



The Board of Directors of University Hospital

Public Meeting
March 24, 2022
10:00 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.; Brian L. Strom, MD, MPH; Mary O'Dowd, MPH

Absent: Cecile A. Feldman, DMD; Robert J. Rubino, MD

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 10:05 a.m.

II. Patient Safety Story

Dr. William Holubek presented a Patient Safety Story, in which he highlighted the actions of an employee who spotted an error on a lab report that they had received. An ongoing investigation is taking place to find out where the error has come from, and to remediate the situation. Dr. Holubek emphasized the need to be pre-occupied with failure to help ensure the safety of our patients.

III. Report of the President and Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Shereef Elnahal began his report by reiterating his optimism and support in the Board's selection of Ms. Mary Maples as the interim President and Chief Executive Officer upon his departure. He provided different reasons as to why Ms. Maples was the right choice, including her support for University Hospital and the community, her ability to get things done, as well as her ability to uphold the Newark Accords.

He also welcomed the challenges that he will be facing as the Undersecretary for Health at the United States Department of Veterans Affairs. He emphasized the plan to bring the accomplishments and standards that University Hospital has set to the Department of Veterans Affairs.

IV. Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment.

V. Review and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of January 27, 2022 & March 21, 2022

Chairwoman Freeman accepted a motion, duly seconded, to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2022 & March 21, 2022, meetings. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

VI. Discussion Items and Reports

A. New Campus Project Update - Dr. Shereef Elnahal & Mary Maples

Dr. Elnahal and Ms. Maples provided a summary of our status surrounding the new University Hospital campus project. Dr. Elnahal emphasized the need for a new hospital and provided the Board with examples as where the current infrastructure is failing not only our employees, but Hospital patients as well. He explained how a new hospital would not only create jobs for the community, but it would also open the opportunity for the creation of an economic hub for the community surrounding the new hospital. Dr. Elnahal then went on to explain that financing the project was the main issue currently facing the project, and that there were multiple avenues in which University Hospital was looking to explore to try and gain the money needed.

After Dr. Elnahal spoke, he passed the conversation over to Ms. Maples to provide some more information regarding the project. Ms. Maples highlighted the work that we are currently doing with Gensler surrounding the creation of a master plan, as well as the different funding options that we are looking into including trying to receive funding from federal, state, and county governments. She also highlighted the joint proposal that was submitted by University Hospital and Rutgers University regarding the comprehensive plan of what our joint intentions are for the new campus.

Mr. Keith Green inquired as to whether University Hospital had chosen an architect for the project. Mr. Robert Iannaccone, Executive Vice President, answered his question by explaining that Gensler, while having architects as a part of their team, was working on a master plan for the facility and that a specific architect had not been selected to begin designing the new campus. Mr. Green then followed up by asking if architects of color and various national backgrounds would be considered for the job. To which Mr. Iannaccone explained that they absolutely would be and that our bylaws even require us to do so.

VII. Executive Session

Chairwoman Freeman called for a motion to enter into Executive Session. Mr. Keith Green motioned and was duly seconded by Ms. Heather Howard. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote to the members.

VIII. Return to Public Session

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

IX. Proposed Actions

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

- A. Resolution 2022-0324-163: Approval of Medical Executive Committee Recommendations of February 8, 2022
- B. Resolution 2022-0324-164: Approval of Medical Executive Committee Recommendations of March 8, 2022
- C. Resolution 2022-0324-165: Approval of Remediation extension set forth in Resolution 2021-1202-154

Chairwoman Freeman accepted a motion, duly seconded, to approve the resolutions. Dean Robert Johnson & Dr. Brian Strom recused themselves from Resolution 2022-0324-165. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

X. Adjournment

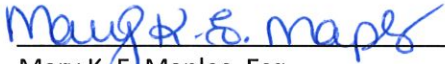
There being no further business, upon motion, duly seconded, the members voted to adjourn the public meeting of the Board of Directors of University Hospital at approximately 10:53 AM. The next Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for May 26, 2022, at 10:00 AM.

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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 24, 2022.



Mary K. E. Maples, Esq.
Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary