

**WRHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
PUBLIC MINUTES  
Sept 19, 2023**

**DATE:** Tuesday, Sept 19, 2023  
**TIME:** 9:00 am – 10:15 am  
**PLACE:** 650 Main St – 4<sup>th</sup> Floor Boardroom

**PRESENT: Board Members**  
Netha Dyck, Chair  
Carole Urias  
Jeff Neufeld  
Scott Mundle  
Patti Ramage  
Brenda McInnes  
Adekunle Ajisebutu (arrived 9:15 am)

**GUESTS:** Charlyene Cosens, Dorota Haskins (Finance); Andrew Stammers (Planning & Performance)

**REGRETS:** Dr. Glen Drobot, Kerstin Jordan, Vanessa Everett, Julie Bubnick, Frank Koch-Schulte

**PRESENT: Management Members**  
Mike Nader Tara-Lee Procter  
Dan Skwarchuk  
Sebastien Tessier  
Jane MacKay  
Dr. Joss Reimer  
Mary Anne Lynch  
Ingrid Botting (Corporate Secretary)  
Scott Sime  
Terri Kolody (recorder)

- 1. Call to Order**  
Netha Dyck called the meeting to order at 9:01 am.
- 2. Statement of Acknowledgement of Indigenous Ancestral and Territorial Lands**  
Netha Dyck read Statement of Acknowledgment of Indigenous Ancestral and Territorial Lands.
- 3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**  
No conflict of interests were declared for the Public portion of the meeting.
- 4. Approval of the Agenda**  
The Public Agenda was accepted as circulated.
- 5. Board Chair's Remarks**  
The Chair welcomed the Board to the first full meeting after the summer break, and thanked the Board members for all the Committee work in the recent weeks. The Board was reminded that this meeting has been extended to include an educational session on the role and responsibility of public sector Boards.
- 6. Report from the CEO**
  - 6.1. There was lengthy discussion about Emergency Wait Times and the spikes in volumes associated with respiratory illness and COVID that have been occurring earlier in the season than usual. The WRHA is monitoring the situation in Australia as predictive of

the burden of respiratory illness in Canada. The Board asked Management to review the high number of initiatives underway to reduce wait times and to prioritize the most impactful in order to manage workload and improve performance. The CEO also reminded the Board that the CIHI wait times reports are available on-line and provide benchmarking across the country.

6.2. **Dashboard**

The Provincial Dashboard was included in the package to assist the Board in oversight and monitoring of key priorities.

6.3. **Corporate Statement of Commitment – Occupational Health and Safety – for approval**

This Statement was reviewed and discussed at Resources Committee and Board approval was recommended.

*RESOLVED that the WRHA Board approves the Statement of Commitment to a Safe and Health Workplace*

*Carried by all*

7. **Financial Reporting**

7.1. **YTD Financial Report**

The YTD Financial Report was received for information and review.

7.2. **Annual Operating Plan (AOP), 2024/25 Submission – for approval**

The Board reviewed a draft Plan at the June 27, 2023 Board meeting and there was an understanding that Management would make revisions based on dialogue with the Department over the summer months. The CFO reported that the feedback received from Manitoba Health was very positive, but outlined some areas for further discussion in the submission. The Board discussed the revised version of the AOP, and there was focused discussion on the challenges the Region is having in completing the activity template related to Mental Health. The Board was informed that discussions on this template are continuing to evolve with the Department.

In response to a question about infrastructure, the Board was informed that Shared Health Capital Planning is leading the prioritization provincially.

The CEO commended the team for the preparation of the Annual Operating Plan, noting that other Service Delivery Organizations have provided positive feedback to WRHA.

*RESOLVED that the WRHA Board approves the Annual Operating Plan, 2024/25 subject to Ministerial Approval*

7.3. **Annual Report, 2022/23 – for approval**

Audit Committee reviewed the Annual Report by email and provided comments and feedback to Management which was integrated into the final version. Management was commended on an excellent job in preparing the Report. Feedback has been incorporated into the Final Document. There was brief discussion about the deficit showing and the Board noted that there would be further discussion of this position at the Audit Committee meeting in October.

*RESOLVED that the WRHA Board approves the Annual Report, 2022/23 subject to Ministerial Approval*

*Carried by all*

**8. Board Committees**

**8.1. Audit Committee**

The Committee met on June 23, 2023, and held a special meeting on June 29, 2023 to review and recommend Board approval of the final Audited Financial Statements.

**8.1.1. Approval of External Auditor, 2023/24**

It was reported by the Committee Chair that the Audit Committee reviewed the extension of the contract for the external Auditor at the June 29, 2023 special meeting and recommended Board approval. The Board was informed that this is the last extension in the contract for Deloitte, therefore the WRHA will be going out to market for 2024/25 external auditor.

*RESOLVED that the WRHA Board continue with the approved contract with Deloitte and appoints Deloitte as the external auditors for the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024.*

*Carried by all*

**8.2. Resources Committee**

It was reported that the Committee met on August 17, 2023, and it was noted that the Committee reviewed Long Term Care developments, the Health Human Resources Report, and the Communications Plan.

**9. Public Minutes June 27, 2023**

*RESOLVED that the WRHA Board approves the Public Minutes, June 27, 2023*

*Carried by all*

**10. List of Public Resolutions**

**11. Adjournment**

The Public portion of the Agenda was adjourned at 10:20 am

**12. In-Camera Session**

**13. Date of Next Meeting, October 24, 2023**