

**THE MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL AUTHORITY**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**  
**MINUTES**  
October 23, 2024

The quarterly meeting of The Medical Center Hospital Authority Board of Trustees was held on Wednesday, October 23, 2024, at 5:32 pm in the conference center at Piedmont Columbus Regional Midtown.

Members Present: Susan McWhirter, MD, Chair, Alpa Arora, Max Brabson, Jr., John Bucholtz, MD., John Hargrove, Woodrow McWilliams, MD.

Member Excused: Mike Burns and Brenda DeRamus

Others Present: Allen Holladay, Laura Drew, and Andrew Rothschild,

Guests: Meaghan Knight, Forvis

**I. Call to Order / Determination of Quorum**

Dr. McWhirter determined there was a quorum present and called the meeting to order at 5:11 pm

**II. The Medical Center Hospital Authority Fiscal Year 2023 Audit Report**

Ms. Knight, Director with Forvis presented and reviewed the draft audit report and audited financials for year-ending July 30, 2024, that was conducted by Forvis.

Ms. Knight was excused from the meeting after her presentation of the reports was complete.

On motion by Mr. Arora, seconded by Mr. Brabson, the board approved the Audit Report and the Audited Financials for year ending June 30, 2024, as presented by Ms. Knight and discussed.

**III. Approval of Minutes**

On motion by Mrs. Arora, seconded by Mr. Brabson, the minutes of the July 24, 2024, meeting were approved as submitted.

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

**A. The Medical Center Hospital Authority**

Total income year-to-date September 30, 2024 was \$94,866 versus prior year of \$102,315. Total expenses were \$52,131 versus the prior year of \$60,368. Net income was \$42,735 versus the prior year of \$60,368.

Total Current Assets of \$2.5M versus prior year of \$2.3M. Noncurrent Assets and other of \$5.5M versus \$4.9M. Total Current Liabilities of -\$5,990 versus -\$6,272

**B. Spring Harbor**

Operating income for year-to-date September 30, 2024 was \$87K versus the budget of \$143K. Total occupancy was 84% versus the target of 86.4%. Independent living current occupancy

was 176 versus the target of 177. Healthcare occupancy was 72.4% versus the target of 78.6%. Revenue of \$1.6M which is \$99K over budget. Operating Expenses of \$1.4M were \$192K under budget.

**C. Piedmont Columbus Regional**

Month ending September 30, 2024 earnings after regional allocations of \$39.5M on a budget of \$34.2M. Year-to-date earnings after regional allocations were \$39.5M on a budget of \$34.2M. As this was a soft close, the financials will look better after hard close.

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

**V. Items for Board Approval**

- a. Replacement of Board Member – A motion was made by Mrs. Arora, seconded by Dr. McWilliams and unanimously carried to present the following individuals to the City Council fill the empty seat left by the passing of Mr. Rick McKnight: Allen McMullen, Travis Wade and Tracy Sayers to present to City Council for their approval.
- b. Appointment of FY 2025 Board Officers – A motion was made by Max Brabson, seconded by Dr. Bucholtz and unanimously carried to approve the FY 2025 Board as follows: Dr. Susan McWhirter, Chair; Mrs. Alpna Arora, Vice Chair; Mrs. Brenda DeRamus, Treasurer; Mr. Allen Holladay, Assistant Treasurer; Mr. Mike Burns, Secretary; and Mrs. Tina Etheridge, Assistant Secretary
- c. Appointment of Bank Signatories – A motion was made by Dr. Bucholtz, seconded by Dr. McWilliams and unanimously carried to appoint bank signatories as follows: Susan McWhirter, M.D., Chairman, Alpna Arora, Vice-Chairman, Brenda DeRamus – Treasurer, Allen Holladay, Assistant Treasurer, Holly Saville, Gregory Robert Scibona, and Marie R. Cooper.
- a. Spring Harbor Incentive Package – Mrs. Drew presented the committee with the Spring Harbor proposed Incentive Package to the Board for approval.

On Motion by Dr. Bucholtz and seconded by Mrs. Arora the Board unanimously approved the payout of the Spring Harbor Incentive Package.

**VI. Standing Agenda Items**

- a. Muscogee County Indigent Care Program Update – No new update at this time.

**VII. Administrative Update**

Mr. Holladay provided the following update:

- The new Bill and Olivia Amos Children’s Hospital opened and the children have been moved over.
- Continuing to work on the ICU project with projected completion date of March 2026.
- Continuing renovation on floors at Northside.

**VIII. Executive Session**

On motion by Dr. Bucholtz, seconded by Dr. McWilliams, on advice of legal counsel, and unanimously adopted by those members that were present, voted to close the next succeeding portion of the meeting to the public so as to allow for discussion, in executive session, of the matters described below 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 or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against a hospital authority; and also pursuant to the exemption from the Open Meetings Act set forth in the Georgia Hospital Authorities Law at O.C.G.A. §31-7-75.2 which sets forth that no hospital authority shall be required by [the Georgia Open Meetings Act] to disclose or make public discussion of any potentially commercially valuable plan, proposal, or strategy that may be of "competitive advantage" in the operation of the hospital authority or its medical facilities that has not been made public.

  
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Chairman

  
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Assistant Secretary