

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of the Alberta Health Services (“AHS”) Board (the “Board”) held by Zoom on June 28, 2021.

Attendees:

Board Members: Dr. Sayeh Zielke, Vice-Chair
Ms. Deborah Apps
Ms. Sherri Fountain
Mr. Stephen Mandel
Mr. Jack Mintz, CM
Ms. Heidi Overguard
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. Gail Fredrickson, Senior Program Officer, Communications
Ms. Tina Giesbrecht, General Counsel
Ms. Catherine MacNeill, Corporate Secretary & Legal Counsel

Regrets: Mr. David Weyant, QC, Chair
Mr. Tony Dagnone, CM

Dr. Zielke acted as Chair of the meeting and Ms. MacNeill acted as Recording Secretary.

Dr. Zielke called the meeting to order at approximately 12:45 p.m. Notice of the meeting had been properly given and quorum was met.

❖ Welcome & Comments from the Vice-Chair

The following is an abstract of Dr. Sayeh Zielke’s, Board Vice-Chair, remarks at the meeting. It is not an official transcript:

Good afternoon, everyone. I am Sayeh Zielke, Vice-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 special meeting of the Board to consider four motions.

To start, in the spirit of 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.

Before I address some administrative matters, I would like to welcome Dr. Jack Mintz to the AHS Board. As many of you surely know, Dr. Mintz is a world-renowned economist, academic, and public policy analyst who brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to this governing body. He was appointed to the Board effective June 3, and this is his first AHS Board meeting.

So, welcome, Jack. I know you will be a tremendous asset to this Board and to Alberta's healthcare system.

I also want to take a moment to thank Albertans for continuing to turn out in great numbers to get their first and second doses of COVID-19 vaccine, as well as the AHS teams that are helping Albertans get immunized.

We know many Albertans are looking forward to the elimination of many public health measures, starting Canada Day, because more than 70 per cent of eligible Albertans have received at least one dose of the vaccine.

This is undoubtedly welcome news. Still, it is important to remember the pandemic has not gone away and there is still work for all of us to do. We would like to remind Albertans that the vaccine is safe and effective at protecting yourself from contracting COVID-19 and its variants, as well as protecting you from serious illness if you do contract the virus.

I encourage Albertans ages 12 and up to get immunized as soon as you can, which will help all of us return to normal life as soon as possible. If you have not done so already, please visit the online booking tool or call Health Link at 811 to book your first or second dose.

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 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 June 28, 2021, which was provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.

❖ **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

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

1. **Finance Committee**

Mr. Brian Vaasjo, Committee Chair, reported that the Finance Committee met on June 28, 2021.

Mr. Vaasjo advised that the Committee considered the 2020-22 Health Plan and 2021-22 Business Plan, and amendments to The Good Samaritan Society Operating Services Agreement for recommendation for approval of the Board.

a) [FC21-43] Health Plan & Business Plan

The Committee reviewed a draft of the 2020-22 Health Plan and 2021-22 Business Plan. The Committee recommended the Board approve the same. The Board reviewed the plans and the members supported the approval.

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

- a) approved the Alberta Health Services 2020-22 Health Plan & 2021-22 Business Plan in the form reviewed by the Finance Committee and the Board, with such non-substantive changes that management of Alberta Health Services considers necessary or advisable; and**
- b) authorized and directed management of Alberta Health Services to deliver the 2020-22 Health Plan & 2021-22 Business Plan to the Minister of Health for approval, and after receiving such approval, make the Health Plan & Business Plan available to the public through the AHS website.**

b) [FC21-45] Delegation of Authority

i. Good Samaritan Society

The Committee considered amendments to The Good Samaritan Operating Services Agreement. The Committee recommended that the Board approve such amendments. The Board reviewed the proposed amendments and the members supported the approval.

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

- a) approved the following amendments to The Good Samaritan Society Operating Service Agreement:**
 - i) to add a supportive living service schedule for one hundred and twenty-one spaces for the Park Meadows Village facility in Lethbridge for a five year term, on the terms and conditions reviewed by the Committee, with such non-substantive changes that management of Alberta Health Services considers necessary or advisable; and**
 - ii) to extend for one year, to September 20, 2022, three Comprehensive Home Options of Integrated Care for the Elderly programs, on the terms and conditions reviewed by the Committee, with such non-substantive changes that management of Alberta Health Services considers necessary or advisable; and**
- b) delegated the authority to the Alberta Health Services President and CEO to execute the agreement to effect such amendments referred to above on behalf of the Alberta Health Services Board in accordance with the *Delegation of Authority and Establishment of Controls for Commitments Policy*.**

2. Audit & Risk Committee

Ms. Vicki Yellow Old Woman, Committee Member, reported that the Audit & Risk Committee met on June 28, 2021. In accordance with standard practice the Office of the Auditor General was a guest at the meeting in their role as external auditors of AHS.

Ms. Yellow Old Woman advised that the Committee considered one item for recommendation for Board approval.

a) [ARC21-43] AHS 2020-21 Annual Report

The final draft of the Alberta Health Services 2020-21 Annual Report was reviewed by the Committee. The Committee recommended the Board approve the same. The Board reviewed the Annual Report and the members supported the approval.

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

- (a) approved the Alberta Health Services 2020-21 Annual Report in the form reviewed by the Audit & Risk Committee and the Board, with such non-substantive changes that management of Alberta Health Services considers necessary or advisable; and**

(b) authorized and directed management of Alberta Health Services to deliver the Annual Report to the Minister of Health, and to later make the Annual Report available to the public through the Alberta Health Services website.

3. Governance

a) [AHSB-03] Amended Midwifery Staff Bylaws

Ms. Sherri Fountain, Committee Chair, reported that there was one item for recommendation for approval of the Board. The Governance Committee had recommended that the AHS Board approve amendments to the AHS Midwifery Staff Bylaws, pending the outcome of the vote by the AHS Midwifery Staff. The amendments reflect titling and administrative changes. The AHS Midwifery Staff voted to accept the amended AHS Midwifery Staff Bylaws. The Board members supported the approval of the same.

UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried the Alberta Health Services Board approved the proposed amendments to the Midwifery Staff Bylaws as reviewed by the Governance Committee and the Alberta Health Services Board, with such non-substantive changes that management of Alberta Health Services considers necessary or advisable.

❖ **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Signed by
David Weyant, QC
Chair

Signed by
Catherine MacNeill
Corporate Secretary & Legal Counsel