



The Board of Directors of University Hospital

Public Meeting
December 2, 2021
10:00 a.m.

Via Zoom and In-person
University Hospital
Newark, New Jersey

Present: Tanya L. Freeman, Esq., Chair; Cecile A. Feldman, DMD; Heather Howard, JD; Robert L. Johnson, MD, FAAP; David T. Molowa, PhD; James M. Orsini, MD; Eric S. Pennington, Esq.; Robert J. Rubino, MD; Brian L. Strom, MD, MPH; Mary O'Dowd, MPH

Absent: Keith H. Green, BS

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

The patient safety story presented by Dr. William Holubek pertained to a pharmacy technician detecting a mislabeled nebulizer. This "great catch" is a perfect example of the efforts to detect any situations that could potentially pose a risk to patients, prior to that risk reaching the patient.

III. Report of the President and Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Shereef Elnahal began his report by commenting on the state of the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly in light of the rising case numbers associated with the Omicron variant. The hospital continues to partner with the community and City of Newark leadership in the efforts to face the challenges of this pandemic. He stressed the importance of preparation, reinforcing the need for pediatric vaccinations and communicating the message of full vaccination and boosters. The hospital is also moving ahead with several exciting initiatives. These initiatives include a strong focus on HIV/AIDS research and clinical care, fostering important links with the LGBTQ community, continuing the focus on patient safety and quality, continuing the commitment to meeting and exceeding financial goals and partnering with the community and Rutgers NJMS in battling mental health and chronic health issues in our community.

IV. Resignation of Dr. James Orsini

Chairwoman Freeman then announced that Dr. James Orsini has decided to resign his seat on the Board. Ms. Freeman commented that, as one of the first members of the Board and the Vice Chairman, Dr. Orsini

has been committed to University Hospital's success for many years. She then asked Mary K. E. Maples to read aloud a Resolution to Express Gratitude to Dr. Orsini on behalf of the Board. Following the reading, Dr. Orsini expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve University Hospital during this time, and wished the Board much success in the future. At the conclusion of this discussion, Dr. Orsini exited the meeting.

IV. Public Comment - There were no requests for public comment.

V. Review and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of October 28, 2021

Chairwoman Freeman accepted a motion, duly seconded, to approve the minutes of the June 29, 2021 meeting. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

VI. Discussion Items and Reports

None.

VII. Proposed Actions

Ms. Maples presented the following action items and corresponding resolutions by explaining the purpose of each and seeking questions or comments from the Board. Ms. Maples noted that all of the proposed action items were previously reviewed and recommended for approval in Committees.

- A. Resolution 2021-1202-150: Approval of 2022 Broadway House Budget
- B. Resolution 2021-1202-151: Adoption of 2022 Annual Meeting Schedule
- C. Resolution 2021-1202-152: Approval of Medical Executive Committee Recommendations of November 9, 2021

Following discussion pertaining to the Broadway House Budget, Chairwoman Freeman accepted a motion, duly seconded, to approve the resolutions. There were no recusals, abstentions, or requests to remove items from the consent agenda. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

VIII. Executive Session - Resolution 2021-1202-153

The Board convened in Executive Session to discuss matters pertaining to a clinical care and personnel matter falling within the attorney client privilege.

IX. Actions Following Executive Session

Following return to public session, the Board adopted Resolution 2021-1202-154, which accepts and adopts the recommendations of the Medical Executive Committee and Safety and Quality Committee in connection with the medical staff matter discussed. Dean Robert Johnson recused himself from voting on this resolution. Dr. Robert Rubino voted against the adoption of the resolution. All other Directors present voted in support of the action as presented.

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 11:00 AM. The next Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for January 27, 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 December 2, 2021.



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