and Ishkode Project  
FY24 Institute of Museum & Library Services-Basic Lib. Grant  
FY24 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation  
ARPA Funded OHTE Program Policies and Plan  
Reallocation of ARPA Funds  
Trust Land Status-Lots 1-30, Block 1, SSM, Chippewa County  
Trust Land Status-Lots 4-8, Block 6, SSM, Chippewa County  
Trust Land Status-Hillcrest Prop. Cedarville, Mackinac County  
Trust Land Lease Cancellation – Fortin  
Trust Land Lease - McKerchie & LaPlante Jr.  
Partial Waiver of Convictions – Bitnar  
Authorizing Limited Waiver of Immunity - Liquor License  
Submission-Congressionally Directed Spending Req. FY2025
- VIII. NEW BUSINESS Child Welfare Committee – Board Liaison  
Conversion Fishing Agreements  
Board Concerns
- IX. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION
- X. RECONVENE AND REAFFIRM
- XI. ADJOURN

**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**NATURAL RESOURCES – FY 2024 BUDGET MODIFICATION TO  
INLAND FISH & WILDLIFE AND ESTABLISHMENT OF FY 2024  
BUDGETS FOR CCER TECHNICAL SERVICES CONTRACT I & II,  
AND ISHKODE PROJECT**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the FY 2024 budget modification to Inland Fish & Wildlife for an increase in Federal BIA revenue monies of \$56,394.65. This budget modification will make changes to the personnel sheet and reallocate expenses. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2024 budget for CCER Technical Services Contract II with Other revenue monies of \$55,297.82. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2024 budget for the Tribal Forest Protection Act Agreement – The Ishkode Project with Federal USDA revenue monies of \$364,640.00. No effect on Tribal Support.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby approves the establishment of a FY 2024 budget for CCER Technical Services Contract I with Other revenue monies of \$182,680.41. No effect on Tribal Support.

**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom \_\_\_\_\_ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members for, \_\_\_\_\_ members against, \_\_\_\_\_ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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Austin Lowes, Chairman  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FY 2024 INSTITUTE OF MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES  
BASIC LIBRARY GRANT**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe eligible to apply for the Institute of Museum and Library Services FY 2024 Basic Library Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians acknowledges the importance of Cultural Preservation and supports the Repatriation and Historic Preservation Office and its efforts; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians desires to provide enhanced library resources to staff and community members to assist with and promote cultural education at the Ojibwe Learning Center and Library; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Repatriation and Historic Preservation Office would like to submit a grant proposal to the Institute of Museum and Library Services to request funding for a FY 2024 Basic Library Grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors authorizes the application for the funding of the FY 2024 Basic Library Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chairman or duly assigned individual is authorized to execute or amend all documents relating to the grant application and award.

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**FY 2024 COORDINATED TRIBAL ASSISTANCE SOLICITATION**

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice has funding to assist Tribes in developing a comprehensive and coordinated approach to improving public safety, criminal and juvenile justice and victims' services in tribal communities; and

WHEREAS, the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation will provide access to funding in seven (7) different purpose areas as outlined in the solicitation; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe eligible to apply for the Coordinate Tribal Assistance Solicitation; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians desires to improve its ability to keep safe its tribal members, those working or living on tribal lands and the general public visiting tribal lands; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians desires to provide the services necessary to meet the identified needs of its tribal communities through accessing funding intended for tribal governments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes application to the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation for FY 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Austin Lowes, Tribal Chairman, or designee, is hereby authorized to submit said proposal to the Department of Justice, to negotiate, execute and amend any documents on the Tribe's behalf.

