



**THE METROHEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
RESOLUTIONS – 5/22/2024**

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## **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes April 24, 2024**

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### **RESOLUTION 19621**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of The MetroHealth System has been presented the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2024, for approval; and

WHEREAS, no amendment to these Minutes have been recommended by the Trustees assembled.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The MetroHealth System hereby approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 24, 2024, as presented.

AYES: Ms. Chappell, Mr. Corlett, Ms. Dee, Ms. Dumas,  
Mr. Dziedzicki, Ms. Mendez, Mr. Moss, Dr. Walker

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Summers

ABSTAINED: None

DATE: May 22, 2024

**APPROVAL OF MEDICAL STAFF PROVIDERS APPOINTMENTS,  
ACTIONS AND REAPPOINTMENTS FOR APRIL 2024**

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**RESOLUTION 19622**

**The following Appointments to the MetroHealth System Medical Staff will be reviewed by the Credentials Committee on April 30, 2024. The appointments will then be reviewed and accepted by the Medical Executive Committee on May 10, 2024.**

**Active**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Division</i>	<i>Effective</i>
Obermire, Katherine, MD	Surgery	Vascular Surgery	5/1/2024
Pontau, James, Ph.D.	PM&R	Psychology	5/1/2024

**Associate**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Division</i>	<i>Effective</i>
Brown, William, APRN-CNP	Surgery	Trauma/Burn/Critical Care	5/1/2024
Gelske, Jennifer, APRN-CNP	Anesthesiology	Pre-Surgical Testing	5/1/2024
Jackman, Tyler, PA-C	Emergency Medicine		5/1/2024
Kaur, Amandeep, APRN-CNP	Medicine	Cardiology	5/1/2024
Mossing, Emilee, PA-C	Surgery	Plastic Surgery	5/1/2024
Najjar, Mohamed, PA-C	Emergency Medicine		5/1/2024

**Privileged Non-Member**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Division</i>	<i>Effective</i>
Gerasymchuk, Myroslav, MD	Radiology		5/1/2024
Jenks, Brendan, MD	Psychiatry		5/1/2024
Kwasnicka, Joshua, PA-C	Surgery	Trauma/Burn/Critical Care	5/1/2024
Langwasser, Christian, PA-C	Surgery	Trauma/Burn/Critical Care	5/1/2024
Lopez, Pedro-Jose, MD	Pediatrics	Pediatric Urology	5/1/2024
McKinney, Brandy, DNP, APRN-CNP	Psychiatry		5/1/2024
Moldes Larribas, Juan, MD	Pediatrics	Pediatric Urology	5/1/2024
Rose, Joseph, PA-C	Surgery	Trauma/Burn/Critical Care	5/1/2024
Shapiro, Boris, DO	Radiology		5/1/2024
Winer, Norton, MD	Neurology		5/1/2024

**Non-Reviewable Clean List Files**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Division</i>	<i>Effective</i>
Barr, Stefanie, APRN-CNP	Family Medicine		5/1/2024
Kennedy, Dani, PA-C	Family Medicine		5/1/2024
Willner, Deborah. PA-C	Family Medicine		4/4/2024

**Reappointment April 2024**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>
Strong, Emily, MD	Medicine/Pediatrics

The following actions to the MetroHealth System Medical Staff will be reviewed by the Credentials Committee on April 30, 2024.  
The Actions will then be reviewed by the Medical Executive Committee on May 10, 2024.

### **Resignations**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Department</i>	<i>Division</i>	<i>End Date</i>
Alkrekshi, Akram, MD	Medicine	Hospital Medicine	4/21/2024-RL
Barnes, Erin, MD	PM&R		4/5/2024-RL
Claridge, Jeffrey, MD	Surgery	Trauma/Critical Care	4/4/2024-R
Garay, Jaime, LISW	Psychiatry	Social Work	4/25/2023-R
Imam, Ala, MD	Medicine	Gastroenterology	4/23/2024-CT
Mehech, Daniela, MD	PM&R		4/10/2024-RL
Nnorom, Moses, APRN-CNP	Geriatric Medicine		4/12/2024-R
Robbins, Nathaniel, MD	Pediatrics	Pediatric Cardiology	4/1/2024-R
Strom, Suzanne, MD	Anesthesiology		3/26/2024-R
Tamaki, Akina, MD	Otolaryngology		4/1/2024-R
Wapenski, Joseph, MD	Neurology		3/29/2024-R
Wills, Cheryl, MD	Psychiatry		3/27/2024-R

