

Minutes
UToledo Health Board Meeting
January 24, 2024
Wolfe Board Room/Webex
2:00 p.m.

The fourth meeting of The University of Toledo Health Board was held on Wednesday, January 24, 2024 at the Center for Alumni and Donor Engagement Wolfe Board Room and virtually, via Webex. Chair Gregory C. Postel called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. Secretary to the Board, Ms. Katie DeBenedictis, recorded the minutes.

The following Board members were in attendance:

Eleanore Awadalla
Chris Cooper
Pam Heaton
Zac Isaac
Patrick Kenney
Stephanie Pannell
Greg Postel
Matt Schroeder

The following Board members were not in attendance:

Brent Bishop
Danae Hamouda

A quorum of the Board was constituted.

The following individuals were also in attendance:

Melissa Coduti, Vice President for Operations, UTP
Meghan Cunningham, Vice President for Marketing and Communications
Dave Cutri, Executive Director of Internal Audit and Chief Compliance Officer
Katie DeBenedictis, Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Michael Ellis, UTMCMO
Nicki Gorny, Media Relations Specialist
Troy Holmes, CFO, UTMCM
John Huber, Chief Administrative and Financial Officer, UTP
Doug Huffner, AVP of Risk Management
Charles Jake, VP for Legal Affairs and General Counsel
Kurt Kless, Chief Nursing Officer, UTMCM
Will Lucas, Chair, UToledo Board of Trustees
Erin Marciniak, Special Agent, FBI
Diane Miller, Chief of Staff and VP for Government Relations,
Rebecca Ramirez, Chief Physician Executive
Danelle Rondinelli, Executive Assistant to UTMCM CEO
Connie Schall, Vice President for Research
Stephanie Schoviak, Associate General Counsel
Puneet Sindhvani, Chief of Staff, Medical Executive Committee

**CALL TO
ORDER**

ATTENDANCE

Jen Sorgenfrei, Executive Director of Marketing and Communications
Christine Stesney-Ridenour, Chief Operating Officer, UTMC
Rick Swaine, CEO of UTMC
Thomas Wakefield, National Trustee of UToledo Board of Trustees
Mindy Ward, Controller, UTP

Dr. Postel asked Mr. Rick Swaine to provide a report on UTMC. Mr. Swaine mentioned many initiatives underway at UTMC including a new cath lab, a new aquablation procedure, an update on the Mobile Health Unit, and the intent to bring a Starbucks to the hospital. He also updated the board on the Chief Medical Information Officer search currently underway. He provided photographs of recent updates to areas of the hospital.

Dr. Ramirez provided an update on UTP. Her comments included recognition of the UTMC cardiovascular team for acknowledgement in the 2024 US News and World Report Best Hospitals publication. She also highlighted the trauma center seeing 20% more patients in 2023 than in 2022 and the high number of kidney transplants completed. Additionally, she mentioned work being done by the contracts team and on improvements to the billing and coding guidelines.

Dr. Postel gave his chair report for the meeting. His remarks included continued work on scheduling committee meetings. The executive and nominating committee will be meeting soon for the first time. The privileging/credentialing and safety/quality committee continues to meet monthly to approve the chief of staff report. The finance and audit committee met last week. The topics of that meeting included a financial update, UToledo health action plan and a discussion on the medical staff office.

Following the chair report, Dr. Postel requested a motion to enter executive session to discuss privileged information related to the evaluation of medical staff personnel appointments, quality reporting and peer review and to discuss trade secrets under the Ohio uniform trade secret act. Dr. Awadalla made a motion and Mr. Kenney seconded it. A roll call vote was taken: Postel, yes; Awadalla, yes; Cooper, yes; Heaton, yes; Isaac, yes; Kenney, yes; Pannell, yes; and, Schroeder, yes. Following the discussion, the board exited executive session with no action taken.

Dr. Postel requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the November and January UToledo Health board meetings and approve them as written. Dr. Awadalla made a motion, it was seconded by Mr. Isaac and approved by the board.

Dr. Postel requested a motion to approve Resolution No. 24-01-01: Approving Termination of UTP Radiology Contract with UToledo. A motion was made by Dr. Awadalla, seconded by Dr. Heaton and approved by the board.

Dr. Postel requested a motion to approve the request to hire in-house counsel as presented by Mr. Huber for UTP. With approval, this request will be forwarded to the UToledo Board of Trustees consent agenda for consideration. Dr. Cooper made a motion, it was seconded by Mr. Kenney and approved by the board.

UTMC UPDATE

UTP UPDATE

CHAIR REPORT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MEETING MINUTES

RESOLUTION NO. 24-01-01

IN-HOUSE COUNSEL

Dr. Postel presented a candidate for consideration as a public member of the UToledo Health Board. He read a bio for Dr. Damian “Pat” Alagia:

Dr. Alagia is the Chief Clinical Officer for Health Systems as well as the Senior Medical Director for Advanced Diagnostics and Women’s Health for Quest Diagnostics. Prior to coming to Quest Diagnostics, he served in progressively larger senior management positions in large non- profit health systems, in venture capital backed portfolio companies, and in academic medical centers. He is an experienced innovative and entrepreneurial health care executive as well as an accomplished clinician, surgeon, and educator. In his current position at Quest Diagnostics, he oversees a team of physicians and scientists who provide medical, scientific, and academic support for tests and services generating over \$9 Billion in revenues.

Dr. Alagia is a board-certified obstetrician and gynecologist who is both a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology. He is a graduate of Georgetown University College and Medical School and holds Master’s degrees in business and finance from The Johns Hopkins University. His volunteer activities include working closely with physician executives to help them to better understand the mind shift needed to contribute to and collaborate with commercial and academic enterprises.

Dr. Postel requested a motion to approve Dr. Alagia as a UToledo Health Board member and forward this recommendation to the next trusteeship and governance committee meeting of the UToledo Board of Trustees. Ms. Awadalla made a motion, it was seconded by Mr. Isaac, and approved by the board.

Following the action items, Dr. Ramirez made an announcement that she was resigning from her position as Chief Physician Executive, effective January 31. She cited personal reasons for her departure and thanked the UToledo Health Board for their service to the UToledo Health Enterprise.

Dr. Heaton asked the UToledo Health Board to consider options for candidates for the Dean of the College Nursing position which is underway. She encouraged the board to reach out to her with any nominations.

With no additional business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

UTH BOARD MEMBER NOMINATION

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT