

THE MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
July 26, 2023

The quarterly meeting of The Medical Center Hospital Authority Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, July 26 2023, at 5:04 pm in the conference center at Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown.

Members Present: Susan McWhirter, MD, Chair, Alpna Arora, Max Brabson, Jr., Brenda DeRamus, John Hargrove, Rick McKnight

Member Excused: John Bucholtz, MD., Mike Burns,

Others Present: Laura Drew, Scott Hill, Allen Holladay, Andrew Rothschild

I. Approval of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Brabson, seconded by Mr. Hargrove, the minutes of the April 26, 2023, meeting were approved as submitted.

II. Review of Operations and approval of Financial Statements Period Ending June 30, 2023

A. The Medical Center Hospital Authority

Total income year-to-date June 30, 2023 was \$288,584 versus prior year of \$232,786. Total expenses were \$451,415 versus the prior year of \$291,406. Net income was -\$162,832 versus the prior year of -\$58,620.

Total Current Assets of \$2.3M versus prior year of \$2.6M. Noncurrent Assets and other of \$4.97M versus \$5.08M. Total Current Liabilities of \$22,069 versus \$320,222

B. Spring Harbor

Operating income for year-to-date June 30, 2023 was \$1.1M versus the budget of \$995K. Total occupancy was 83% versus the target of 85%. Independent living current occupancy was 172 versus the target of 175. Healthcare occupancy was 72.4% versus the target of 75.5% (remaining steady). Revenue of \$16.7M which is \$251K under budget. Operating Expenses of \$15.6M is \$317K under budget. This was the first time in a long time they made a profit. Still having issues with staffing.

C. Piedmont Columbus Regional

Month ending June 30, 2023 earnings after regional allocations of \$18.0M on a budget of \$9.4M. Year-to-date earnings after regional allocations were \$101.3M on a budget of \$89.2M. As this was a soft close, the financials will look better after hard close.

On motion by Mr. Brabson, seconded by Dr. Hargrove, the board adopted the financial report presented by Mr. Holladay and discussed.

III. Spring Harbor Update

Mrs. Drew provided an update on Spring Harbor. The State Survey was completed with only two citations and the Action Plans have been completed. Federal Surveyors showed up for a random survey to make sure the state has been doing their job accurately and only issued one tag. They cannot do another survey on the facility for five years. Spring Harbor is the top 1% in the Country. This was the first Federal Survey at Spring Harbor. Dining services continues to improve. The Bistro is in the construction phase.

IV. Items for Board Approval

- a. Mr. McKnight advised that Dr. John Bucholtz and himself are up for reappointment effective January 1, 2024 and have both agreed to serve additional terms. Board unanimously approved to submit the names of Woodrow W. McWilliams, Murray Solomon and Tracey L. Sayers to City Council for the reappointment of Rick McKnight and John Bucholtz, DO.

On motion by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mrs. DeRamus, the board approved to submit the above names to City Council for the reappointments.

- b. Mr. McKnight advised that Woodrow W. McWilliams, Murray Solomon and Tracey L. Sayers were approved by the City Council to fill the seat formally held by Mr. Rodney Mahone.

On motion by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mrs. DeRamus, the board approved the appointment of Dr. Woodrow W. McWilliams to serve on the Board term effective date of January 1, 2023.

- c. The Reaffirm Bank Resolution of Signatories was presented to the Board and was unanimously approved to have the signatories of Dr. Susan McWhirter, MD, Rick McKnight, Allen Holladay, Holly Saville, Gregory Robert Scibona and Marie R. Gaffney.

On motion by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mrs. DeRamus, the board approved the above bank signatories.

- d. The Conflict of Interest Questionnaires of the Board were reviewed as submitted and no conflicts were reported. The questionnaire for Mr. Burns was the incorrect copy and the correct one was emailed out the same night of the meeting and was approved by the Board.

On motion by Mr. McKnight, seconded by Mrs. DeRamus, the board approved the Conflict of Interest Questionnaires.

V. Report from Piedmont Columbus Regional

No report at this time

VI. Other

The FY 2023 Meeting Schedule was provided to the Board.

VII. Executive Session

On motion by Mr. Hargrove, seconded by Mr. McKnight, the Authority, on advice of legal counsel, then went into executive session, closed to the public, to discuss matters described below pursuant to exemption from the Open Meetings Act set forth at O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(a)(6)(C) which permits closure of any meeting of the governing authority of a public hospital in which the granting, restriction or revocation of medical staff privileges is discussed; pursuant to the exemption from the Open Meetings Act set forth at O.C.G.A. §50-14-2 which permits closure of any meeting to consult with legal counsel pertaining to pending litigation brought by or against an "agency"; and also pursuant to the exemption from the Open Meetings Act set forth in the Georgia Hospital Authorities Law §50-31-75.2 which permits closure in executive session to allow discussion of a potentially commercially valuable proposal or strategy that may be of "competitive advantage" in the operations of the Authority or its medical facilities that has not been made public. The members voting to go into executive session were all those who were initially present as indicated above.



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Assistant Secretary