

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of the Alberta Health Services (“AHS”) Board (the “Board”) held by teleconference, on July 28, 2022.

Attendees:

Board Members: Mr. Gregory Turnbull, QC, Chair
Dr. Sayeh Zielke, Vice-Chair
Ms. Deborah Apps
Ms. Sherri Fountain, QC
Ms. Heidi Overguard
Ms. Natalia Reiman
Ms. Vicki Yellow Old Woman

Management: Mauro Chies, Interim President & Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Colleen Purdy, Vice President, Corporate Services & Chief Financial Officer
Ms. Tina Giesbrecht, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary

Regrets: Mr. Tony Dagnone, CM
Mr. Hartley Harris
Mr. Jack Mintz, CM
Mr. Brian Vaasjo
Ms. Colleen Turner, Vice President, Community Engagement & Communications

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

Mr. Turnbull called the meeting to order at approximately 3:00 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 meeting of the Board to consider three 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 and 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.

Before I turn the mic over to AHS Interim President and CEO Mauro Chies for a few words, I would like to offer my thanks to everyone at Alberta Health Services. Their compassion and commitment to care has never been clearer than they have been these past few years. They continue to do so much for patients and families, and we are so grateful to have such a great team of people dedicated to supporting Albertans in their healthcare journey. On behalf of the AHS Board, I thank you for everything you do. I know the work has been hard, so if you haven't had a chance to take time away from work yet, I encourage you do so when possible. Please enjoy a well-deserved break with your loved ones.

On that note, I would like to thank everyone who has received their COVID-19 immunization. The second booster dose of COVID-19 vaccine is now available for anyone 18 years or older. I encourage everyone to get their second booster as soon as they are able.

With that, I'll turn it 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 also want to thank all our staff and physicians for their great work. They play a huge role in everything we do and will continue to do so as we roll out our 2022-25 Health Plan. The plan outlines 10 priorities for the organization, and provides strategies, goals and timelines for each.

I would like to provide a quick overview of each priority. First up, the Alberta Surgical Initiative aims to ensure that all Albertans receive their scheduled surgeries within clinically appropriate wait times.

Next, the EMS 10-Point Plan is designed to improve EMS services and availability, especially in rural and remote communities. This includes managing high volumes of EMS calls, freeing ambulances for urgent care needs, and ensuring our EMS workforce is well supported.

On the Mental Health and Addiction Recovery front, AHS will continue working with Alberta Health to offer a range of community-based services, supports and treatments in response to the opioid crisis and other emerging needs.

We will also focus on Public Health and Pandemic Response and Recovery. AHS remains committed to maintaining readiness and ensuring the healthcare system can effectively respond to COVID-19 if we see more surges in cases, by protecting staff and those most vulnerable to poor outcomes. We made great strides in virtual health during the pandemic and will continue to move this work forward by focusing on Digital Health Evolution and Innovation.

This involves the ongoing rollout our provincewide clinical information system, Connect Care, and the continued expansion of virtual health to support more community-and home-based care, programs and services. That includes our rural communities, and we will continue to strengthen partnerships with those communities and better support the rural healthcare workforce through the Rural Initiatives and Engagement priority.

Continuing Care is also top priority, and we will increase the number of continuing care spaces and living options, as well as expanding home care hours.

Quality and Patient Outcomes is a foundational priority to everything we do, and we will continue to aim toward providing Albertans with the best possible outcomes and experiences.

One of the ways we will do this is by focusing on Workforce Recruitment and Retention and ensuring our people have the supports they need to grow and succeed.

And last – but certainly not least – AHS is committed to Sustainability. We must ensure that AHS is run efficiently, with Albertans getting full value for every dollar spent on public health in this province. This priority also includes environmental sustainability, and we'll work to reduce AHS' environmental footprint.

All in all, the Health Plan focuses on innovation and transformation, and on ensuring the health care system is there for all Albertans. And I am excited to be part of the group that will move this work forward. We will post our plan publicly in the days ahead, and we look forward to working with Albertans to build a healthier future, together.

Thank you. Now I'll turn it back over to Greg.

❖ **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 28, 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 27, 2022

UPON MOTION duly moved, seconded and unanimously carried, the minutes of the AHS Board meeting held on June 27, 2022 were approved and the Chair of the Board and Recording 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.

AHS 2022-25 Health Plan & Business Plan

Dr. Sayeh Zielke, Vice Chair, reported that the Board reviewed the Alberta Health Services 2022-25 Health Plan & Business Plan, and the members support its approval.

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

- 1. approved the Alberta Health Services 2022-25 Health Plan & Business Plan in the form reviewed by the Alberta Health Services Board, with such non-substantive changes as management of Alberta Health Services considers necessary or advisable;**
- 2. authorized and directed management of Alberta Health Services to deliver the 2022-25 Health Plan & Business Plan to the Minister of Health for approval; and**
- 3. after receiving such approval, make the 2022-25 Health Plan & Business Plan available to the public through the Alberta Health Services website.**

Mediator's Recommended Terms for Settlement Alberta Health Services//Health Sciences Association of Alberta Collective Agreement

Heidi Overguard, Human Resources Committee Chair, reported that the Board considered the Mediator's Recommended Terms for Settlement for the Alberta Health Services/Health Sciences Association of Alberta (Paramedical Professional and Technical) Collective Agreement issued on June 29, 2022. The Board reviewed the proposed Terms of Settlement to ratify such recommendations. The members support the ratification.

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

- 1. ratified the Mediator's Recommended Terms for Settlement for the Alberta Health Services/Health Sciences Association of Alberta (Paramedical Professional and Technical) Collective Agreement issued on June 29, 2022; and**
- 2. authorized the Alberta Health Services Interim President & CEO to execute all such documents and do all such other acts as may be necessary to give effect to the above resolution in accordance with the *Delegation of Authority and Establishment of Controls for Commitments Policy*.**

Provincial Association of Resident Physicians of Alberta Agreement

Heidi Overguard, Human Resources Committee Chair, reported that the terms and conditions related to the non-academic work Alberta Resident Physicians perform is governed by an agreement negotiated between the Provincial Association of Resident Physicians of Alberta and the Alberta Health Services/University of Calgary Cummings School of Medicine/University of Alberta Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry. The current Provincial Association of Resident Physicians of Alberta agreement has expired and a new tentative agreement was reached on June 29, 2022 that will be effective from January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024. The Board has been asked to approve the agreement. The members support such approval.

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

- 1. approved the agreement between the Provincial Association of Resident Physicians of Alberta and the Alberta Health Services/University of Calgary Cummings School of Medicine/University of Alberta Faculty of Medicine & Dentistry, effective January 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024; and**
- 2. delegated authority to the Alberta Health Services Interim President & CEO to execute such agreement on behalf of Alberta Health Services in accordance with the *Delegation of Authority and Establishment of Controls for Commitments Policy*.**

❖ **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Signed by
Gregory Turnbull, QC
Chair

Signed by
Tina Giesbrecht
General Counsel & Corporate Secretary