CC=Contract Complete, Fellowship Complete

R=Resigned

RL-Relocated

RT-Retired

ET-Employment Terminated

CT-Contract Terminated

THE METROHEALTH SYSTEM  
MEC Meetings 2024  
WEBEX  
April 12, 2024

**CHAIRPERSON:** Natalie Joseph, MD

CALLED TO ORDER: 7:00 am  
ADJOURNED: 8:30 am

**RECORDER:** Trish Gallagher, CPCS, CPMSM

**Members remote:** Dr. Loeffler, Dr. Ardelt, Dr. Roy, Dr. Curley, Dr. Emerman, Dr. Crowe, Dr. Stepnick, Dr. Wiper, Dr. Gelles, Dr. Perzy, Dr. Campbell, Dr. Wilber, Dr. Tollinche, Dr. Crandall, Dr. Kelly, Dr. Joseph, Dr. Wilson, Dr. Krishnamurthy, Megan Flannery, Patricia Gallagher


**Absent:**




**Guests:** Robert Jones, MD and Angela Ranzini, MD-POCTUS; Hemalatha Senthilkumar, MD – A1C Project Overview

**Executive Officers:** NA



MEC Attendance  
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ITEM	TITLE/PRESENTER	RECOMMENDATION/ACTIONS/MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS	EVALUATION/ FOLLOW-UP
Call to Order	Dr. Joseph	Dr. Joseph opened the meeting with a welcome and overview of the agenda	N/A
Minutes of the Previous Meetings	MEC minutes, Credentialing Committee minutes and Medical Record Committee Minutes were reviewed and approved	 March 8 MEC Minutes.docx	
Medical Staff Appointments and Actions	All medical staff appointments and actions of the Medical Staff Credentials committee from March 27, 2024, were carefully reviewed by the Medical Executive Committee and approved.		Motion carries to approve. Present to BOT
Length of Stay Update	Michael Lewis, MD-Vice President, Hospital Division		

ITEM	TITLE/PRESENTER	RECOMMENDATION/ACTIONS/MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS	EVALUATION/ FOLLOW-UP
Emerging Leaders Presentation	Hemalatha Senthilkumar, MD – A1C Project	<p>Dr. Senthilkumar presented an overview of the project that she is working on and reviewed the in detail her project. Supplied with statistical data.</p>  <p>Process improvement DM pr</p>	
MD-POCTUS Update	Robert Jones, MD, and Angela Ranzini	<p>Dr. Jones provided an update regarding the discussions the committee has had and asked for the MEC's opinion on how they would like POCTUS Set-up. It is difficult to standardize.</p>	<p>Dr. Jones will regroup with Ang meet with Dr. Alexander and return to the MEC with recommendations.</p>
Open and Un-Cosigned Encounters	Dr. Loeffler	<p>Dr. Loeffler presented the findings and made a request of MEC to develop a task force to review the current policy and develop a refreshed draft. Volunteers for the committee are Dr. Joseph, Megan Flannery, Ellen Gelles, Kelly Andolek, Dr. Stepnick and Dr. Loeffler</p> <div>   </div> <p>Open and Un-cosigned Encou      Open and In-Cosigned Encoun</p>	<p>Follow-on meetings to be set-up review the policy and begin working.</p>

ITEM	TITLE/PRESENTER	RECOMMENDATION/ACTIONS/MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS	EVALUATION/ FOLLOW-UP
Meeting adjourned	Dr. Joseph	None	Complete

AYES: Ms. Chappell, Mr. Corlett, Ms. Dee, Ms. Dumas,  
Mr. Dziedzicki, Ms. Mendez, Mr. Moss, Dr. Walker

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Summers

ABSTAINED: None

DATE: May 22, 2024

**RECOMMENDATION TO THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
OF THE METROHEALTH SYSTEM  
FOR AFFIRMATION OF INFECTION PREVENTION &  
CONTROL LEADERSHIP**

**Recommendation**

The Chief Quality & Safety Officer, the Chief Physician Executive, and the System Chief Nurse Executive recommend that The MetroHealth System affirm Dr. Amy Ray's leadership of MetroHealth's Infection Prevention & Control Program.

**Background**

Infection prevention and control are important areas of focus for all hospitals, including MetroHealth. Strong infection prevention and control programs assure quality and safety of care, improve patient outcomes, reduce risk for staff, and promote the broader health of the community. Accordingly, hospital accrediting bodies, including The Joint Commission (TJC), direct significant attention on ensuring the breadth and depth of hospital programs. TJC's requirements include confirmation that the hospital's governing body clearly indicate their support for the hospital's infection prevention and control program leadership.

