



Nassau University Medical Center  
A. Holly Patterson Extended Care Facility  
Family Health Centers\*

## **NHCC BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

June 10, 2021 at 6 p.m.

Via Zoom

### **MINUTES**

#### Board Members in Attendance:

- Edward Farbenblum, Chairman of the NHCC Board
- Linda Reed, Board Member
- John Sardelis, Dr.PH, Board Member
- Jan Figueira, Board Member
- Martin Glennon, Esq., Board Member
- Eva Pearson, Board Member
- Waylyn Hobbs, Jr., Board Member
- Warren Zysman, Board Member
- Dr. Bobby Kalotee, Board Member
- Steve Cohn, Esq., Board Member
- Ajit K. Abraham, Board Member
- Frank J. Saracino, Board Member
- Russell Caprioli, Board Member

#### Board Members Not in Attendance:

- Victor Gallo, Board Member
- Giuseppe Caruso, Board Member
- Soraya Campbell, Esq., Board Member

#### NUMC Attendance:

- Dr. Anthony Boutin, EVP/CEO/CMO
- John Donnelly, EVP/COO
- Megan Ryan, EVP/CLO/General Counsel
- Richard Rank, Director of Finance

## **I. Call to Order**

Chairman Farbenblum called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m.

## **II. Roll Call**

Ms. Ryan advised that there was a quorum to proceed.

## **III. Public Comment**

- Nina Gavan (welcomed new Chairman; meeting with him to discuss what is going on at the hospital)
- Robert Harris (welcomed Chairman Farbenblum and assured him of his support)
- Paul Occhiogrosso (welcomed new Chairman; day to day operations need to be looked at; Dr. Boutin needs a team behind him)

Dr. Kalotee joined the others in welcoming Chairman Farbenblum.

## **IV. Chairman's Remarks**

Chairman Farbenblum talked about implementing a systematic strategic plan, employing a turnaround specialist, and working with Dr. Boutin to develop a plan to sustainably improve the hospital's performance.

Chairman Farbenblum welcomed new Board member, Ajit K. Abraham and asked him to give a little information about himself.

Mr. Abraham proceeded to do so.

### **1. Approval of Full Board Meeting Minutes (4/8/2021)**

Chairman Farbenblum asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2021 Board meeting.

**Action:** Dr. Kalotee made a motion and Ms. Figueira seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**V. Report by Chief Executive Officer**

Dr. Boutin presented his report including:

- CMS visit concluded
- Trauma ACS Survey which went well
- pending Joint Commission survey
- new initiatives and direction under new Chairman of the Board
- congratulated deputy CMOs who have been helping him in the last few weeks – Dr. Ting, Dr. Riggs and Dr. Pipia
- announced the interim Emergency Department Chair, Dr. Berrios
- update on the hospital's current metrics
- Covid numbers
- vaccine update
- renovation of the 18<sup>th</sup> floor
- follow-up of the Sentinel event
- plan of action and plan of correction accepted by CMS
- mock survey to get ready for the Joint Commission
- hospital-wide audits of high-risk areas for the Joint Commission
- Trauma American College survey which the hospital passed with flying colors
- meeting with East Meadow community council re cath lab and continuing to have regular meetings with them
- community outreach

**VI. Report by Chief Legal Officer**

Ms. Ryan presented her report including:

- no-fault collection of \$118,000 this year and currently trying to collect an additional \$72,000 by the August Board meeting
- working closely with the Director of Purchasing, Jonathan Goldstein, regarding RFPs and purchasing protocols
- reviewed all purchasing policies and noted that they are all up-to-date
- held an RFP meeting with department heads to review the RFP process while stressing the importance of continuing to RFP all the vendors to keep with competitive pricing and procurement rules
- being a panelist of the New York Law Journals Conference in May on the subject of contracting and procurement
- held JCOPE compliance training and more scheduled for the summer and the rest of the year
- filed May JCOPE financial disclosures

- Legal had a federal Eastern District of New York case dismissed on June 1st which was handled entirely in-house
- currently working on a lease with a new vendor for the coffee shop on first floor to reopen hopefully very soon
- worked with Jonathan Goldstein and brought in food trucks for NUMC and AHP campuses to give some more options to visitors and staff
- currently reworking the lease due to Covid to open up the Nassau Federal Financial Credit Union in July

1. Approval of Legal & Audit Committee Minutes (4/8/2021)

**Action:** Dr. Kalotee made a motion, Dr. Caprioli seconded and the vote was unanimous.

2. Approval of Resolutions

Ms. Ryan asked for a motion to approve Resolutions 060-2021 through 090-2021 passed at the Legal and Audit Committee meeting earlier in the day.

**Action:** Dr. Kalotee made a motion, Mr. Cohn seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**VII. Finance Committee Report**

1. 2020 Audit

Mr. Rank presented his report. He asked the full Board to accept the 2020 Audit report as presented, which was passed by the Legal and Audit Committee at a meeting earlier in the day.

**Action:** Dr. Kalotee made a motion and Dr. Caprioli seconded. Mr. Zysman voted no. The motion carried.

Chairman Farbenblum commented that the current auditors were not a hospital auditor. He stated that with the consensus of the Board an RFP with specific focus on an auditor with hospital experience to benchmark revenues and expenditures in the hospital's systems would be done before the next year's cycle.

2. Approval of Finance Committee Minutes (4/7/2021)

**Action:** Dr. Kalotee made a motion, Mr. Zysman seconded and the vote was unanimous.

**VIII. Approval of MPAC Minutes (4/7/2021)**

**Action:** Ms. Reed made a motion, Mr. Zysman seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Dr. Kalotee requested that no Board meeting be held in July as per past tradition. It was agreed that no Board meeting would be held in July.

**IX. Executive Session to Discuss Litigation Matter**

**Action:** Dr. Kalotee made a motion, Mr. Cohn seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The Board entered into executive session at 6:53pm.

The Board came out of executive session at 8:03 pm.

Mr. Zysman commended the new Chairman, Edward Farbenblum, Esq. for his leadership.

**X. Motion to Adjourn**

There being no further business to discuss, Dr. Kalotee made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Caprioli seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Dated: June 14, 2021



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Edward Farbenblum, Esq., Chairman  
Board of Directors, NHCC