

PUBLIC BOARD MEETING

Minutes of the meeting of the Alberta Health Services (“AHS”) Board (the “Board”) held by teleconference, on September 12, 2022.

Attendees:

Board Members: Mr. Gregory Turnbull, KC, Chair
Mr. Tony Dagnone, CM
Ms. Sherri Fountain, KC
Mr. Hartley Harris
Ms. Heidi Overguard
Ms. Tara Lockyer
Ms. Natalia Reiman
Mr. Brian Vaasjo
Ms. Vicki Yellow Old Woman

Management: Mauro Chies, Interim President & Chief Executive Officer
Ms. Colleen Turner, Vice President, Community Engagement & Communications
Ms. Tina Giesbrecht, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary

Regrets: Dr. Sayeh Zielke, Vice-Chair
Ms. Deborah Apps
Mr. Jack Mintz, CM
Ms. Colleen Purdy, Vice President, Corporate Services & Chief Financial Officer

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

Mr. Turnbull called the meeting to order at approximately 4:15 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 one motion.

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 we get to today's business, I would like to pass along my appreciation to AHS staff, physicians and volunteers for their ongoing hard work and dedication to patients, clients and their families — over the summer season, which is quickly coming to end, and all year round. Our teams remained active in providing high-quality care to those who needed it, and also focusing on AHS priority areas, including work to reduce surgical wait times, building acute care capacity, and improving EMS response times. I'd like to thank AHS teams across the province for these efforts.

I ask Albertans to do their part to ease pressures on our healthcare teams and facilities by making sure you and your loved ones' COVID-19 booster shots are up to date, and to make plans to receive the annual influenza vaccine when it starts rolling out next month. Vaccines are a safe and effective way to protect yourself, and others, from communicable diseases, including COVID-19 and influenza, which have more opportunity to circulate and spread as we spend more time indoors during the fall and winter months.

Finally, I would just like to express my gratitude to our negotiation teams for their efforts to reach another collective agreement — with the Alberta Union of Provincial Employees – General Support Services.

Today, the Board will ratify this four-year agreement, which expires on March 31, 2024, and sets out the terms and conditions for more than 32,000 healthcare workers. This new agreement reflects the economic environment and the critical role our staff play within the health system. I'd also like to extend my gratitude to all the healthcare workers and leaders for their patience as we worked through the bargaining process, and for their dedication and passion.

❖ **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 12, 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.

Ratification of Mediator's Recommended Terms for Settlement for the Alberta Health Services/ Alberta Union of Provincial Employees (General Support Services) Collective Agreement

Mr. Brian Vaasjo, Finance Committee Chair, reported that the Board considered the Mediator's Recommended Terms of Settlement for the Alberta Health Services/Alberta Union of Provincial Employees (General Support Services) Collective Agreement issued on June 29, 2022. The Board reviewed the proposed Terms of Settlement to ratify such recommendations. The members supported 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 / Alberta Union of Provincial Employees (General Support Services) 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*.**

❖ **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Signed by
Gregory Turnbull, KC
Chair

Signed by
Tina Giesbrecht
General Counsel & Corporate Secretary