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**ARPA FUNDED ODENAANG HOMES TRIBAL ENTERPRISE LEASE  
TO PURCHASE PROGRAM POLICIES & PLAN**

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians received Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) as part of the American Rescue Plan to support their response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. Sault Tribe has a once in a generation opportunity to invest these SLFRF dollars to boost the supply of affordable housing. “Development, repair, and operation of affordable housing and services or programs to increase long-term housing security” is an enumerated eligible use to respond to the negative economic impacts of the pandemic on households and communities; and

WHEREAS, the Odenaang Homes Tribal Enterprise Lease to Purchase program was developed to provide lease to purchase homeownership opportunities for eligible tribal member households; and

WHEREAS, the following documents are necessary to administer the program:

Eligibility, Admissions and Program Policy  
Lease to Purchase Agreement  
Maintenance Reserve Policy  
Homebuyer Maintenance Policy  
Homebuyer Collection Policy  
Drug Free Household Statement

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors establishes the purchase price of a 2-bedroom home at \$80,000 and a 3-bedroom home at \$90,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors approves the attached Odenaang Homes Tribal Enterprise – Lease to Purchase program documents as presented; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Sault Tribe Housing Authority Director, or his designee, to execute any and all documents as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, conditions and intent of this Resolution.

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**REALLOCATION OF ARPA FUNDS**

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians received the American Rescue Plan Act's (ARPA) funds to support response to and recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe Board of Directors allocated \$1,000,000.00 of these funds in Resolution 2022-289 for expansion of space for Traditional Medicine Program in Sault Tribe Health Center's campus; and

WHEREAS, ARPA funds must be obligated by 12/31/2024 and spend by 12/31/2026; and

WHEREAS, Health Division does not believe these funds can be obligated by the deadline of 12/31/2024; and

WHEREAS, there continues to be support for the expansion of the Traditional Medicine Program; and

WHEREAS, Health Division intends the Traditional Medicine expansion to be an integral part of the Annex Project; and

WHEREAS, Health Division intends to allocate \$1,000,000.00 in Third-Party Revenue to Traditional Medicine to replace this ARPA funding; and

WHEREAS, In order to avoid the risk for ARPA funds Health Division would like the funds unallocated so they could be used by the Sault Tribe for other purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, The Board of Directors hereby rescinds the section of resolution 2022-289 that authorizes expansion of the Traditional Medicine's Program in the amount of \$1,000,000.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby directs Health Division to expand Traditional Medicine's Program by using \$1,000,000.00 of Third-Party Revenue.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors hereby authorizes the CFO to make any internal budget modifications necessary to carry out the intent of this resolution.

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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**TRUST LAND STATUS  
ADAMS BROTHERS ADDITION  
LOTS 1-30, BLOCK 1  
SAULT STE. MARIE  
CHIPPEWA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized under the provisions of Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. Section 5110; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe lacks an adequate land base within its reservation to provide for economic development or self-determination; and

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Interior has the authority under the provision of 25 U.S.C. Section 5108 to accept title to lands in trust for the Tribe; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors has the authority, under Article VII, Section 1 (k) of the Tribal Constitution to manage, lease, sell, acquire, or otherwise deal with the tribal land; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors wishes to authorize its Chairman and Treasurer, to obtain conveyance of lands to the Secretary of Interior on the Tribe's behalf, to execute any documents, and to take any other action on the Tribe's behalf, necessary to accomplish such conveyance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby requests that the Secretary of Interior accept title to the following parcel of land in trust for the benefit of Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians on behalf of the Tribe:

**Land Situated in the City of Sault Ste. Marie, County of Chippewa, Michigan  
Lots 1-30, Block 1, Adams Brothers Addition, according to the plat recorded  
in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 34, Chippewa County Records. Michigan Meridian**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior declare said lands to be part of the Reservation of the "Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians" under 25 U.S.C. Section 5110.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors authorizes its Chairman and Treasurer to execute any documents and take any further action on behalf of the Tribe as may be necessary to complete such conveyance.

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**TRUST LAND STATUS  
AINSWORTH ADDITION  
LOTS 4-8, BLOCK 6  
SAULT STE. MARIE  
CHIPPEWA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe, organized under the provisions of Section 16 of the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. Section 5110; and

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**Land Situated in the City of Sault Ste. Marie, County of Chippewa, Michigan  
Lots 4-8, Block 6, Ainsworth Addition, according to the plat recorded in  
Liber 1 of Plats, Page 27,  
part of Section 8, Town 47 North, Range 1 East, Michigan Meridian.**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors hereby requests that the Secretary of the Interior declare said lands to be part of the Reservation of the "Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians" under 25 U.S.C. Section 5110.

