

**BEAUFORT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES
BOARD MEETING– OPEN SESSION**

MINUTES – December 13, 2023

BY ZOOM: Richardson LaBruce, Allison Coppage, Shawna Doran, Courtney Smith, Lynsey Rini

PRESENT: Vernita Dore, Doug Folzenlogen, M.D., Stephen Larson, M.D., Dan Barton, Bill Himmelsbach, Dave House (chair), Alice Howard, Jane Kokinakis, D.O., Eric Billig, M.D., Carolyn Banner, Ph.D., William Jessee, M.D., Russell Baxley, Karen Carroll, Kurt Gambla, D.O., Chris Ketchie, Ken Miller, Dee Robinson, Kim Yawn, Victoria Viventi

Absent:

Public/Open Session CALL TO ORDER: Mr. House called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. The meeting has been posted. Victoria Viventi took roll call. A quorum of the Board is confirmed.

MOTION: A motion was made by Dr. Billig for Board Members to go into Executive Session for the following purpose: Discussion of Medical Staff recruitment and contracting, strategic matters related to facility expansion and contractual arrangements with related partners. The motion was seconded by Dr. Banner and unanimously approved.

Public/Open Session MOTION: A motion was made by Mrs. Dore to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 8:54 a.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Billig and unanimously approved.

Mr. House provided the mission statement.

Karen Carroll provided a patient story.

CONSENT AGENDA – Approval of Minutes for November 20, 2023, Approval of Committee Reports, Patient Flow and Staff Reports – Dr. Billig made a motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Dore to adopt the agenda and reports as presented. Unanimous approval/no oppositions.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE: Dr. Billig indicated a new Pulmonologist and Vascular Surgeon are starting. The Joint Commission Report indicated both outpatient and inpatient tracers, with 7 inpatient tracers to track compliance with Joint Commission standards. There were a few small cleanliness findings and no findings in outpatient. Dr. Billig reported the chest pain report numbers are on target with door to balloon time under the 90-minute threshold. The quality committee reviewed the HCAPS scores, and the hospital rating is at 3 stars which is from 2022 data, the committee feels more recent data will bump up the score.

COMMITTEE CHAIR ISSUE IDENTIFICATION:

Finance Committee: Mrs. Dore noted no issues.

Governance Committee: Mr. LaBruce noted a governance committee meeting was held last night and potential board candidates were discussed in executive session. The committee is in the process of scheduling interviews in the next few weeks. Mr. LaBruce noted there are incredibly qualified candidates.

Compliance Committee: Dr. Banner noted no issues.

MEDICAL STAFF: Dr. Folzenlogen reported no issues on the credentials report.

MEDICAL STAFF – *Credentials*: The following practitioners requested Appointment:
Aversa, Jeffrey, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist;
Team Health Hospitalist; Krcmarik, John, MD, Requesting Appointment: Active; Department of
Medicine; Pulmonary Critical Care; BMH Pulmonary Specialist; Lewinstein, Charles, MD, Requesting
Appointment: Locums; Department of Surgery; Vascular Surgery; MUSC Health Vascular Surgery
Beaufort; Singla, Ramit, MD, Requesting Appointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-
Stroke; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation

Reappointment:

Almallouhi, Eyad, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Stroke;
MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Busch, Carrie, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine;
Department of Medicine; Tele-Stroke; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Davis, David, CRNA,
Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia;
Edenfield, Christopher, PA-C, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Emergency;
Emergency Medicine; Team Health Emergency; Ferguson, Felicia, APRN, Requesting Reappointment:
APP; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; Team Health Hospitalist; Fox, Matthew MD, Requesting
Reappointment: Consulting; Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiologist; vRad; Garcia Lopez de
Victoria, Elizabeth, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine;
Intraoperative Neuromonitoring; Remote Neuromonitoring Physicians; Gearhart, Eric PA-C, Requesting
Reappointment: APP; Department of Ambulatory Primary Care; Internal Medicine;
Beaufort Memorial Lady's Island Internal Medicine; Jump, Candi, DO, Requesting Reappointment:
Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Stroke; MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Kasi, Nagraj, MD,
Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-Stroke;
MUSC Telemedicine Affiliation; Kennedy, Keiron, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Consulting;
Department of Radiology; Virtual Radiologist; vRad; Malhan, Sameena, MD, Requesting Reappointment:
Active; Department of Medicine; Rehabilitation; BMH Rehabilitation Unit; Marflak, Carmen, CRNA,
Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Anesthesia; Anesthesiology; Low Country Anesthesia;
Shields, Shannon, FNP-C, Requesting Reappointment: APP; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; Team
Health Hospitalist; Tobin, Wayne, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of
Medicine; Intraoperative Neuromonitoring; Remote Neuromonitoring Physicians; Usifo, Katrin, MD,
Requesting Reappointment: Active; Department of Medicine; Hospitalist; Team Health Hospitalist;
Williamson, Katelin, MD, Requesting Reappointment: Telemedicine; Department of Medicine; Tele-
Psych; DMH Telemedicine Peds Psych