Since 2019 – and through an international pandemic, Dr. Amy Ray has successfully led MetroHealth's Infection Prevention & Control Program. She currently serves as Vice President, Infection Prevention & Hospital Epidemiology. Dr. Ray is an Associate Professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine and is board-certified in Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease. She also has a Master of Public Health from Case Western Reserve University. Dr. Ray has been practicing in Infectious Disease for over 20 years and serves on committees of several national infection prevention and epidemiology societies including the Infectious Diseases Society of America, Society of Healthcare Epidemiology of America, and the National Quality Forum.



**Affirmation of Infection Prevention and Control  
Program Leadership at The MetroHealth System**

**RESOLUTION 19627**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of The MetroHealth System and the clinical, nursing, and administrative staff of the institution have maintained and supported an infection prevention and control program throughout MetroHealth's history;

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of The MetroHealth System has been presented a recommendation, with the support of MetroHealth's medical staff and nursing leadership, to affirm its support of Dr. Amy Ray's leadership of MetroHealth's Infection Prevention & Control Program; and

WHEREAS, the Quality, Safety & Experience Committee has reviewed this recommendation and now recommends its approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The MetroHealth System hereby affirms Dr. Amy Ray's leadership of the Infection Prevention & Control Program at MetroHealth.

AYES: Ms. Chappell, Mr. Corlett, Ms. Dee, Ms. Dumas,  
Mr. Dziedzicki, Ms. Mendez, Mr. Moss, Dr. Walker

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Summers

ABSTAINED: None

DATE: May 22, 2024

**RECOMMENDATION TO THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
OF THE METROHEALTH SYSTEM  
FOR APPROVAL OF A CLAIM SETTLEMENT**

**Recommendation**

The Senior Vice President, General Counsel recommends that The MetroHealth System approve the settlement of claim number 22-43-1022 in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000 for The MetroHealth System, to be paid out of operations and to be submitted for reimbursement by Select Assurance Captive, LLC.

**Background**

The Board has reviewed this claim with the General Counsel. This authorization does not admit liability in this claim but expressly denies the same, and the settlement is authorized only in compromise of a disputed matter. The underlying facts and other considerations have been previously discussed with the Board of Trustees.

## Approval of a Claim Settlement

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### RESOLUTION 19628

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of The MetroHealth System has been presented a recommendation for the settlement of Claim No. 22-43-1022; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees Quality, Safety and Experience Committee has reviewed this recommendation and now recommends its approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The MetroHealth System hereby approves settlement of Claim No. 22-43-1022 in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000 to be paid out of operations and to be submitted for reimbursement by Select Assurance Captive, LLC.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the President and Chief Executive Officer is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute agreements and other documents consistent with this resolution.

AYES: Ms. Chappell, Mr. Corlett, Ms. Dee, Ms. Dumas,  
Mr. Dziedzicki, Ms. Mendez, Mr. Moss, Dr. Walker

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Summers

ABSTAINED: None

DATE: May 22, 2024

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR  
JOHN HAIRSTON, JR.**

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**RESOLUTION 19623**

WHEREAS, John Hairston, Jr. has served with distinction on the Board of Trustees of The MetroHealth System from 2019 to 2024; and

WHEREAS, throughout his years of service as Trustee, John Hairston, Jr. devoted countless hours to ensure the success and sustainability of MetroHealth; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure Mr. Hairston served on the Quality, Safety & Experience and the Health Equity and Diversity Committees and was integral to the success of the Campus Transformation and the on-time and on-budget opening of The Glick Center in November 2022.

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to formally recognize the dedication, leadership and lifelong advocacy and commitment to community engagement that Mr. Hairston has brought to the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The MetroHealth System hereby expresses its appreciation to John Hairston Jr. for his 5 years of dedicated and distinguished service as a Trustee of The MetroHealth System and now wishes him health and happiness in the future.

AYES:           Ms. Chappell, Mr. Corlett, Ms. Dee, Ms. Dumas,  
                    Mr. Dziedzicki, Ms. Mendez, Mr. Moss, Dr. Walker

NAYS:           None

ABSENT:        Mr. Summers

ABSTAINED:   None

DATE:           May 22, 2024

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR  
ROBERT HURWITZ**

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**RESOLUTION 19624**

WHEREAS, Robert Hurwitz has served with distinction on the Board of Trustees of The MetroHealth System from 2017 to 2024; and

WHEREAS, throughout his years of service as Trustee, Mr. Hurwitz devoted countless hours to ensure the success and sustainability of MetroHealth; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure Mr. Hurwitz served on the Finance and Governance Committees and was integral to the success of the Campus Transformation and the on-time and on-budget opening of The Glick Center in November 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to formally recognize the dedication, leadership and deep commitment Mr. Hurwitz has brought to the Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Trustees of The MetroHealth System hereby expresses its appreciation to Robert Hurwitz for his 7 years of dedicated and distinguished service as a Trustee of The MetroHealth System and now wishes him health and happiness in the future.

