

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Washington Township Hospital Development Corporation was held on November 15, 2021, via Zoom. Director Sah called the meeting to order at 7:34 a.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Roll Call was taken. Directors Present: Directors Russ Blowers, Steven Chan, D.D.S., Miro Garcia, Sue Querner, Benn Sah, M.D.

ROLL CALL

Absent: None

Also present: Kimberly Hartz, President & Chief Executive Officer; Tina Nunez, Vice President of Ambulatory Care and Administrative Services; Chris Henry, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer; Walter Choto, Chief of Ambulatory Care Services; Paul Kozachenko, Attorney; Sri Boddu, AVS; Diana Venegas, Recording Secretary; and Dee Antonio, District Clerk.

Director Sah welcomed any members of the general public to the meeting. He noted that in order to continue to protect the health and safety of the members of the Board, District staff, and members of the public from the dangers posed by the SARS-CoV-2 virus, the Brown Act allows a local agency to continue to hold its meetings remotely as opposed to being required to meet in-person. Section 54953(e)(3) of the Government Code requires that the Board make certain findings every 30 days to continue meeting remotely. One such finding is that “state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.” The Alameda County Health Officer continues to recommend social distancing and the wearing of masks indoors, as referenced by the Alameda County Health Care Services Public Health Department COVID-19 website at www.covid-19.acgov.org.

In accordance with District law, policies, and procedures, Director Blowers moved that the Board of Directors make the finding required by Section 54953(e)(3)(B)(ii) of the Government Code that “state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing.” Director Chan seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken:

Benn Sah, MD – aye
Steven Chan, DDS – aye
Russ Blowers – aye
Miro Garcia – aye
Sue Querner – aye

The motion unanimously carried and the finding is affirmed.

A motion was made by Director Blowers, seconded by Director Chan to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 22, 2021.

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Roll call was taken:

Benn Sah, MD – aye
Steven Chan, DDS – aye
Russ Blowers – aye
Miro Garcia – aye
Sue Querner – aye

The motion unanimously carried.

There were no written or oral communication.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Hartz provided a COVID-19 update, commenting on the number of vaccinated employees. She also provided an update on the vaccination booster clinic that has been provided to the community.

*PRESIDENT & CHIEF
EXECUTIVE OFFICER
REPORT*

Ms. Hartz stated we are awaiting The Joint Commission survey teams for our Laboratory Accreditation Survey and our Stroke Survey. The Laboratory survey will be in-person and the Stroke survey will be virtual.

Ms. Hartz let the Board know that there is a potential upcoming strike at Kaiser. This is centered around the pharmacists. They settled in Southern California however they have not yet come to an agreement in Northern California. This could have a large impact to our emergency department.

Ms. Hartz provided an update on the trauma discussions with the County. The County contracted with a consultant, Bishop and Associates, to determine the need for another trauma center in Alameda County. Both Washington Hospital and Stanford/ValleyCare have indicated an interest in having trauma services. With the unexpected passing of Supervisor Wilma Chan, this could have an impact on this project.

Mr. Hartz spoke briefly on the Facility Master Plan, Infill Projects for the Morris Hyman Critical Care Pavilion and the Pedestrian Bridge. She let the Board know that Ed Fayen, Senior Vice President and Chief of Operations, will be providing a more detailed presentation at the next meeting in January.

Mr. Henry reported that the Peninsula Surgery Center (PSC) had their Medicare/AAAHC survey last week. The clinical side of the survey went well. There were some findings on the facility side. AAAHC has ten days to issue the report to PSC. We will have to submit a plan of correction once the formal findings are issued. The PSC is anticipated to start operations after the first of the year.

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Ms. Hartz reported that the Top Hat fundraising event was very successful and raised \$470,000 for equipment for the new service, the Inpatient Acute Rehabilitation Unit opening in 2023.

Ms. Nunez gave an update on Washington Township Medical Foundation (WTMF) physician recruitment and marketing efforts. She announced that Dr. Rajvir Shahi, an internal medicine physician, started at the Nakamura Clinic in October. She also reported that there are interviews happening for the recruitment of an interventional cardiologist to support the growing cardiology product line. In addition, recruitment efforts are underway for a Vascular Surgeon. She also reviewed the latest marketing campaign for WTMF.

Mr. Henry reviewed the DEVCO Financial Report for September 2021.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Mr. Kozachenko reviewed Article 4 of the Amended and Restated Bylaws as it pertains to the election of officers for the DEVCO Board of Directors. Director Chan moved for the following slate of Board officer for the remainder of the calendar year 2021:

*ACTION ITEM:
Election of Officers pursuant
to Amended and Restated
Bylaws, Article 4.*

President: Benn Sah, MD
First Vice President: Russell Blowers
Second Vice President: Miro Garcia
Treasurer: Sue Querner
Secretary: Steven Chan, DDS

Director Blowers seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken:

Benn Sah, MD – aye
Steven Chan, DDS – aye
Russ Blowers – aye
Miro Garcia – aye
Sue Querner – aye

The motion unanimously carried. Director Sah assumed the position as President of the Board for the remainder of 2021.

Director Sah adjourned the meeting to closed session at 8:08 am. Director Sah stated that the public has a right to know what, if any, reportable action takes place during closed session. Since this is a Zoom session and we have no way of knowing when the closed session will end, the public was informed they could contact the Recording Secretary for the Board's report beginning November 16, 2021. He indicated that the minutes of this meeting will reflect any reportable actions.

*ADJOURN TO CLOSED
SESSION*

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Director Sah reconvened the meeting to open session at 9:33 am and reported that there was no reportable action taken in closed session.

*RECONVENE TO OPEN
SESSION & REPORT ON
CLOSED SESSION*

There being no further business, Director Sah adjourned the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting is currently scheduled for January 17, 2022 at 7:30 a.m.

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Benn Sah, M.D.
President

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Secretary