



**The Board of Directors of University Hospital**

Public Meeting  
March 21, 2022  
8:30 a.m.

Via Zoom  
University Hospital  
Newark, New Jersey

**Present:** Tanya L. Freeman, Esq., Chair; David Molowa, MD, Vice Chair; Keith H. Green, BS; Heather Howard, JD; Robert L. Johnson, MD, FAAP; Eric S. Pennington, Esq.; Robert J. Rubino, MD; Brian L. Strom, MD, MPH; Mary O'Dowd, MPH

**Absent:** Cecile A. Feldman, DMD

**MINUTES**

**I. Opening Statement and Roll Call**

Chairwoman Freeman welcomed all in attendance, called the meeting to order and asked Mary K.E. Maples, Esq., Corporate Secretary, to read University Hospital's statement of compliance with the Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act and the New Jersey Medical and Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act and call the roll. With a quorum of members present, the meeting convened at 8:32 a.m.

**II. Patient Safety Story**

Dr. William Holubek provided the meetings Patient Safety Story, in which he highlighted Patient Safety Awareness Week, that took place during the week of March 14-18<sup>th</sup>. He emphasized the many activities and events that took place during the week and expressed the need for continued awareness surrounding patient safety.

**III. Report of the President and Chief Executive Officer**

Dr. Shereef Elnahal deferred his Report of the President and Chief Executive Officer to the meeting that will take place on Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00am.

**IV. Public Comment**

There were no requests for public comment.

**V. Executive Session**

Chairwoman Freeman called for a motion to enter into Executive Session. Dean Robert Johnson motioned and was duly seconded by Dr. David Molowa and Ms. Mary O’Dowd. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote to the members.

**VII. Return to Public Session**

The Board of Directors reconvened the public session portion of the meeting.

**VII. Proposed Actions**

Ms. Tracy Forsyth presented the following action items and corresponding resolutions, all of which were previously reviewed and recommended for approval in Committees.

**A. Resolution 2022-0127-162: Resolution to Appoint an Interim President & CEO**

The Resolution called for Ms. Mary Maples to act as the Interim President and Chief Executive Officer of University Hospital upon the resignation of current President and Chief Executive Officer Dr. Shereef Elnahal. The board expects this resignation considering the nomination that Dr. Elnahal received from the President Joseph Biden, to serve as the Undersecretary for Health at the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

Chairwoman Freeman called for a motion to pass the resolution, Mr. Keith Green motioned and was seconded by Dr. Brian Strom. A roll call was conducted, and the resolution passed unanimously and was met with applause.

Ms. Maples thanked the Board for their confidence in her and expressed her excited to continue to work with the Board on all future matters.

**X. Adjournment**

There being no further business, upon motion, duly seconded, the members voted to adjourn the public meeting of the Board of Directors of University Hospital at approximately 9:20 AM. The next Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for March 24, 2022 at 10:00 AM.

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**CERTIFICATION**

I, MARY K. E. MAPLES, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary of University Hospital, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Minutes of the Public Session of the University Hospital Board of Directors meeting conducted on March 21, 2022.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary K. E. Maples". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a solid horizontal line.

Mary K. E. Maples, Esq.

Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary