



The (**OPEN**) meeting of the **Board of Governors** of the Ross Memorial Hospital was held on **Thursday, April 1, 2021**, via videoconference.

**Present:** Ms. W. Percival (Chair), Mr. R. Ashmore, Dr. B. Chawla, Ms. P. Clarke, Dr. M. El-Beheiry, Mr. L. Hope, Ms. K. Isfan, Ms. B. Kennedy, Mr. D. Kimmerly, Mr. P. McPherson, Mr. B. Nielson, Ms. C. Norris, Ms. A. Overhoff, Ms. N. Rooney, Ms. M. Saunders

**Regrets:** Ms. A. Botond, Mr. J. Griepsma, Dr. A. Knox, Ms. K. Ward

**By Invitation:** Ms. E. Elley, Ms. V. Nelson, Mr. P. Truscott

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. W. Percival, Chair, called the (Open) meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**1.1 Quorum** – A quorum was confirmed.

**1.2 Approval of Agenda** – The agenda was reviewed. Thereafter, there was a **MOTION: That the agenda be approved as presented.**

Ms. P. Clarke/Mr. L. Hope, **CARRIED**

**1.3 Declarations of Conflict of Interest** – None declared.

**1.4 Acknowledgement of the Hospital's Vision/Mission/Values** – The Hospital's Vision, Mission and Values were acknowledged.

**1.5 Patient Story** – Positive messages from the community regarding the Hospital's COVID-19 vaccination clinic at the Lindsay Exhibition grounds were shared.

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

Items identified as part of the consent agenda were pre-circulated and the related motions were presented as follows:

**1. MOTION: That the minutes of the (Open) Board of Governors meeting of March 4, 2021 be approved as circulated.**

**2. MOTION: That the Board of Governors receives the draft minutes of the Quality/Governance & Planning Committee meeting of March 16, 2021.**

**3. MOTION: That the Board of Governors approves the Diversity Policy, as recommended by the Quality/Governance & Planning Committee.**

**4. MOTION: That the Board of Governors receives the draft minutes of the Resources & Audit Committee meeting of March 18, 2021.**

**5. MOTION: That the Board of Governors receives the March 2021 report from the RMH Foundation CEO.**

Thereafter, there was a

**MOTION: That the Board of Governors approves motions 1 through 5 on the (Open) Consent Agenda for April 1, 2021 as presented.**

Ms. B. Kennedy/Ms. C. Norris, **CARRIED**

3. **BOARD BUSINESS – QUALITY/GOVERNANCE & PLANNING COMMITTEE**

None identified.

4. **BOARD BUSINESS – RESOURCES & AUDIT COMMITTEE**

None identified.

5. **REPORTS**

**5.1 Report of the Chief of Staff** – The Report of the Chief of Staff dated April 1, 2021 was pre-circulated. Chief of Staff, Dr. B. Chawla provided a high level review of items referenced in the report.

Following an opportunity for discussion and questions, there was a

**MOTION: *That the Board of Governors receives the Report of the Chief of Staff for April 1, 2021.***

Ms. B. Kennedy/Mr. R. Ashmore, **CARRIED**

**5.2 Report of the President & CEO** – The Report of the President & CEO dated April 1, 2021 was pre-circulated. President & CEO, Ms. K. Isfan provided a high level review of items referenced in the report. Of note, Ontario Health has extended the current Hospital Service Accountability Agreement (HSAA) and the Multi-Sector Service Accountability Agreement (MSAA) for the 2021-22 fiscal year. On March 17, 2021 The Minister of Health issued transfer orders stating that specific functions of the Central East LHIN will be transferred to Ontario Health on April 1, 2021.

Ms. Isfan and Chief Financial Officer, Mr. P. Truscott then reviewed the 2021/22 Operating Budget Update. A draft budget reflecting a net surplus of \$486,376 was presented. Of note, the budget:

- Assumes continuation of current funding.
- Does not include an increase to MOH Global Funding.
- Does not include recognition for revenue loss due to COVID-19. Revenues for 2021/22 were adjusted down to reflect similar performance in 2020/21.
- Assumes that funding will continue for the additional 12 bed unit and one critical care bed/MET team, despite the Ministry's commitment for Q1 only at this time.
- Assumes that the Ministry will continue COVID-19 expense support.

Following an opportunity for discussion and questions, there was a

**MOTION: *That the Board of Governors receives the Report of the President & CEO for April 1, 2021.***

Ms. P. Clarke/Ms. B. Kennedy, **CARRIED**

Followed by a

**MOTION: *That the Board of Governors approves the 2021/22 operating budget as presented.***

Mr. D. Kimmerly/Ms. N. Rooney, **CARRIED**

**6. OTHER BUSINESS**

**6.1 COVID-19 Update** – Vice President Clinical and Chief Nursing Executive, Ms. A. Overhoff provided an update regarding the Hospital’s current and ongoing response and planning related to COVID-19. The Hospital may have to cease non-urgent surgical procedures and ramp up its ICU capacity in the near future to address the current strain on critical care capacity in Ontario hospitals, particularly in the greater Toronto area.

**6.2 2020/21 Board Work Plan** – Copies of the 2020/21 Board Work Plan were previously circulated. President & CEO, Ms. K. Isfan noted the work plan status as of the end of March 2021.

**6.3 Next Meeting Date** – June 3, 2021.

**7. MOTION TO ADJOURN THE OPEN MEETING & MOVE INTO THE CLOSED MEETING**

On a motion by Ms. C. Norris, the Open meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm and the Board moved into its Closed meeting.

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Chair

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Secretary

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