

The Board of Directors of University Hospital

Public Meeting

June 29, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

University Hospital

Newark, New Jersey

Present: Tanya L. Freeman, Esq., Chair; Keith H. Green, BS; 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

Absent: Cecile A. Feldman, DMD, MBA; Mary O'Dowd, MPH

MINUTES

I. Opening Statement and Roll Call

Chairwoman Freeman welcomed all in attendance, called the meeting to order and asked Ms. Tammy Robinson 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, Chief Medical Officer, shared a safety story of a medical student who was observant of an incorrect number on a monitor, despite there being no alarm sounding. By inquiring about the number, a correction was made thus preventing further harm. Dr. Holubek stated that by asking a question, raising a concern, requesting a change and following the chain of command, the student exemplified high reliability behavior and implemented ARCC.

III. Report of the President and Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Shereef Elnahal began his report by commending the hospital team for exceptional financial and safety and quality performance through a difficult time period. He attributed the successful outcomes to the dedication of employees at every level. Dr. Elnahal went on to state that the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 (FY22) budget being presented today represented a responsible, yet optimistic financial outlook building upon the momentum of the hospital's recent accomplishments.

IV. Public Comment

There were no requests for public comment.

B. Resolution 2021-0629-139 Annual Insurance Renewals

Ms. Tracy Forsyth provided an overview of the FY22 insurance coverage renewals consisting of twelve lines of commercial insurance. Ms. Forsyth noted that due to market-wide premium increases and the challenges in obtaining coverage, a decision was made to solicit quotes for all lines of insurance. She stated that across the insurance program, the hospital saw increases of approximately 37% over the previous year. In response to an inquiry from Chairwoman Freeman, Ms. Forsyth provided further details regarding the expiring cyber insurance policy. She stated that due to the hospital's recent claim and pervasive cyber security issues and ransomware attacks, policy premiums have increased exponentially across the board. Ms. Forsyth noted that as a result of these circumstances, the single quote the hospital received from its current carrier included tripled premiums, increased retention and reduced limits. The hospital negotiated a two-week extension of the current contract to research other options.

C. Resolution 2021-0629-140 Procurements

Ms. Maples presented the FY22 procurements for grant-directed purchases, group purchasing organizations, blood and blood products, organs for transplant and legal services.

D. Resolution 2021-0629-141 Amendment to Covid-19 Preparedness Measures

Ms. Maples presented the amendment to extend the Covid-19 preparedness fund authorization to continue funding the hospital's response efforts.

E. Resolution 2021-0629-142 Amendment to Phoenix Medical Construction, Inc. Contract for the Hospital Pharmacy USP 800 Project

Ms. Maples presented the amendment to the pharmacy project to accommodate various change orders and modifications to the project and to achieve compliance with USP 800 standards.

F. Resolution 2021-0629-143 Provider Credentials and Privileges

Lastly, Ms. Maples presented the Medical Executive Committee recommendations for provider credentials, privileges, appointments and change of status.

Chairwoman Freeman accepted a motion, duly seconded, to approve the resolutions. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

VIII. Informational Reference Materials

Chairwoman Freeman noted that the minutes of the Finance and Audit, Safety and Quality, and Executive Committee meetings were included for informational purposes. The corrections detailed below were made to Committee meeting minutes:

A correction was made to the May 19-25, 2021 Safety and Quality Committee Electronic Meeting minutes to include abstentions from the electronic vote by Ms. Freeman and Dr. Orsini and to read:

*"Ms. Tanya L. Freeman
Dr. James Orsini*

*Abstain – No Response
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With a majority of member votes prior to the close of the electronic meeting, the recommendations of the Safety and Quality Committee will be proposed for ratification at the next meeting of the Board of Directors."

A correction was made to the April 28, 2021 Executive Committee minutes to reflect the correct Chairperson's name and to read:

"Chair Freeman accepted a motion, duly seconded to approve the action items".

IX. Executive Session

Chairwoman Freeman accepted a motion, duly seconded to convene in Executive Session. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote of the members.

X. Adjournment

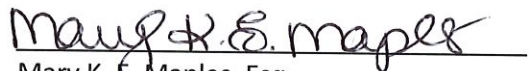
There being no further business, upon motion, duly seconded, the members voted to adjourn the public meeting of the Board of Directors of University Hospital at 11:15 AM. The next Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 10:00 AM.

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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 June 29, 2021.


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