Requesting Status Change: Fletcher, Lauren, NP, Appointment: APP; Department of Emergency;
Emergency Medicine; Team Health Emergency.

Resignations: Brodersen, Isabel, PA-C, Resignation, Department of Ambulatory Care; Carrese, Ian, PA-C, Reflex Resignation.

After review and the recommendation by MEC and then QIC, Dr. Billig made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Jessee to accept the Credentials Committee recommendations as presented. Unanimous approval.

CMO Report: Dr. Gambla noted the GME feasibility study continues to be under consideration and evaluating partnerships. Medical staff is developing a credentialed surgical first assist. Criteria is being developed. This position will not be appointed to medical staff but obtain practice prerogatives. The new medical staff officers have transitioned into their new roles. The Pharmacy team continues to evaluate the use of antibiotics to treat and prevent blood clots and heart failure. MAT team continues to discuss a collaborative project with the County. Palliative Care is reviewing proposals partnership. Dr. Gambla shared there was an exciting breakthrough for Sickle Cell treatment in the UK and now needs to find out how to make it accessible and affordable. Infection Prevention is implementing a new C-Diff testing plan that will go live in January.

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: Ms. Robinson shared a leads report with the board for Oncology and Orthopedics. More community seminars are being held, specifically in the Okatie area, regarding joint pain. Marketing continues to run the \$99 mammogram voucher through MDSave in May and October.

BMH FOUNDATION: Mr. Barton indicated the 2024 foundation goal is \$2.5M and the first few months are on track with a \$107,574 grant awarded and \$40,000 raised on Giving Tuesday. Grants will continue to be a priority for the foundation team. The annual giving campaign is underway. A reminder the Valentine Ball will be held in February.

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA TO RAISE THE ISSUE OF THE APPOINTMENT OF THE POSITION OF OFFICERS OF THE BEAUFORT MEMORIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES. Mr. LaBruce made the motion, which was seconded by Mrs. Dore. Unanimous approval.

Mr. LaBruce noted Mr. House's term on the Beaufort Memorial is complete in February 2024. The Governance Committee discussed appointing a new Chairman of the Board to start January 1, 2024. Mr. LaBruce nominated Mr. William Himmelsbach to serve as Chairman of the Board effective January 1, 2024.

Mr. Himmelsbach excused himself from the meeting for board discussion and consideration. With no other nominations a motion was put forward.

MOTION TO ACCEPT THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION OF BILL HIMMELSBACH TO SERVE AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR BEAUFORT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024. Mr. House made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Kokinakis. Mr. Himmelsbach abstained. Unanimous approval.

Mr. House gave thanks for his time serving on the board. Mr. LaBruce noted there is now an opening for Vice Chair and to contact him for governance committee consideration.

MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Mr. Baxley provided an update on workforce housing, for Okatie, Bluffton and Beaufort. The PATH scorecard is available for review, the first coding cohort graduated in November. The nursing will start renovation in March and will plan to hold the first class in the fall. The crisis stabilization unit is also set to begin construction in March, the DHEC final review of the plans went well and next steps will be to finalize cost estimates with the general contractor and then go to the City for permitting. This will be a 8-to-9-month project with assistance from the State and Beaufort County. OR renovations are going well with phase 1b with construction inside the hospital starting in January. The OR entrance will be closed during this phase and patients will be redirected to the main entrance. The learning center will no longer go on the Allison Rd location, a location behind the Beaufort Medical Plaza on the BMH campus is being considered. Rehab renovations will be completed this week and ultimately the tower refresh project is complete. The 2024 Balance and Growth scorecards were provided to the Board as an informational update.

DISCUSSION OR SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION:

An article titled The History Behind America's Shortage of Black Doctors was shared with the board, brief discussion ensued.

ADJOURN – A motion was made by Dr. Jessee, and was seconded by Dr. Banner, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 9:46 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Larson, M.D.