

The Masonic Home for Children at Oxford
Executive Committee Meeting Minutes
June 11, 2026

A brief meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors was held on this date at 5:00 pm via Zoom.

Members Present: Chairman, Speed Hallman; Vice-Chairman, David Wicker; Chris Allabaugh

Members Absent: Grand Master, Steve Norris; Secretary, Ed Moore; and Treasurer, Lew Starling

A quorum was not present.

Opening and Approval of Minutes

Chairman Speed Hallman called the meeting to order. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a response from Trey Duckworth, MHCO attorney, concerning a trust that benefits the home. Currently, the home receives a 20% share of the trust. There is a proposal to increase that share to 22% because one of the other parties no longer exists. Communication from the attorney is included below.

Per email from Chris Allabaugh:

From Trey Duckworth on 6/8/2026

All – I have drafted an Answer in the Rockingham County action *Sally Gilbert Blackwell v. MHCO, Inc., et. al.* This is a Declaratory Judgment action seeking to reform a Trust because one of the beneficiaries no longer exists and the Trust is seeking to redistribute that beneficiary's 10% share of the Trust to the remaining five beneficiaries so that each of them receives an additional 2% of the Trust assets, etc. If successful, that would result in the Home going to 22% of the Trust from its existing 20% share. In the Answer, I have admitted all the allegations because each of them supports such an outcome and I understood that that is what the members of the Board had contemplated. The deadline for the Answer is next Monday, June 15, 2026. I had planned to have Chris verify the Answer before filing. Please advise if the action set forth herein is the manner in which the Home wishes to proceed. I have not researched whether the Home could be entitled to more of the forfeited share, but intuitively I cannot think of a rationale for such an eventuality. Thanks very much.

From Trey Duckworth 5/18/2026

Finally, the Home is a Defendant in a Declaratory Judgment action in Rockingham County, *Blackwell v. MHCO et. al.* The case was just filed last month and I have procured an extension of time until June 15, 2026 to file an Answer or otherwise counterclaim. On its merits, the suit seeks clarification from the Court as to disposition of 10% of the proceeds of a Trust, those proceeds in the Trust instrument to go to a beneficiary that no longer exists. The Home is a 20% stakeholder in the Trust, and Plaintiff seeks relief from the Court to equally divide the 10% among five extant beneficiaries, or 2% to each beneficiary. I assume that the Home would not dispute such a claim, but that is a decision for the Board to make. Please advise as to the Home's position on the issue, or any other legal issue involving the Home. Thanks very much!

It was discussed that a quorum was not present to vote on the matter. It was decided that approval would be given to the attorney to prepare the Answer to increase the share to 22% without an official vote from the committee.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:08 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sara Becker
Administrative Assistant