

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of the Alberta Health Services (“AHS”) Board (the “Board”) held by teleconference on June 27, 2022.

Attendees:

Board Members: Mr. Gregory Turnbull, QC, Chair
Dr. Sayeh Zielke, Vice-Chair
Ms. Deborah Apps
Mr. Tony Dagnone, CM
Ms. Sherri Fountain, QC
Mr. Hartley Harris
Mr. Jack Mintz, CM
Ms. Vicki Yellow Old Woman

Management: Mauro Chies, Interim President & Chief Executive Officer
Mr. Michael Lam, Chief Program Officer, Financial Operations
Ms. Colleen Turner, Vice President, Community Engagement & Communications
Ms. Tina Giesbrecht, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary
Ms. Catherine MacNeill, Associate General Counsel, Commercial Law

Regrets: Ms. Heidi Overguard
Ms. Natalia Reiman
Mr. Brian Vaasjo

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

Mr. Turnbull called the meeting to order at approximately 2:45 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. Gregory Turnbull’s, Board Chair, remarks at the meeting. It is not an official transcript:

Good afternoon, everyone. I am Gregory Turnbull, Chair of the Alberta Health Services Board, and I would like to welcome you to this AHS special Public Board meeting. Thank you for taking the time to join us.

This is a special meeting of the Board to consider two 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 Alberta Health Services 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.

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.

Next, Interim President and CEO Mauro Chies would like to say a few words but, before I turn the mic over, I wish to note that the AHS 2021-22 Annual Report is being sent to Alberta Health this week for review. The report highlights AHS' achievements in 2021-22, during which the organization continued to lay the groundwork for improved access, responsiveness, and financial sustainability. It encompasses our response to the second year of the global COVID-19 pandemic, as well as our progress on many other fronts, including recommendations in the AHS Performance Review. The Annual Report highlights how AHS helped to keep Albertans safe while putting the province — and our healthcare delivery system — on the path toward a brighter post-pandemic future by implementing new strategies that we will pursue in the years ahead.

For instance, during the 2021-22 year, we started work on the Alberta Surgical Initiative, which aims to ensure all Albertans receive their scheduled surgeries within clinically appropriate wait times.

We also implemented the EMS 10-Point Plan to better manage high volumes of EMS calls, freeing ambulances for urgent care needs and enhancing the resilience of our EMS workforce.

We will inform Albertans when the 2021-22 Annual Report is posted on our website, and I'm confident Albertans will see AHS is moving in the right direction, leading to significant improvements in healthcare quality, accessibility, responsiveness and sustainability.

Finally, I would like to say how proud I am of our approximately 130,000 staff, physicians and volunteers who have worked so hard and sacrificed so much to protect the health of all Albertans during a global health emergency. I am grateful for our many partners in healthcare philanthropy, academia, private business, government and the social sector for working together on our impressive response to the COVID-19 pandemic, while continuing the critical work towards a better, more sustainable healthcare delivery system in the future.

And with that, I pass the mic over to Mauro.

❖ **Comments from the Interim President & Chief Executive Officer**

The following is an abstract of Mauro Chies, Interim President & Chief Executive Officer, remarks at the meeting. It is not an official transcript:

Thank you, Greg, and good afternoon, everyone. I wanted to take a few minutes to note that June is National Indigenous Peoples Month. Over the past four weeks, hundreds of our staff have joined community stakeholders to celebrate this year's theme of Healing Through Mind, Body and Spirit.

I want to thank all staff and stakeholders who pulled together a wide range of events that gave staff, physicians and community members an opportunity to mark the month, deepen their appreciation of Indigenous culture, and have opportunities to further their cultural understanding and sensitivity. Each day throughout the month, AHS offered virtual sessions for staff and physicians related to the work that the Indigenous Wellness Core is doing to further our commitment to providing culturally safe, accessible healthcare for Indigenous patients and families.

Sessions included:

- o An anti-racism mock event.
- o Discussion panels with physicians who work with Indigenous patients.
- o And stories from our community partners on how they are making a difference in the lives of Indigenous Peoples.

New this year at AHS was the introduction of self-care Fridays that included sessions on Indigenous dance lessons, bannock making and beading, which were a huge hit with attendees. And this past Tuesday (June 21), we hosted several in-person events at our sites across the province, which were well-attended by staff, as well as members of the public. More than celebrating, AHS also took this opportunity to urge those staff who have not yet done so to complete their AHS Indigenous Awareness Training.

And we had good news to share about a dedicated, toll-free support line that we launched this month in the North Zone to help Indigenous Peoples navigate the health system. Available weekdays, Indigenous Health Link staff can answer callers' questions, help them access culturally appropriate care, and support and assist them with navigating the healthcare system. This pilot project represents another way AHS is working to support better health outcomes for Indigenous peoples in Alberta.

And by acknowledging and understanding the past, we can take steps to move forward towards reconciliation. Through relationships and conversations with Indigenous communities and partners, and relying on guidance from the Wisdom Council, we have become aware of the truth about our shared colonial history. I believe that, by learning about and inspiring each other, we can enhance an inclusive healthcare system that is welcoming and respectful of all cultures, traditions, and beliefs.

Thank you to everyone who supported and participated in events for National Indigenous Peoples Month — and, of course, there are a few days left to join the celebrations, and I encourage everyone to do so.

Thank you.

❖ **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 27, 2022, which was provided to the Board in advance of the meeting.

❖ **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

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

1. Approval of Minutes – June 1, 2022

UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes of the AHS Board meeting held on June 1, 2022 were approved and the Chair of the Board and Corporate Secretary were authorized and directed to sign the minutes in the form so approved; and the Corporate Secretary was directed to file them, together with all ancillary documents attached thereto, in the corporate records of AHS and to deliver a copy of these to the Minister of Health.

Mr. Jack Mintz reported that the Board reviewed the final draft of the Alberta Health Services 2021-22 Annual Report and the members support its approval.

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

- a) **approved the Alberta Health Services 2021-22 Annual Report in the form reviewed by the Alberta Health Services 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.**

Ms. Sherri Fountain reported that the Board recommended revisions to the membership list for the Board Committees and the members support its approval.

UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried the Alberta Health Services Board approved the updated Committee Membership as reviewed by the Board and directed management to post the updated membership list on the Alberta Health Services public website.

❖ **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

Signed by
Gregory Turnbull, QC
Chair

Signed by
Catherine MacNeill
Corporate Secretary & Legal Counsel