

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of the Alberta Health Services (“AHS”) Board (the “Board”) held by teleconference on September 21, 2020.

Attendees:

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

Management: Ms. Catherine MacNeill, Corporate Secretary & Legal Counsel
Ms. Colleen Purdy, Vice President, Corporate Services & Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Colleen Turner, Vice President, Community Engagement & Communications

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 3:55 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 brief meeting as we only have three motions to consider.

Before we begin, I would like to acknowledge that AHS is on Treaty 6, 7 and 8 territory. I would also like to acknowledge the 46 First Nations communities within Alberta, as well as, the Metis and Inuit peoples that we serve in our healthcare system.

In my brief introductory comments, I would like to thank as always our frontline staff and other health professionals for their outstanding work in helping to respond to COVID-19. I would also like to make a personal comment. I implore any Albertans who are not happy with having to physically distance or to wear masks in public to do so anyway. If you find that a mask is uncomfortable or that you believe the pandemic is a hoax or overblown and cannot avoid going into public places, wear it anyway, and be civil and polite about it. Do not berate the frontline workers, do not harass retail or restaurant staff, do not make life miserable for other customers and do not make yourself a laughing stock on social media. If you feel that you absolutely must vent about it please send me an email care of AHS.

Now, on to the business of this meeting.

We are participating by teleconference today. When I ask for a vote on the motion, I will ask for those opposed or abstaining. For those who neither oppose nor abstain I will take it that you are in favour of the motion. If there are none that 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 September 21, 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. None were declared.

1. Finance Committee

a) Interim Authorization to Spend for 2020/21

Mr. David Carpenter, Chair of the Finance Committee, reported that the Committee met on September 17, 2020. Mr. Carpenter noted that he was presenting one motion for approval.

Mr. Carpenter advised that the Committee considered an authorization to spend for AHS from April 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. On June 16, 2020, the AHS Board approved an interim spending authorization for the period April 1 to September 30, 2020. Approval of the 2020/21 budget for AHS by the Minister of Health is not known but is not expected before September 30. In the meantime, AHS continues to keep Alberta Health informed of AHS' challenging financial position exacerbated by COVID-19 costs, and continues to work on savings and revenue opportunities to improve AHS' financial sustainability.

This request for authorization to spend in absence of an approved budget is in accordance with Policy 1100 *Delegation of Authority and Establishment of Controls for Commitments*, which provides that it be supported by written confirmation from the Minister's office specifying the interim period and the amount of funding to be provided.

The Committee recommended that the Board approve the authorization for expenses and the Board has considered such recommendation and the members support its approval.

UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried the Alberta Health Services Board authorize AHS to incur:

- (i) maximum expenses of \$11.85 billion for the period April 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020; and**

(ii) maximum capital expenditures of \$490 million for the period April 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020.

2. Community Engagement Committee

Dr. Brenda Hemmelgarn, Chair of the Community Engagement Committee, reported that the Committee met on September 18, 2020. Dr. Hemmelgarn noted that two items considered for Board approval by the Committee were being presented as they relate to appointments effective October 1, 2020. These items are with respect to the appointment and renewal of Advisory Council members and the appointment of trustees to established foundations.

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.

a) Advisory Council Appointments and Renewals

First, with respect to the appointments and renewals of members to Advisory Councils.

Dr. Hemmelgarn noted that Advisory Councils are required by bylaw to put forward recommendations for appointments and renewals of Council members for approval to the AHS Board. The Committee recommended the Board approve the member appointments as reviewed by the Committee. The Board has considered such recommendation.

UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried the Alberta Health Services Board approved the appointments and renewals of members to the Advisory Councils for the terms as follows:

Health Advisory Council New Appointments – for a Three Year Term – effective October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2023	
Health Advisory Council	Name
David Thompson	Al Campell Michelle Narang
Greater Edmonton	Kailey Schmidt Priscilla T Coker
Lesser Slave Lake	Norman Wang Robin Guild
Oldman River	Carey Viejou Debra Gazeley Stephanie Leavitt
Palliser Triangle	Attalia Fikre Kristine Russell

Peace	Tammy Calliou Maxine Elter Maurissa Hietland Charlene Cavers
Prairie Mountain	Judy Walbridge
Wood Buffalo	Cecile Calliou
Yellowhead East	Leah Taylor
Addiction & Mental Health PAC Appointments – for a Two Year Term - effective September 1, 2020 to August 31, 2022	
Zone	Name
South	Kym Porter
Cancer PAC Appointments – for a Two Year Term - effective October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2022	
Zone	Name
Calgary	Wendy Beauchesne
Calgary	John Schmal
Cancer PAC Appointments – for a Three Year Term – effective October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2023	
Zone	Name
Edmonton	Mark Armstrong
Senior and Continuing Care PAC Renewals – for a Three Year Term – effective October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2023	
Zone	Name
South	Fred Bosma
Central	John Erkelens
Edmonton	Joan Monson
North	Diahann Polege-Aulotte

b) Trustee Appointments

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

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

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:

Trustee Appointment – for a Two Year Term - effective October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2022	
Foundation	Name
Brooks & District Health Foundation	Gurpreet Gill
Trustee Appointment – for a Three Year Term - effective October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2023	
Foundation	Name
Strathcona Community Hospital Foundation	Clair Platt

❖ **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

_____/s/_____
David Weyant
Chair

_____/s/_____
Catherine MacNeill
Corporate Secretary & Legal Counsel