# The MetroHealth System Board of Trustees

**AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**

**Wednesday, June 24, 2026**
**11:00 am – 1:00 pm**
**MetroHealth Main Campus, Building K, Board Room (K107) and Virtual Zoom**

**<u>Meeting Minutes</u>**

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| **Committee Members Present:** | John Moss-I, E. Harry Walker, M.D.-I, Gail Long-I |
| **Other Trustees Present:** | James Campbell-I; Michael Summers-I |
| **Staff Present:** | Christine Alexander-Rager, M.D.-I; Robin Barre-I; Robert Bruce, M.D.-I; Nabil Chehade, M.D.-I; David Fiser-I; Joseph Golob, M.D.-I; Ashish Masih-I; Candace Mori-I; Sarah Partington-I; Amanda Roe-I; Jeff Rooney-I; Tamiyka Rose-I; Deborah Southerington-I; David Stepnick, M.D.-I; James Wellons-I; Patrick Woods-I |
| **Invited Guests:** | Hayley Oaks-R |
| **Other Guests:** | Guests not invited by the Board of Trustees are not listed as they are considered members of the audience, and some were not appropriately identified. |

Mr. Moss called the meeting to order at 11:00 am in accordance with Section 339.02(K) of the Ohio Revised Code, 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**

The minutes of the March 25, 2026 Committee meeting were approved as submitted by a majority vote with one abstention.

**II. Information Items**

**A. Ethics and Compliance Update – S. Partington**

Ms. Sarah Partington presented the Ethics and Compliance update, beginning with a review of the main dashboard. She reported that the work plan completion rate was 82 percent for projects scheduled through May, which she described as on target and consistent with prior years.

Ms. Partington reviewed policy management metrics, including Ethics and Compliance policies and systemwide policies updated within the last year. She stated that Ethics and Compliance is working with system owners whose policies are older to ensure the policies are revised and compliant in the coming months.

Ms. Partington also reviewed MetroHealth Ethics Line data and training data. She reported that MetroHealth launched a new Ethics Line with a new vendor and that the launch had gone well. She noted that end users had not experienced a significant impact and that, in connection with the new platform, the department revised materials and the reporting guide to help employees understand where to report concerns. She also referenced a refresh of the Speak Up campaign.

Ms. Partington provided a review of first-quarter Ethics Line data and advised that the data may vary by approximately ten cases because the quarter included the transition to the new platform and required data to be pulled from two systems. She noted that some cases were still being transferred and that the first-quarter data may differ when reported in the next quarterly update.

Ms. Partington stated that the department is continuing to monitor inquiries and other reporting data, noting that inquiries appeared low and that the variance may relate to the system transition. She further reported that the annual average open-to-close time was 32 days, which remained below the 45-day benchmark, although somewhat higher than typical due to year-end 2025 case closeout activity during the system transition. No questions were raised following the presentation.

**III. Executive Session**

Mr. Moss asked for a motion to move into executive session to discuss hospital trade secrets as defined by Ohio Revised Code Section 1333.61. Dr. Walker made the motion and Ms. Long seconded. Upon unanimous roll call vote, the Committee went into executive session to discuss such matters stated by Mr. Moss. Members of the public were excused, and the Committee went into executive session to discuss the identified matters at 11:04 am.

Following the executive session, the meeting reconvened in open session at approximately 12:14 pm and welcomed back the public virtually and those members of the public who remained in-person.

There being no further business to bring before the Committee the meeting was adjourned at approximately 12:14 pm.

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John Moss,
Interim Chairperson, Audit & Compliance Committee