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Board of Directors *Meeting Minutes*

June 5, 2026

Attendees: Veronica, Brad, Heather, Karin, and Linden

This regular meeting was called by verbal agreement during the prior meeting, or by intermediate written reasonable notification made in good faith and agreed to by a majority of board members through email or phone, and was held through videoconferencing.

Agenda

- Next regular meeting
- Board elections
- Site additions
- Peer Guidance Group
- GreatNonprofits
- Fundraising: raffle
- HUD memo
- Online discussion circles

• **Next regular meeting**

Friday, August 14th at 1:00 PT/3:00 CT/4:00 ET.

Board social: Friday, July 10th at 1:00 PT/3:00 CT/4:00 ET.

• **Board elections**

Board members and officers were re-elected.

• **Site additions**

Convention and PSDP peer meetup references were removed or archived. Our peer meetup system/database remains in place.

Veronica has an article in process.

• **Peer Guidance Group**

Dreamhost is ending their support for our discussion list, so we will have to migrate to another platform before July 21st. We discussed the options.

• **GreatNonprofits**

We're inviting our community members to share their reviews of PSDP, in hopes of earning us our 2026 Top Nonprofit badge from GreatNonprofits.

<https://greatnonprofits.org/org/psychiatric-service-dog-partners>

- **Fundraising: raffle**

We are planning on having quarterly 50/50 raffles for a couple of weeks at a time for the community. The previous raffle was November 18th–December 2nd and the next is planned for June 10th–June 23rd.

- **Reporting award**

We discussed a candidate for our 2026 Award for Excellence in Service Dog Reporting.

<https://www.psychdogpartners.org/reporters>

- **HUD memo**

HUD issued a memo indicating they will no longer enforce housing rights of ESA users. This negatively impacts a great number of people, including many in our community, and will likely lead to evictions, homelessness, suicide, and difficulties for would-be and existing owner-trainers and those with retired service dogs. The memo ignores these likely effects and misses that the housing context is very different from the context of places of public accommodation, as covered by the ADA. We are exploring ways to fix the situation.

In the meantime, our housing resources are in a precarious position, but we will update them accordingly.

- **Online discussion circles**

We are considering having more online education or discussion circle sessions for the community to participate in without having to travel. On August 16th, Veronica led a discussion about whether you need to take your service dog with you everywhere.
