



The Board of Directors of University Hospital

PUBLIC SESSION
December 13, 2018
12:30 p.m.

Rutgers Cancer Institute of New Jersey
at University Hospital
205 South Orange Avenue, Board Room B-1120
Newark, New Jersey

Present: Tanya L. Freeman, Esq., Chair; Cecile A. Feldman, DMD, MBA; David T. Molowa, PhD;

Participating via teleconference: David H. Brody, MD; Keith H. Green; Robert L. Johnson, MD, FAAP; Mary O'Dowd, MPH; James M. Orsini, MD, Vice Chair; Robert J. Rubino, MD; Brian L. Strom, MD, MPH

I. Opening

Chairwoman Freeman opened the meeting and welcomed all in attendance. At the direction of Chairwoman Freeman, Ms. Tammy Robinson read University Hospital's statement of compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act and the New Jersey Medical and Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act. Chairwoman Freeman called upon Ms. Robinson to conduct a roll call. With a quorum of members present, the meeting was called to order at 12:40 p.m.

II. Public Comment

Chairwoman Freeman invited members of the public to provide public comment. A common theme among the commenters was a willingness to contribute and participate in the ongoing efforts to improve the hospital as well as the important task of recruiting a new President and CEO.

Ms. Lavita Johnson noted that a number of issues at the hospital had been highlighted in the news and inquired as to how the Board would address them. Specifically, Ms. Johnson raised concerns regarding the hospital's in-patient Pediatrics unit and the transfer of patients to Newark Beth Israel.

Ms. Dawn Baker, a staff representative for HPAE Locals 5089 and 5094, expressed her hope that the hospital's mission of community engagement would be a priority during the search for a new President and CEO.

Ms. Cassandra Dock inquired about the hospital's Leapfrog scores and how the scores would be improved.

Ms. Donna Jackson advised of issues she has observed, including closures in Fast Track, long wait times in the emergency department, a lack of trust regarding the level of care for those within the community, and matters related to fiscal responsibility.

Ms. Lisa Davis stated that, as a public hospital, a system of advocacy should be infused in the care provided to ensure that the needs of the community are met.

III. Executive Session

Chairwoman Freeman announced that the Board of Directors would convene in Executive Session to discuss personnel matters and matters within the attorney-client privilege. Chairwoman Freeman accepted a motion to convene in Executive Session; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

IV. Adoption of Resolution

Chairwoman Freeman presented Resolution 2018-1213-65 Appointment of Acting President and CEO and Resolution 2018-1213-66 Prioritization of Monitor's Report to the Board for consideration. Chairwoman Freeman accepted a motion to approve the resolutions; the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

V. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of University Hospital adjourned at 1:25 p.m.