Minutes
UToledo Health Board Meeting
May 7, 2025
Wolfe Board Room/Webex

CALL TO ORDER

The ninth meeting of The University of Toledo Health Board was held on Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at the Center for Alumni and Donor Engagement Wolfe Board Room and virtually, via Webex. Chair Stephen Ciucci called the meeting to order at 9:56 a.m. Secretary to the Board, Ms. Katie DeBenedictis, recorded the minutes.

ATTENDANCE

The following Board members were in attendance:
Steve Ciucci, Chair
Imran Ali
Eleanore Awadalla
Neema Bell
Chuck Callahan
Cleves Delp
Danae Hamouda
Pamela Heaton
Jeannie Hylant
Zac Isaac (virtual)
Lee Johnson
Jodi Miehls
Matthew Schroeder

The following Board members were absent:
Gerald Zelenock
Stephanie Pannell

A quorum of the Board was constituted.

The following individuals were also in attendance:
Meghan Cunningham, Vice President for Marketing and Communications
Dan Barbee, UTMC CEO
Nate Boley, Student Trustee
Katie DeBenedictis, Chief of Staff and Secretary to the Board of Trustees
Michael Ellis, Chief Medical Officer
Troy Holmes, UTMC CFO
John Huber, Chief Administrative and Financial Officer, UTP
Charles Jake, VP for Legal Affairs and General Counsel
Kurt Kless, Chief Nursing Officer
Tyrel Linkhorn, Media Relations Specialist
Terence Romer, Chief of Strategy and Business Insights
Ryan Sadeghian, Chief Medical Information Officer
Stephanie Schoviak, UTP
Jason Schroeder, Interim Chief Physician Executive, UTP

Heather Smith, UTP
Russ Smith, Chief Operating Officer, UTMC
Chris Stesney, UTMC
Traci McDaniel, Office of the President
Jolie Havens
Tom Wakefield, National Trustee

MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Ciucci requested a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the February, March and April UToledo Health board and committee meetings and approve them as written. Mr. Delp made a motion, it was seconded by Mr. Isaac and approved by the board.

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Ciucci requested a motion to approve the consent agenda for today's meeting. Ms. Hylant made a motion, it was seconded by Dr. Awadalla and approved by the board.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Ciucci stated there was an item of other business to discuss. Resolution No. 25-05-01: Ratifying terms of UToledo Health Board Members was presented. The resolution ratifies a second three-year term for Dr. Jay Zelenock and Ms. Jeannie Hylant. Mr. Ciucci requested a motion to approve Resolution No. 25-05-01. Ms. Miehls made a motion, it was seconded by Mr. Delp and approved by the board.

UTOLEDO HEALTH UPDATE

Dr. Callahan provided an update on UToledo Health. The report included trends with 340B, impact on trauma level designations, information on our kidney and pancreas transplant programs, and personnel updates. Additionally, Dr. Ryan Sadeghian provided information on clinical informatics and how UToledo Health utilizes AI.

CHAIR REPORT

Mr. Ciucci welcomed back Dan Barbee and wished Chris Stesney well in her retirement. He thanked Dr. Callahan and his team for preparing the documents for today's meeting. He specifically mentioned the good work of the transplant teams for their service. He encouraged everyone to continue to invest and grow during these challenging times and to be nimble.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

ADJOURNMENT

With no additional business to discuss, the UToledo Health Board meeting was adjourned at 12:04 p.m.