

The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees

QUALITY, SAFETY AND EXPERIENCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday May 27, 2026

11:00 am – 1:00 pm

In-person K107/Via YouTube Stream:

<https://www.youtube.com/@metrohealthCLE/streams>

Meeting Minutes

Committee Members: Ronald Dziedzicki-I, E. Harry Walker, MD-I,

Other Trustees:

Staff: Christine Alexander, MD-I, Joseph Golob, MD-I, MD-I, Maureen Sullivan, RN-I, Stacey Booker, RN-I, Nicole Rabic, RN-I, Tamiyka Rose-I, Matthew Kaufmann-I, Candy Mori, RN-I, Kate Nagel-I, Brian Rentschler-I, Jeffrey Rooney-I, Deborah Southerington-I, David Stepnick, MD-I, James Wellons-I, Claire Mack, RN-I, Sarah Partington-I, Robert Bruce, MD-I, Brandon Carrico-I, Cory Clay-I, Allison Poullos-I, Amanda Roe-I, Jennifer Lastic-I, Victoria Bowden, RN-I, Michelle Hecker, MD-I, Cindy Gallaspie,-R

Guests:

Mr. Dziedzicki called the meeting to order at 11:00 am with a quorum present.

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

Mr. Dziedzicki requested a motion to approve the minutes of February 25, 2026 Quality, Safety, and Experience Committee meeting as presented, which was given, seconded and unanimously approved.

II. Information Items

A. Patient Experience Story – Jennifer Lastic

Joseph Golob, MD introduced Jennifer Lastic, Director of Experience Excellence, who shared a patient experience story highlighting the trauma team who provided immediate life-saving care and the coordinated multidisciplinary treatment throughout the recovery of the patients. Reinforcing MetroHealth's commitment to its True North: ensuring equitable, safe, high-quality, patient-centered care.

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B. Annual Antibiotic Stewardship Update – Michelle Hecker, MD

Michelle Hecker, MD, Infectious Disease, presented the annual update on antimicrobial stewardship, emphasizing efforts to optimize antibiotic use and improve patient outcomes. The joy of minimizing overuse initiative reduced unnecessary broad-spectrum antibiotic use, shortened treatment durations, and decreased length of stay without increasing adverse outcomes. A second initiative optimized use of dalbavancin by shifting administration to the outpatient setting, improving access and generating approximately \$89,907 in reimbursement. Challenges include limited outpatient stewardship resources, the need for outpatient parenteral antimicrobial therapy coordination, and pediatric ID stewardship gaps. Plans include continuing our current activities, a diagnostic stewardship that collaborates with the microbiology/immunology lab, optimizing testing and reporting and also obtaining additional support for outpatient stewardship expansion.

C. Annual Nursing Quality Update – Candace Mori

Candace Mori, SVP System Chief Nursing and Patient Care Services Officer introduced Victoria Bowden, RN who reported on multiple initiatives aligned with the system quality goals including falls prevention, pressure injury reduction, infection prevention and restraint compliance. Falls prevention efforts include reimplementation of peer-led reviews, escalation protocols, and predictive analytics, with a milestone of 365 days without a fall on the postpartum unit. Pressure injury efforts focus on LEAF monitoring, prevention protocols, and device-related injury reduction. Infection prevention strategies include nurse-driven catheter removal, CHG bathing, and multidisciplinary reviews.

III. Executive Session

Mr. Dziedzicki asked for a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss hospital trade secrets – as defined by ORC 1333.61, to discuss quality information kept confidential by law, and to conference with the public body's attorney to discuss a pending or imminent court action. The motion was seconded by E. Harry Walker, MD. Upon unanimous roll call vote, the Committee went into executive session to discuss such matters at 11:34 am.

IV. Return to open meeting.

Following executive session, the meeting was reconvened in open session at approximately 12:33 pm. There being no further business to bring before the committee, this meeting is adjourned at 12:34pm

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Joseph Golob, MD.
EVP, Chief Quality and Safety Officer