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**TRUST LAND STATUS  
HILLCREST PROPERTIES  
CEDARVILLE, MACKINAC COUNTY**

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See attached description

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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TRUST LAND LEASE CANCELLATION – FORTIN, EDMOND**

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Sault Tribe Real Estate Office, has requested that Lease No. 469-2000420252 be canceled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorized its Tribal Chairman and Treasurer to execute this lease cancellation, and land being described as:

Township of Kinross, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan  
29, 45 N, 1 W (.200 acres)  
Lot 588, Cedar Grove Estates III

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal staff is directed to prepare the appropriate Land Lease Cancellation documents for BIA approval.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby requests the Bureau of Indian Affairs to cancel Lease No. 469-2000420252, along with any Modifications or Assignments pursuant to applicable law and regulations.

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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TRUST LAND LEASE –  
MICHAEL A. MCKERCHIE AND ANTHONY J. LAPLANTE JR.**

WHEREAS, the Sault Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, as amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorized its Tribal Chairman and Treasurer to execute a lease to the land located at Kinross, Michigan, to Michael A. McKerchie, a married man, and Anthony J. LaPlante Jr., a married man, the land being described as:

Township of Kinross, County of Chippewa, State of Michigan,  
and described as follows:  
29, 45 N, 1 W, (.200 acres)  
Lot 558, Cedar Grove Estates III

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Tribal staff is directed to prepare the appropriate Land Lease Modification documents for BIA approval.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, the lease is in furtherance of a Housing program operated in the promotion of the public purpose, and the negotiated rental amount has been determined to be in the best interest of the Tribe and its people, and valuation in accordance with 25 CFR 162.320 is hereby waived.

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**RESOLUTION NO:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARTIAL WAIVER OF CONVICTIONS FOR  
MS. CASSANDRA BITNAR**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a federally recognized Indian Tribe organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 467 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has enacted Tribal Code Chapter 76: Partial Waiver of Conviction for Gaming License Purpose that allows for a partial waiver of conviction be issued to tribal members who have been convicted of a crime and would be denied a license for employment in a gaming operation pursuant to Chapter 42; and

WHEREAS, **Ms. Cassandra Bitnar**, a tribal member who was convicted of:

1. Misdemeanor-Drug Possession
2. Felony-Possession or Furnishing of Narcotics
3. Misdemeanor-Cruelty to Animals
4. Misdemeanor-Disorderly Person
5. Misdemeanor-Domestic Abuse

WHEREAS, **Ms. Cassandra Bitnar**, would be denied a license for employment as a key employee or primary management official because of the criminal conviction; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors has determined that **Ms. Cassandra Bitnar** is not likely to engage in any offensive or criminal course of conduct and the public good does not require that he be denied a license as a key employee or primary management official.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors, pursuant to Tribal Code Chapter 76 grants a partial waiver to **Ms. Cassandra Bitnar**.

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**AUTHORIZING A LIMITED WAIVER OF SOVEREIGN IMMUNITY AS  
REQUIRED TO OBTAIN A LIQUOR LICENSE FROM THE MICHIGAN  
LIQUOR CONTROL COMMISSION**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians (the “Tribe”) is organized pursuant to the Constitution of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Liquor Control Commission requested a limited wavier of sovereign immunity before issuing a liquor license for Bear on the Mountain Golf Course.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians hereby authorizes and approves the Michigan Liquor License Waiver and Consent Agreement – Bear on the Mountain Golf Course, incorporated herein by reference, entering the Tribe into a limited waiver and consent agreement for Bear of the Mountain Golf Course with the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby issues a limited waiver of the Tribe’s sovereign immunity, granted solely to the Michigan Liquor Control Commission, pursuant to the terms of the Michigan Liquor Waiver and Consent Agreement – Bear on the Mountain Golf Course.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves the Tribal Chairman, or his designee, to execute any and all documents as may be necessary and appropriate to carry out the terms, and conditions, and intent of this Resolution.

