

The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees

FULL BOARD REGULAR MEETING

October 26, 2022

5:00 – 7:00 pm

MetroHealth Glick Conference Center (AC2-311 A&B) or via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Present: Ms. Inajo Davis Chappell, Mr. John Corlett, Ms. Maureen Dee, Mr. John Hairston, Mr. Robert Hurwitz, Mr. Terry Monnolly, Mr. John Moss, Dr. JB Silvers, Dr. E. Harry Walker, Ms. Vanessa Whiting

Staff: Dr. Jennifer Bailit, Dr. Bernard Boulanger, Dr. Akram Boutros, Dr. Nabil Chehade, Ms. Julie Jacono, Ms. Melissa Kline, Dr. William Lewis, Ms. Laura McBride, Mr. Alan Nevel, Dr. Christine Alexander Rager, Ms. Sonja Rajki, Mr. Brian Rentschler, Mr. Craig Richmond, Mr. Nicholas Sukalac, Ms. Cheryl Wahl

Guests: Ms. Gail Long

Ms. Whiting called the meeting to order at 5:29 pm, in accordance with Section 339.02(K) of the Ohio Revised Code.

(The minutes are written in a format conforming to the printed meeting agenda for the convenience of correlation, recognizing that some of the items were discussed out of sequence.)

I. **Approval of Minutes**

The minutes of the August 24, 2022, regular Board Meeting, September 6, 2022, and September 22, 2022, special meetings were approved as submitted.

RESOLUTION NO. 19533

II. **Consent Agenda**

A. Finance Committee

i. The Board unanimously approved Proposed Budget for the 2023 Fiscal Year and Authorized the Submission of the same to the Government of Cuyahoga County, Ohio. **RESOLUTION NO. 19534**

ii. The Board unanimously approved Certain Annual Purchasing Policies and Procedures. **RESOLUTION NO. 19535**

III. **Committee Reports** – All reports are included in the Board Book with few additions:

A. Audit & Compliance Committee – *No Meeting*

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- B. Equity, Inclusion & Diversity Committee – *Ms. Whiting, Chair Ms. Whiting gave a brief highlight of the meeting, including the presentations given during the meeting and the work being done across the system with vendors and hiring.*
- C. Executive Committee – *Ms. Whiting, Chair*
- D. Facilities & Planning Committee – *No Meeting*
- E. Finance Committee – *Mr. Moss, Chair – Mr. Moss gave a brief overview of a budget to be proposal to the County, challenges ahead, five-year projections and how they compare, with the goal being to save approximately \$160M and upgrading our rating.*
- F. Governance Committee – *No Meeting*
- G. Quality, Safety & Experience Committee – *No Meeting*

IV. President and CEO's Report

Dr. Boutros stated the President's Report was included in the Board book and informed the group of the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Behavioral Health Hospital, the positive support, and the overall success of the event. The ribbon cutting for The Glick Center was incredibly well attended and well received, with positive support from the community and staff.

V. Medical Staff Report

Dr. Christine Alexander, President of the Medical Staff, indicated the medical staff report was included in the Board Book. At the request of Dr. Alexander, the Board unanimously approved the Medical Staff Providers Appointments and Reappointments for September 2022 and the Medical Executive Committee Minutes of September 14, 2022. **RESOLUTION NO. 19536**

VI. Informational Items

- A. Update on the Behavioral Health and Glick Center Transition. Dr. Boutros noted that the Behavioral Health Facility is opening in phases. October 7th, seven beds were opened; October 21st, two 20-bed units and patients were moved; by mid-November there will be 40 beds open and by the end of the year there will be 60 beds open, and it is believed that the Psych ED will be opened by then, as well. There were a few construction delays which impacted final activation and they are working through several operational items.

Dr. Boutros also indicated the information presented is as of October 25, 2022. There were construction delays. Room certification is underway to ensure positive/negative pressure are met. Several redesign changes are in process. All departments will be relocated by November 7th. Women's and Children's Pavilion construction is expected to be completed by December

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9th and the patient moves for Women and Children is expected to take place between December 14th-20th, depending on ODH certification. Lastly, the new EVOLV Weapons and Threat Detection System, which provides an additional layer of protection for employees, visitors, and patients, has been installed in the Glick Center. This technology is utilized at the FirstEnergy Stadium and MetroHealth will be the first in the nation with this type of security system, allowing a large number of people to enter easily while also helping to keep them safe.

VII. Executive Session

Ms. Whiting indicated that executive session is needed to consider the appointment, employment, discipline, or compensation of a public employee and information subject to the attorney-client privilege. Upon unanimous roll call vote, the Board went into Executive Session to discuss such matters at 5:54 pm.

Following Executive Session, the meeting reconvened in open session, there being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 – 4:00-5:00 pm
Via Zoom Only

Respectfully submitted,

THE METROHEALTH SYSTEM

Vanessa Whiting, Chairperson

Akram Boutros, MD, FACHE
President and Chief Executive Officer