AYES:           Ms. Chappell, Mr. Corlett, Ms. Dee, Ms. Dumas,  
                      Mr. Dziedzicki, Ms. Mendez, Mr. Moss, Dr. Walker

NAYS:           None

ABSENT:        Mr. Summers

ABSTAINED:   None

DATE:           May 22, 2024

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR  
J.B. SILVERS, PH.D**

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**RESOLUTION 19625**

WHEREAS, J.B. Silvers, Ph.D., joined The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees in 2011 and helped guide Cuyahoga County's public healthcare system through 13 years of innovation and growth to its current status as a national model for how super safety-net hospitals can offer exemplary care and address the myriad non-medical issues that impact the health of the communities they serve, all while remaining financially healthy and sustainable;

WHEREAS, his rich experiences in the private sector and academia helped MetroHealth create, refine and execute groundbreaking initiatives including Medicaid expansion, a \$1 billion campus transformation, the Institute for H.O.P.E.<sup>2</sup>, the Lincoln-West School of Science and Health, and the movement toward value-based payments and accountable care organizations;

WHEREAS, his calm, analytical approach to Board leadership, as an active participant in as Chair of the Quality and Safety committee work and as Vice Chair of the Board, helped MetroHealth navigate many challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic with its continuing, disruptive impacts on public health and the healthcare industry;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The MetroHealth System thanks J.B. Silvers, Ph.D., for his service as a Trustee and for his commitment to MetroHealth's mission to bring health equity to everyone, regardless of their station in life, and wishes him well in all his future endeavors.

AYES:            Ms. Chappell, Mr. Corlett, Ms. Dee, Ms. Dumas,  
                     Mr. Dziedzicki, Ms. Mendez, Mr. Moss, Dr. Walker

NAYS:           None

ABSENT:        Mr. Summers

ABSTAINED:   None

DATE:            May 22, 2024

**RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR  
VANESSA WHITING**

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**RESOLUTION 19626**

WHEREAS, Vanessa Whiting, joined The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees in 2011 and helped guide Cuyahoga County's public healthcare system through 13 years of innovation and growth to its current status as a national model for how super safety-net hospitals can offer exemplary care and address the myriad non-medical issues that impact the health of the communities they serve, all while remaining financially healthy and sustainable;

WHEREAS, her rich experiences as an attorney and businesswoman helped MetroHealth create, refine and execute groundbreaking initiatives including Medicaid expansion, a \$1 billion campus transformation, the Institute for H.O.P.E.<sup>2</sup>, the Lincoln-West School of Science and Health, and the movement toward value-based payments and accountable care organizations;

WHEREAS, her commitment to equity, diversity and inclusion lead to the creation of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, shortly after joining the Board in 2011, which is now the Health Equity and Diversity Committee;

WHEREAS, her calm, analytical approach to Board leadership, as an active participant in committee work and as President of the Board, helped MetroHealth navigate many challenges, including the COVID-19 pandemic with its continuing, disruptive impacts on public health and the healthcare industry;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of The MetroHealth System thanks Vanessa Whiting for her service as a Trustee and for her commitment to MetroHealth's mission to bring health equity to everyone, regardless of their station in life, and wishes her well in all her future endeavors.

AYES:                Ms. Chappell, Mr. Corlett, Ms. Dee, Ms. Dumas,  
                             Mr. Dziedzicki, Ms. Mendez, Mr. Moss, Dr. Walker

NAYS:                None

ABSENT:             Mr. Summers

ABSTAINED:        None

DATE:                 May 22, 2024

**Ratification & Approval of The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees Authorizing  
Application For, And Receipt Of, Grant Funds from The American Rescue Plan Act  
Through The Ohio Department Of Mental Health And Addiction Services**

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**RESOLUTION 19629**

**WHEREAS**, The MetroHealth System has applied to receive American Rescue Plan Act grant funding through the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services under project number ARP-0006E, which will be used to renovate space within a MetroHealth facility, allowing the space to be used for the delivery of behavioral health services to the community (the “Grant Funding Opportunity”); and

**WHEREAS**, The MetroHealth System possesses the legal authority to apply for said funds or any other similar funds made available through the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees hereby ratifies and authorizes its President and Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and/or Chief Operating Officer to act on behalf of The MetroHealth System to sign the official documents pertaining to this Grant Funding Opportunity.

**AYES:** Ms. Chappell, Mr. Corlett, Ms. Dee, Ms. Dumas,  
Mr. Dziedzicki, Ms. Mendez, Mr. Moss, Dr. Walker

**NAYS:** None

**ABSENT:** Mr. Summers

**ABSTAINED:** None

**DATE:** May 22, 2024