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**RESOLUTION NO: \_\_\_\_\_**

**SUPPORTING THE SUBMISSION OF CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED  
SPENDING REQUEST FOR FY 2025**

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is a Federally Recognized Indian Tribe Organized under the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, 25 U.S.C. 467 et seq; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians has a large Tribal Membership, who is in need of affordable housing on or near the reservation; and

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians resources are limited due to the large number of Tribal Members and their housing and other community development needs;

WHEREAS, Congress has some provided resources to assist the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians in the form of Congressional Directed Spending (“CDS”) requests in the past;

WHEREAS, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians is committed to supplementing any CDS funding it might receive, to move shovel-ready projects to completion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians Board of Directors supports these requests to submit Congressionally Directed Spending Requests to Congress for the following projects: the Permanent Supportive Housing Project, the Gwinn Housing Renovation project, the Odenaang Infrastructure Project and the Riverside Trailer Park Infrastructure project.

**C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

We, the undersigned, as Chairman and Secretary of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians, hereby certify that the Board of Directors is composed of 13 members, of whom \_\_\_\_\_ members constituting a quorum were present at a meeting thereof duly called, noticed, convened, and held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2024; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at said meeting by an affirmative vote of \_\_\_\_\_ members for, \_\_\_\_\_ members against, \_\_\_\_\_ members abstaining, and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.

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Austin Lowes, Chairman  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians

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Kimberly Hampton, Secretary  
Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of  
Chippewa Indians

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

**February 20, 2024**

## **Sponsor's List**

### **RESOLUTIONS:**

Natural Resources – FY 2024 Budget Modification to Inland Fish & Wildlife and Establishment of FY 2024 Budgets for CCER Technical Services Contract I & II, and Ishkode Project – Robin Clark

FY 2024 Institute of Museum and Library Services Basic Library Grant – Emma Donmyer

FY24 Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation – Robert Marchand

ARPA Funded Odenaang Homes Tribal Enterprise Lease to Purchase Program Policies and Plan – Joni Talentino

Reallocation of ARPA Funds – Dr. Leo Chugunov

Trust Land Status – Adams Brothers Addition, Lots 1-30, Block 1, Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County – Candace Blocher

Trust Land Status – Ainsworth Addition, Lots 4-8, Block 6, Sault Ste. Marie, Chippewa County – Candace Blocher

Trust Land Status – Hillcrest Properties, Cedarville, Mackinac County – Candace Blocher

Trust Land Lease Cancellation – Fortin, Edmond – Helen Wilkins

Trust Land Lease – Michael A. McKerchie and Anthony J. LaPlante Jr. – Helen Wilkins

Partial Waiver of Convictions for Ms. Cassandra Bitnar – Jacki Russo/Dennis McShane

Authorizing a Limited Waiver of Sovereign Immunity as Required to Obtain a Liquor License from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission – Josh Elliot/Dan Doyle

Supporting the Submission of Congressionally Directed Spending Request for FY 2025 – Joni Talentino, Dan Doyle, Mike McCoy

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Child Welfare Committee - Board Liaison

Conversion Fishing Agreements

Board Concerns

# ***MEMORANDUM***

**TO: Board of Directors**  
**FROM: Lona Stewart, Board Administrator**  
**DATE: February 15, 2024**  
**RE: Workshop Agenda for February 20, 2024**

## **AGENDA** **Closed Session**

**9:00**  
**JKLFC Meeting**

10:00  
Health Division

**12:00 – 1:00**  
**Lunch Break**

1:00  
ARPA Building Projects – CLOSED

1:30  
Executive Reports – Governmental – CLOSED

2:30  
Congressionally Directed Spending Request for FY 2025

3:00  
OHTE Policies

3:30  
Conversion Agreements

4:00  
Agenda Review

5:00  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting