

**University**  
HOSPITAL

Newark, NJ

**The Board of Directors of University Hospital**

Public Meeting

March 23, 2023

10:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

University Hospital

Newark, New Jersey

**Present:** Tanya L. Freeman, Esq., Chair; David Molowa, MD, Vice Chair; Mary O'Dowd, MPH, Robert J. Rubino, MD, Robert L. Johnson, MD, FAAP; Brian L. Strom, MD, MPH; Keith H. Green, BS; Mark Lattouf, MD; Steven Landers, MD

**Excused:** Heather Howard, JD; Cecile A. Feldman, DMD; Eric S. Pennington, Esq.;

**MINUTES**

**I. Opening Statement and Roll Call**

Chairwoman Freeman welcomed all in attendance, called the meeting to order and asked McKenzie Wilson Esq., Corporate Secretary, to read University Hospital's statement of compliance with the Senator Byron M. Baer Open Public Meetings Act and the New Jersey Medical and Health Sciences Education Restructuring Act and call the roll. With a quorum of members present, the meeting convened at 10:01 a.m.

**II. Patient Safety Story**

Mr. Ed Jimenez, President and CEO, provided the patient safety story for the meeting. This story was about how University Hospital had received an email regarding the University Hospital EMS team's response to a call of a patient who needed to be revived at their current location. The email echoed the amazing job that the EMS team did on arriving promptly to the scene, and how professional the members of the team were during the call. The team was able to revive the patient, who was then brought to the hospital for further care.

**III. Report of the President and Chief Executive Officer**

Mr. Ed Jimenez, President and CEO, provided a report on multiple things that are taking place at University Hospital. Mr. Jimenez started off by highlighting where University Hospital sat within the current New Jersey state budget process. Then he highlighted the workings of EMS, which he stated that he would be going over in greater detail later on in a different presentation. Then he spoke on the multiple phases of the potential new hospital building project, while reviewing other construction projects that are going to be taking place at University Hospital. The main focus of these projects is the expansion of the Emergency Department, which he spoke of in great detail. Mr. Jimenez then closed his part of the presentation by honoring the late Senator Ronald Rice who had recently passed away.



#### **IV. Review and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2023**

Chairwoman Freeman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2023, meeting. Dr. Strom motioned and was duly seconded by Dr. Rubino. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

#### **V. Discussion Items and Reports**

##### ***A. Service Line Spotlight: Liver Transplant and Advanced Liver Disease-Dr. Guarrera & Dr. Pysopoulos***

Dr. James Guarrera provided a summary of the actions of the Liver Transplant team at University Hospital. Dr. Guarrera highlighted how the Liver Transplant team was one of the best teams in the state and is also considered to be one of the best places to receive a liver transplant in the country. The liver transplant program was on pace to provide over 50 transplants this year. This is being led by their advances in innovation for Liver transplantation.

Dr. Nikolaos Pysopoulos then highlighted the work being done by the Liver Department staff and the continued efforts of that division to provide support to all of those who are suffering from diseases related to the liver. He also highlighted the potential new redesign of the liver department that is going to be taking place in June 2023.

##### ***B. Fiscal Year 2022 Audited Financial Statements – to be presented by KPMG***

Ms. Maria Tiso & Mr. Ryan Santonacita, of KPMG, spoke on the Audited Financials statements from KPMG regarding the FY2022 audit. They highlighted the deliverables that KPMG states that University Hospital has meet, as well as their other required communications and next steps that are being taken to fully complete the FY22 audit.

##### ***C. EPIC Request Presentation-Mr. Paul Contino***

Mr. Paul Contino provided a summary of the IST Department's AP request for EPIC Hosting. This would move the EPIC Infrastructure to the cloud and have EPIC be the host, instead of having serves on the University Hospital premises. Mr. Contino highlighted how this request would save the hospital \$3.6 million dollars over 5 years, because we would be able to eliminate the maintenance aspect of keeping these servers on the UH premises.

##### ***D. Emergency Medical Services Update- Mr. Ed Jimenez***

Mr. Ed Jimenez, President and CEO, provided a presentation on University Hospital's Emergency Medical Services (EMS) department. He highlighted how the EMS team uses a color-coded system to identify the severity of a call, as well as the response times to those calls in 2022. He also compared the University Hospital response time to those response times of other counties, as well as the standard set out by the New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH). In both scenarios, University Hospital performed



on par or better than those other counties and the NJDOH standard. Mr. Jimenez then went into the staffing of the department, as well as the projections for the department over the next 12 months.

#### **VI. Public Comment**

Ms. Tanya Freeman opened the meeting up to the public for the public comment period. There were no requests for public comment.

#### **VII. Proposed Actions**

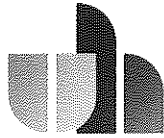
Ms. McKenzie Wilson presented the following action items and corresponding resolutions, all of which were previously reviewed and recommended for approval in Committees.

- A. Resolution 2023-0323-197: Approval of Medical Executive Committee Recommendations of February 14, 2023 & March 7, 2023.*
- B. Resolution 2023-0323-198: AP23-076-The Stone Center*
- C. Resolution 2023-0323-199: AP23-088-EPIC Systems Corp.*
- D. Resolution 2023-0323-200: P23-006-Medical Coding Services*
- E. Resolution 2023-0323-201: Adoption of Fiscal Year 2022 external Audited Financial Statements*

Then Chairwoman Freeman accepted a motion, duly seconded, to approve the resolutions. The motion was approved by unanimous vote of the members.

#### **VIII. Adjournment**

There being no further business, upon motion, duly seconded, the members voted to adjourn the public meeting of the Board of Directors of University Hospital at approximately 11:24 AM. The next Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for May 25, 2023, at 10:00 AM.



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**CERTIFICATION**

I, McKenzie Wilson, Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary of University Hospital, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the Minutes of the Public Session of the University Hospital Board of Directors meeting conducted on March 23, 2023.

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McKenzie Wilson, Esq.  
Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary