

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of the Alberta Health Services (“AHS”) Board (the “Board”) held by teleconference, on August 30, 2021.

Attendees:

Board Members: Mr. David Weyant, QC, Chair
Ms. Deborah Apps
Mr. Tony Dagnone, CM
Ms. Sherri Fountain
Mr. Hartley Harris
Mr. Stephen Mandel
Ms. Natalia Reiman
Mr. Brian Vaasjo
Ms. Vicki Yellow Old Woman

Management: Dr. Verna Yiu, President & Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Colleen Purdy, Vice President, Corporate Services & Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Colleen Turner, Vice President, Community Engagement & Communications
Ms. Tina Giesbrecht, General Counsel
Ms. Catherine MacNeill, Corporate Secretary & Legal Counsel

Regrets: Dr. Sayeh Zielke, Vice-Chair
Mr. Jack Mintz, CM
Ms. Heidi Overguard

Mr. Weyant acted as Chair of the meeting and Ms. MacNeill acted as Recording Secretary.

Mr. Weyant called the meeting to order at approximately 4:10 p.m. Notice of the meeting had been properly given and quorum was met.

❖ Welcome & Comments from the Chair

The following is an abstract of Mr. David Weyant’s, Board Chair, remarks at the meeting. It is not an official transcript:

Good afternoon, everyone. I am David Weyant, Chair of the AHS Board, and I would like to welcome you to this AHS Public Board meeting. Thank you for taking the time to join us.

This is a meeting of the Board to consider one motion.

To start, in the spirit of recognizing the harms of the past, promoting reconciliation and gratitude, and in keeping with the calls to action from the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, on behalf of the Board, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge that the work of AHS takes place on historical and contemporary Indigenous lands, including the territories of Treaties 6, 7 & 8 and the homeland of the Metis.

I would also like to acknowledge the 46 First Nations communities within what we call Alberta, as well as the Metis and Inuit Peoples who form an important part of our healthcare system.

Our Board members are joining us from across the country and we acknowledge the Indigenous peoples' territories in which they live and work. We are grateful to those who have come before us and mindful of those who will follow us as we steward and protect these lands.

I want to take a moment to thank Albertans for getting their first and second doses of the COVID-19 vaccine, as well as the AHS teams that are helping Albertans be immunized.

I encourage everyone to be immunized. It is the single most effective way to prevent transmission of COVID-19 and to keep Albertans safe and healthy.

We are participating by teleconference today. When I ask for a vote on a motion, I will ask for those opposed or abstaining. For those who neither oppose nor abstain, I will take that you are in favour of the motion. If there are none, or a minority, who either oppose or abstain, I will declare the motion carried.

❖ **Review of Agenda**

UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda for the meeting of the Board held on August 30, 2021, which was provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.

❖ **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

Mr. Weyant requested that any conflicts of interest relevant to the meeting or items noted on the agenda be declared. None were declared.

1. **Finance Committee**

a) Interim Authorization to Spend 2021-22 COVID-19 Costs

Brian Vaasjo, Committee Chair, reported that the Finance Committee met on August 11, 2021.

Mr. Vaasjo advised that the Committee considered one item for recommendation for Board approval.

The Committee reviewed an extension of the Interim Authorization to Spend for COVID-19 Costs in 2021-22, and recommended Board approval. The Board reviewed the extension, and the members supported the approval.

UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried the Alberta Health Services Board approved amendments to the authorization to spend related to costs for the COVID-19 pandemic response previously approved by the Alberta Health Services Board on June 1, 2021 (the "COVID Authorization to Spend"), to provide the following:

- a) **the interim authorization period under the COVID Authorization to Spend be extended to end on November 30, 2021 rather than August 31, 2021;**
- b) **the maximum expenses under the COVID Authorization to Spend be increased to \$989 million for the extended period April 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021; and**
- c) **the maximum capital expenditures under the COVID Authorization to Spend remains at \$28 million for the extended period April 1, 2021 to November 30, 2021.**

❖ **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Signed by
David Weyant, QC
Chair

Signed by
Catherine MacNeill
Corporate Secretary & Legal Counsel