

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of the Alberta Health Services (“AHS”) Board (the “Board”) held by teleconference on July 23, 2020.

Attendees:

Board Members: Mr. David Weyant (Chair)
Dr. Brenda Hemmelgarn (Vice-Chair)
Mr. David Carpenter
Mr. Richard Dicerri
Mr. Stephen Mandel
Ms. Heidi Overguard
Mr. Hugh Sommerville
Mr. Brian Vaasjo

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. Catherine MacNeill, Corporate Secretary & Legal Counsel

Regrets: Ms. Glenda Yeates

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

Mr. Weyant called the meeting to order at approximately 10:05 a.m. Notice of the meeting had been properly given and quorum was met.

❖ **Welcome 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 morning, everyone. I am David Weyant, Chair of the AHS Board, and I would like to welcome everyone to this physically distanced public Board meeting teleconference. Thank you for taking the time to join us.

By way of opening remarks I would like to thank Albertans for the sacrifices they have made these months that helped limit the number of hospitalizations, including ICU visits. I would like to remind them to remain vigilant in preventing the spread of Covid-19. Although we are in phase two in relaunching the province we are still in a pandemic that poses a serious health risk to the public. Please continue following public health guidelines. Do not let all the hard work and sacrifice to date be for not.

As always, I would like to acknowledge the coordinated efforts of clinical and non-clinical teams throughout AHS that continue to protect Albertans, while finding new ways to deliver the care and services that we rely upon. And as always thank you so much to our frontline staff.

Before we receive the reports from the committees, I would like to address some administrative matters. We are continuing to physically distance and are participating by teleconference today. When I ask for a vote on the motion, I will ask for those opposing 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 July 23, 2020, 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.

Mr. Weyant declared that he had a potential conflict of interest with the approval item pertaining to grant funding for resident physicians. He noted it is unlikely he would ever have to vote on the matter, as the Bylaws state that the Chair shall only vote when the vote is to break a tie. Therefore, he will likely not have to abstain in the meeting because he will not be called upon to vote. No other conflicts of interest were declared.

1. Advisory Council and Trustee Appointments

Dr. Brenda Hemmelgarn, Chair of the Community Engagement Committee of the Board, reported that the Committee met earlier that day. The Committee considered two items for Board approval: the appointment of a member to the Sexual Orientation Gender Identity and Expression Provincial Advisory Council; and the appointment of trustees to established foundations.

Dr. Hemmelgarn noted that the responsibility to appoint Advisory Council members and trustees to established foundations lies with the AHS Board. The Committee recommended the Board approve the member and trustee appointments as reviewed by the Committee. The Board has considered such recommendations.

Dr. Hemmelgarn stated that AHS is very grateful for the commitment of our volunteers across the province, values their work and appreciate their commitment to health care.

First, with respect to the Sexual Orientation Gender Identity and Expression Provincial Advisory Council.

UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried the Alberta Health Services Board approved the appointment of Shawn Singer for a term of three years effective August 1, 2020 to the Sexual Orientation Gender Identity and Expression Provincial Advisory Council.

Second, with respect to the appointment of trustees to established foundations.

UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried the Alberta Health Services Board approved the appointment of Trustees to Health Foundations for the terms as follows:

| Foundation | Name | Period of Appointment |
|---|---------------------|---|
| Alberta Cancer Foundation | Cathy Allard-Roozen | October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2022 |
| | Stanford Blade | October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021 |
| | Heather Bryant | October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021 |
| | Chris Eagle | October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2022 |
| | Thomas Valentine | August 1, 2020 – July 31, 2023 |
| Calgary Health Trust | Greg Turnbull | September 27, 2020 – September 26, 2023 |
| Lac La Biche Regional Health Foundation | George L'Heureux | August 1, 2020 – July 31, 2023 |
| | Shirley Paradis | August 1, 2020 – July 31, 2023 |
| | Liv Rasmussen | August 1, 2020 – July 31, 2023 |
| Oyen and District Health Foundation | Kevin McBain | October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2023 |
| Ponoka and District Health Foundation | Carol Wild | August 1, 2020 – July 31, 2023 |

2. Grant Agreements Relating to Physician Compensation and Drug Costs

Mr. David Carpenter, Committee Chair, reported that the Finance Committee met that day.

Mr. Carpenter noted that he would be presenting two motions for approval of the Board.

Mr. Carpenter reported that the Committee was asked to consider and recommend the Board delegate for restricted grant agreements relating to certain physician services and the provision of pharmaceuticals.

First, with respect to physician services.

UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried the Alberta Health Services Board:

- a) approved the terms and conditions of the Alberta Health grant agreements as recommended by the Finance Committee and reviewed by the Board, with such non-substantive changes that management of Alberta Health Services considers necessary or advisable:
 - (i) relating to the operation and management of the on call programs and provision of on call services by physicians for the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021; and
 - (ii) relating to the training and compensation of postgraduate medical education students who work in AHS facilities and provide clinical services as part of their educational training for the period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021; and
- b) delegated authority to the President & CEO to sign these agreements on behalf of AHS in accordance with Policy 1100 *Delegation of Authority and Establishment of Controls for Commitments*.

Second, with respect to the provision of pharmaceuticals.

UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried the Alberta Health Services Board:

- a) approved the terms and conditions of the Alberta Health grant agreements as recommended by the Finance Committee and reviewed by the Board, with such non-substantive changes that management of Alberta Health Services considers necessary or advisable:
 - (i) relating to the provision of cancer pharmaceuticals to outpatient cancer patients at no cost for the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021;
 - (ii) relating to the provision of specialized high cost drugs, short-term exceptional drug therapy, and rare disease drugs to eligible Albertans at no cost for the period April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021; and
- b) delegated authority to the President & CEO to sign these agreements on behalf of AHS in accordance with Policy 1100 *Delegation of Authority and Establishment of Controls for Commitments*.

❖ **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

_____/s/
David Weyant
Chair

_____/s/
Catherine MacNeill
Corporate Secretary & Legal Counsel