

Board of Directors' Meeting

April 24, 2024

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A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Washington Township Health Care District was held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 in the Board Room at 2000 Mowry Avenue, Fremont and Zoom access was provided. Director Wallace 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: Michael Wallace; William Nicholson, MD; Jeannie Yee; Bernard Stewart, DDS

*ROLL CALL*

Absent: Director Jacob Eapen, MD

Also present: Kimberly Hartz; Tina Nunez; Terri Hunter; Tom McDonagh; Larry LaBossiere; Paul Kozachenko; John Zubiena; Semone Clark

Director Wallace welcomed any members of the general public to the meeting.

*OPENING REMARKS*

Director Wallace noted that Public Notice for this meeting, including Zoom information, was posted appropriately on our website. This meeting is being conducted in the Board Room and by Zoom.

The following persons commented: Kim Lake, a nurse at the Hospital delivered a copy of the previously issued strike notice to the Board of Directors.

*COMMUNICATIONS  
ORAL*

After Oral Communications Kimberly Hartz commented that she was disappointed with getting the ten-day strike notice while the District and the nurses are involved in good faith mediations. The District now has to plan for the strike even though we may reach agreement at the mediation this Saturday. That means we cannot wait to engage a staffing company, reschedule elective surgeries, and greatly inconvenience patients.

The District will have to incur hundreds of thousands of dollars immediately which will be a total waste of money if an agreement is reached notwithstanding the strike notice and its unnecessary negative consequences. Kimberly indicated that she is committed to the District participating in the mediation on Saturday in good faith with the hope that we can reach an agreement.

Director Wallace also commented: he supported the Administration and asked that CNA consider the negative impact that a strike would have on the District's finances and its patients.

There were no Written Communications.

*COMMUNICATIONS  
WRITTEN*

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Director Wallace presented the Consent Calendar for consideration:

*CONSENT CALENDAR*

- A. Consideration of Medical Staff: Hyperbaric Medicine for Nurse Practitioner Privileges
- B. Consideration of Medical Staff: Robotic-Assisted Surgery Privileges

Director Nicholson moved that the Board of Directors approve the Consent Calendar, Items A and B. Director Yee seconded the motion.

Roll call was taken:

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

Motion Approved.

There were no Action Items.

*ACTION ITEMS*

There were no Announcements.

*ANNOUNCEMENTS*

Director Wallace adjourned the meeting to closed session at 6:11 p.m., as the discussion pertained to reports regarding Medical Audit & Quality Assurance Matters pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 32155, Conference involving Trade Secrets pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 32106 (Strategic Planning), and Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(2); One Case and Conference Involving Personnel Matters: Chief Executive Officer. Director Wallace stated that the public has a right to know what, if any, reportable action takes place during closed session. Since this meeting was being conducted in the Board Room and via Zoom, there is 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 April 25, 2024. The minutes of this meeting will reflect any reportable actions.

*ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION*

Director Wallace reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:28 p.m. The District Clerk reported that during closed session, the Board approved the closed session minutes of March 18 & 27, 2024 and the Medical Staff Credentials Committee Report by unanimous vote of all directors present.

*RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION & REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION*


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There being no further business, Director Wallace adjourned the meeting at 7:28 p.m.

*ADJOURNMENT*

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Michael Wallace  
First Vice President

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Bernard Stewart, DDS  
Secretary