

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Washington Township Health Care District was held on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 via Zoom. Director Stewart called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

*CALL TO ORDER*

Roll call was taken. Directors present: Bernard Stewart, DDS; Jeannie Yee; Jacob Eapen, MD; Michael Wallace; William Nicholson, MD

*ROLL CALL*

Also present: Ed Fayen, Chris Henry, Thomas McDonagh, Tina Nunez, Larry LaBossiere, Paul Kozachenko, Cheryl Renaud, District Clerk, Shirley Ehrlich

Director Stewart 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](http://www.covid-19.acgov.org). The Board made such a finding at its meeting earlier in the month.

*OPENING REMARKS*

Director Stewart noted that Public Notice for this meeting, including connection information, was posted appropriately on our website.

There were no Oral communications.

*COMMUNICATIONS  
ORAL*

There were no Written communications.

*COMMUNICATIONS  
WRITTEN*

There are no items on the Consent Calendar for consideration.

*CONSENT CALENDAR*

Paul Kozachenko, Legal Counsel, presented this agenda item. There were no public speakers.

*ACTION ITEMS*

Director Wallace moved that the Board of Directors approve staff recommendation: End of Pandemic Emergency, Revert to Meetings Held in Board Room. Director Nicholson seconded the motion.

*CONSIDERATION OF  
END OF PANDEMIC  
EMERGENCY*

Roll call was taken:

- Bernard Stewart, DDS – aye
- William Nicholson, MD – aye
- Michael Wallace – aye
- Jeannie Yee – aye
- Jacob Eapen, MD – aye

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Motion Approved.

Ed Fayen read the Commendation for Laura Pessagno. The Board noted Ms. Pessagno's incredible length of service. There were no public speakers.

*CONSIDERATION OF  
COMMENDATION FOR  
LAURA PESSAGNO*

Director Wallace moved that the Board of Directors approve the Commendation for Laura Pessagno, Charter Member of Washington Hospital Service League. Director Yee seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken:

Bernard Stewart, DDS – aye  
William Nicholson, MD – aye  
Michael Wallace – aye  
Jeannie Yee – aye  
Jacob Eapen, MD – aye

Motion Approved.

Ed Fayen, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, gave an update on the Construction Project pertaining to the WHHS Patient Bridge connecting the Center for Joint Replacement to the Morris Hyman Critical Care Pavilion. Originally, the Morris Hyman Critical Care Pavilion was built with panels designed for removal to accommodate alterations at a later date, for the purpose of building a Patient Bridge. Photographs were shown to include a perspective of what the bridge would look like over the existing loading dock, the demolition of the former employee entrance and relocation of the pipes that carry the fire water to the Pavilion. He noted that there will be a total of 14 piers to support the columns under the bridge. This project started in October 2022 and is on schedule for completion in January of 2024.

*CONSTRUCTION  
UPDATE*

There were no announcements.

*ANNOUNCEMENTS*

In accordance with Health & Safety Code Sections 32106, 32155 and California Government Code 54956.9(d)(2), Director Stewart adjourned the meeting to closed session at 6:25 p.m., as the discussion pertained to a Report of Medical Staff and Health & Safety Code section 32155 (Medical Staff Credentials Committee Report), Conference involving Trade Secrets pursuant to Health & Safety Code section 32106 (Strategic Planning discussion and Strategic Contracting discussion), Director Stewart stated that the public has a right to know what, if any, reportable action takes place during closed session. Since we have no way of knowing when the closed session will end, the public was informed they could contact the District Clerk for the Board's report beginning February 23, 2023. He indicated that the minutes of this meeting will reflect any reportable actions.

*ADJOURN TO CLOSED  
SESSION*

Director Stewart reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:20 pm. The District Clerk reported that during the closed session, the Board approved Closed Session

*RECONVENE TO OPEN  
SESSION & REPORT ON  
CLOSED SESSION*

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Minutes of January 11 and 25, 2023 and the Medical Staff Credentials Committee Report.

There being no further business, Director Stewart adjourned the meeting at 7:25pm. *ADJOURNMENT*

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*Bernard Stewart*

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President

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*Jeannie Yee*

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Secretary