

# BAY AREA HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD EDUCATION/WORK SESSION MINUTES

April 8, 2025

Bay Area Hospital Spruce Fir Conference Room/TEAMS Hybrid @ 5:30 pm

# **CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Troy Cribbins, Board Chairperson, called the Bay Area Hospital (BAH) District Board Education Session to order at 5:28 pm.

### **BOARD ATTENDANCE**

Troy Cribbins, Dr. Tom McAndrew; Patrice Parrott; Barbara Taylor; Darin O'Bryan, DDS; Renee Nelson

### ABSENT

### STAFF ATTENDANCE

Brian Moore, CEO; Jennifer Collins, CNO; Kelli Dion, CQO; Gretchen Nichols, COO; Lee Saltzgaber, MD, CMO; Mitch Watson, interim CFO (*via Teams*); Kim Winker, Marketing & Communications Director; Denise Bowers, EA

# LEGAL COUNSEL

Megan Kronsteiner, Esq. not present.

### PUBLIC ATTENDANCE

Five members of the public were in attendance in person.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Cribbins at 5:28 pm.

**Board Discussion:** Brian Moore confirmed that open board discussion would be the focus of tonight's session, while the board assessment self-assessment review would be conducted during tomorrow's work session.

**Negotiations with Quorum Health:** Brian Moore addressed the delay in reaching a definitive agreement with Quorum Health, emphasizing the importance of getting it done correctly. The negotiations are taking extra time to ensure all details are settled.

**Bank's Position Update:** Brian Moore will provide an update on the bank's position during the regular board meeting. He had a conversation with the bank on Thursday and will cover the details tonight.

**Legislative Lobbying Efforts:** Brian Moore and Chairperson Cribbins spent several days in Salem lobbying legislators for assistance, including bridge funding for hospital operations. They discussed the need for long-term adjustments to the system to address rising costs and inadequate reimbursement rates.

**Incident Command Team Response to Airplane Crash:** The board commended the hospital's incident command team for their quick and effective response to the recent airplane crash. The team managed the situation well, ensuring that regular ER operations were not disrupted.

**Housing Summit and Development:** The board discussed the housing summit and the potential development of a piece of property beyond the ravine. The project involves a partnership with Cascadia Partners and aims to create midrange housing that is affordable for the community.



**Union Updates:** The union's lobbying against funding while bargaining the contract was noted as an interesting dynamic. The bargaining is going well aside from the economic package. The union has been lobbying against the \$10 million funding, citing objections to the partnership with Quorum Health. The board discussed the importance of using the funding for day-to-day operations to prevent cuts and maintain services.

Upcoming Events: The board requested a list of upcoming events to ensure they can make informed decisions.

#### **Action Items:**

- Brian Moore to provide an update on the bank's position during the regular board meeting.
- Follow-up on the legislative lobbying efforts for bridge funding and long-term adjustments.
- Continue discussions with the union regarding the funding and partnership with Quorum Health.
- Prepare a document highlighting the hospital's response to the airplane crash for legislative support.
- Monitor the progress of the housing development project and prepare for the presentation in June or early July.
- Compile a list of upcoming events for board members.

#### ADJOURNMENT

As the District Board Education Session meeting was at time, it was adjourned at 5:59 pm.

Troy Øribbins, Board Chairperson

Date:

Patrice Parrott, Secretary