



The Board of Directors of University Hospital

Public Meeting

March 27, 2025

10:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

University Hospital

Newark, New Jersey

Present Virtually: Tanya L. Freeman, Esq., Chair; Mark Lattouf, MD; Brian L. Strom, MD, MPH; Ms. Ketlen Alsbrook; Robert L. Johnson, MD, FAAP; Keith H. Green, BS; Mr. Joseph Baumann; Steven Landers, MD; Cecile A. Feldman, DMD;

Excused Absence: Mary O'Dowd, MPH; Heather Howard J.D,

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 10:04 a.m.

II. Patient Safety Story

Mr. Ed Jimenez, President & CEO, provided a patient safety story about a recent day in which the University Hospital Trauma team faced multiple events, including the shooting of two Newark Police Officers. He highlighted that in the span of one evening, the Trauma Department had seen roughly 13 major traumas that had come through the doors of the University Hospital Emergency Department. Mr. Jimenez praised the staff for their continued amazing efforts in assisting and providing amazing care in such stressful times.

III. Review and Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of January 23, 2025

Chairwoman Freeman called for a motion to approve the minutes of the January 23, 2025, meeting. Mr. Keith Green motioned for approval of the meeting minutes; the motion was approved by a vote of the members.

IV. Discussion Items and Reports

A. Liver & Trauma Center Projects Presentation – Dr. James Guarrera, Dr. Adam Fox



Dr. Guarrera and Dr. Fox provided a presentation on the current Liver & Trauma Center Project requests. They explained the current financial requests for both of these projects and the history surrounding these requests. They then provided the current timelines as to when these projects would be completed, and some of the architectural renderings that had been done for these projects.

B. Clinical Spotlight: Breast Surgery Service - Susan Pories, MD. Chief of Breast Surgery, Division of Surgical Oncology, Rutgers NJMS

Dr. Susan Pories provided a presentation on some of the current ongoing within the Division of Surgical Oncology regarding Breast Cancer. Dr. Pories provided some statistical information regarding breast cancer both nationally and within the greater Newark area. She then went on to highlight her department's current efforts in research, technology, and personnel. She then closed with the improvement plans that she has for the department, including the continued use of the mobile mammography van and the continued effort for a permanent central location within the hospital.

C. FY24 Audited Financial Statements - Grant Thornton

Ms. Tami Radinsky & Mr. Steven Dioguardi, of Grant Thornton, spoke on the Audited Financial statements from Grant Thornton regarding the FY2024 audit. They highlighted the deliverables that Grant Thornton states that University Hospital has met, as well as their other required communications and the next steps that are being taken to fully complete the FY24 audit. They also highlighted the Risks and Area of Focus that had been reviewed during the audit, in reviewing this they deemed University Hospital to have no fraud found in the audit.

D. Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Presentation - Dr. Frank Hickey

Dr. Frank Hickey provided an update on the current financial request for the proposed Enterprise Resource Planning project that is incoming. He explained the current needs for this system and reminded the committee that the approval for this project had already taken place in 2022. The current financial request of the committee was for \$4.6 million dollars that would be awarded to Oracle to begin the work on this project. They then highlighted that by doing this project they could potentially save close to \$16 million dollars over a 5-year period.

V. Public Comment

Ms. Tanya Freeman opened the meeting up to the public for the public comment period. Comments from the public included the following topics:

- The recent EDA Grant money transfer between University Hospital and Rutgers University

VI. Report of the President and Chief Executive Officer



Mr. Ed Jimenez provided a presentation on multiple topics that are currently going on at University Hospital. Mr. Jimenez led off the presentation by providing an update on the status of University Hospital's Quality Metrics. He explained that both Central-Line Associated Bloodstream Infections and Catheter-Associated Urinary Tract Infections were both down. He then highlighted the continued positive growth in turnover trend at University Hospital and the continued growth of hiring from the Newark Community.

Mr. Jimenez then continued his presentation by highlighting the current stats of the Masterplan and the ongoing status of University Hospital's position within the proposed New Jersey FY26 Budget. He then provided an update on the current state of union negotiations at University Hospital. He explained that all but one union had come to an agreement, and that the lone union was in early engagement conversations. Mr. Jimenez then closed by highlighting that this would be his last Board of Directors meeting before his departure in early May.

VII. Executive Session

Chairwoman Freeman called for a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss matters within the attorney client privilege, matters related to ongoing contract negotiations, and confidential employment matters. The motion was approved by unanimous roll call vote to the members.

VIII. 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 2025-0327-257: Approval of Medical Executive Committee Recommendations of February 11, 2025 & March 11, 2025*
- B. Resolution 2025-0327-258: Adoption of Fiscal Year 2024 external Audited Financial Statements*
- C. Resolution 2025-0327-259: Approval of Changes to Procurement and Purchasing Policy*
- D. Resolution 2025-0327-260: Authorizing UH to Continue Engaging Rutgers ADMB Work*
- E. Resolution 2025-0327-261: Approval of Two-Year Clinical Services Agreement*
- F. Resolution 2025-0327-263: UH-AP25-137 Boston Scientific*



- G. *Resolution 2025-0327-264: UH-P24-003, Liver Transplant & Hepatology Fit-Out G-Level Ambulatory Care Center*
- H. *Resolution 2025-0327-265: UH-P24-003 to Renovate the Trauma Specialty Unit*
- I. *Resolution 2025-0327-266: Approval of a Contract to Purchase an Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System under RFP # UH-P24-004*
- J. *Resolution 2025-0327-267: Approval of a Contract for Temporary IST Staffing Services under RFP # UH-P25-005*
- K. *Resolution 2025-0327-268: Resolution of University Hospital Authorizing Progress for New Medical Office Building*

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

Dr. Brian Strom, Dr. Robert Johnson, and Dr. Cecile Feldman recused themselves from the vote on Resolutions 2025-0327-260, 2025-0327-261, 2025-0327-268 due to a conflict of interest with Rutgers.

IX. 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 12:18 PM. The next Meeting of the Board of Directors is scheduled for May 22, 2025, at 10:00 AM.



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 27, 2025.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'McKenzie Wilson', written over a horizontal line.

McKenzie Wilson, Esq.
Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Secretary