

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

**MINUTES – January 10, 2024**

**BY ZOOM:** Vernita Dore; Stephen Larson, M.D.; Dan Barton; Bill Himmelsbach (Chair); Dave House; Alice Howard; Jane Kokinakis, D.O.; Richardson LaBruce; Carolyn Banner, Ph.D.; Russell Baxley, Karen Carroll, Chris Ketchie, Courtney Smith, Kim Yawn, Ken Miller, Lynsey Rini, Brian Hoffman, Allison Coppage;

**PRESENT:** Eric Billig, M.D.; William Jessee, M.D.; Kurt Gambla, D.O., Dee Robinson; Victoria Viventi

Absent:

**Public/Open Session CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Himmelsbach called the meeting to order at 7:30 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 Mr. LaBruce for Board Members to go into Executive Session for the following purpose: to discuss the appointment and nomination of candidate(s) for the Beaufort Memorial Hospital Board of Trustees in accordance with Section 30-4-70(a)(1) of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act. The motion was seconded by Dr. Billig and unanimously approved.

**Public/Open Session MOTION:** A motion was made by Mr. LaBruce to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 7:40 a.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Kokinakis and unanimously approved.

Mr. LaBruce made note BMH has a policy requiring the Board to submit two candidates for every single vacancy on the Board of Trustees to Beaufort County Council.

**MOTION TO RECOMMEND TO COUNTY COUCIL CONSIDERATION OF MARY CHRISTIAN AND TOMMY HARMON TO BE SEATED ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR BEAUFORT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL.** Mr. LaBruce made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Kokinakis. Unanimous approval.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT THE REAPPOINTMENT OF E. RICHARDSON LABRUCHE TO THE BEAUFORT MEMORIAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES.** Mrs. Dore made the motion, which was seconded by Dr. Jessee. Mr. LaBruce abstained from the vote. Unanimous approval.

**ADJOURN** – A motion was made by Mr. LaBruce, and was seconded by Dr. Billig, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen Larson, M.D.