

WRHA BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING PUBLIC MINUTES

DATE: Tuesday, November 28, 2023
TIME: 9:00 am – 10:15 am
PLACE: 650 Main St – 4th Floor Boardroom

PRESENT: **Board Members**
Netha Dyck, Chair
Carole Urias
Jeff Neufeld
Vanessa Everett
Glen Drobot

Patti Ramage
Brenda McInnes
Adekunle Ajisebutu
Scott Mundle
Mark Stewart

GUESTS:

REGRETS: Frank Koch-Schulte
Scott Sime

Julie Bubnick
Dr. Joss Reimer

PRESENT: **Management Members**
Mike Nader
Dan Skwarchuk
Sebastien Tessier
Jane MacKay
Terri Kolody (recorder)

Tara-Lee Procter
Mary Anne Lynch
Ingrid Botting (Corporate Secretary)
Kerstin Jordan

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 interest was 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 thanked the Executive Team for their tireless work to address the access issues at the Grace Hospital and other sites in the past weeks. The Chair also informed the Board that she attended the WRHA Long Service Awards on November 8th on behalf of the Board, and she attended the Rady Faculty of Health Sciences College of Medicine's 140th Anniversary.
6. **CEO**
 - 6.1. **CEO Report**
The CEO thanked the Executive team and the Senior Leadership of the sites for all the hard work during the period of transition of government. The CEO informed the Board that there has been an increase in RSV and COVID since mid-October, which has been impacting the Waiting to be Seen times in Emergency. The Board asked questions about the rates of immunization for flu and COVID to which the CEO responded that the provincial public health team will be providing public information and encouragement for uptake. The Board was also informed that the Continuing and Community Care team

has been working on options to improve access to care for homeless individuals, and other initiatives to address the access challenges.

6.2. **Dashboard**

The WRHA provincial dashboard was included in the package to assist the Board in oversight and monitoring.

7. **Financial Reporting**

7.1. **YTD Financial Report**

The CFO presented the financial report, and outlined the drivers of the deficit, including overtime, medical remuneration, and wage settlements.

7.2. **Summary Budget, 2024/25 Submission**

Dan Skwarchuk provided an overview of the Summary Budget 2024/25 submission, which had been reviewed by Resources Committee at the November meeting. The Board was informed that the Resources Committee recommended that the resolution include a caveat that the Budget is being approved within the 2% funding parameters, issued in the summer of 2023, to ensure that there is understanding that there will be impact of subsequent events on the Budget in the coming months.

RESOLVED that the WRHA Board approves the Summary Budget for 2024/2025, subject to Ministerial approval. This approval is based on the planning parameters prescribed by Manitoba and subject to the planning assumptions used by the WRHA in building up the budget for the 2024/2025 fiscal year, including those with respect to unfunded programs.

Carried by all

8. Board Committees

8.1. **Audit Committee (Brenda McInnes)**

Brenda McInnes informed the Board that the Audit Committee met on October 19, 2023.

8.1.1. **Approval of External Audit Committee Member Term Extension**

The Board was requested to pass a motion to extend the term of an external Committee member by one year. The important role of the external Audit Committee members was highlighted for the Board.

RESOLVED that the WRHA Board approves the extension of Betty Holsten Boyer's term as external Audit Committee member for a period of one year, from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

8.2. **Resources Committee (Netha Dyck)**

The Chair reported that the Resources Committee met on November 16, 2023. She noted there were several items coming forward from that meeting.

8.3. **Governance and Nominating Committee (Netha Dyck)**

Governance and Nominating Committee met on November 9, 2023. The Committee reviewed several items including the Equity, Diversity and Belonging workshop with Board and Executive, the new Accreditation Canada Governance Functioning standards, and the Board Assessment tool which will be circulated to the Board in the coming weeks.

9. **Public Minutes October 24, 2023**

RESOLVED that the WRHA Board approves the Public Minutes, October 24, 2023
Patti/Vanessa – carried by all

10. **AGM Minutes, October 24, 2023**
RESOLVED that the WRHA Board approves the Minutes from the Annual General Meeting of October 24, 2023
Carol/Brenda – carried by all.
11. **List of Public Resolutions**
12. **Adjournment**
The Public portion of the Agenda was adjourned at 9:55 am
13. **In-Camera Board meeting Session**
14. **Date of Next Meeting, December 19, 2023**