

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

**MINUTES – December 4, 2024**

**BY ZOOM:** Doug Folzenlogen, MD, Bill Himmelsbach (chair), Alice Howard, Vernita Dore, Stephen Larson, MD, Tommy Harmon, Richardson LaBruce, Carolyn Banner, PhD., Eric Billig, MD, Ken Miller, Brian Hoffman, Courtney Smith, Lynsey Rini, Dee Robinson, Karen Carroll, Trudy Robertson (MVA)

**PRESENT:** Russell Baxley, Kurt Gambla, DO., Victoria Tinsley

**Absent:** Dan Barton, William Jessee, MD, Jane Kokinakis, MD

**Public/Open Session CALL TO ORDER:** Mr. Himmelsbach called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m. The meeting has been posted. Victoria Tinsley 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: Discussion of strategic matters and financing. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Dore and unanimously approved.

**Public/Open Session MOTION:** A motion was made by Mrs. Dore to re-commence into Public/Open Session at 8:14 a.m. The motion was seconded by Dr. Larson and unanimously approved.

Mr. Himmelsbach ensured the board has reviewed the resolution as discussed in executive session and there were no further questions.

**Motion:** We, the Board of Trustees (the “Board”) of Beaufort County Memorial Hospital (“BMH”), in accordance with the authority vested in this Board by BMH’s Bylaws (the “Bylaws”), hereby:

- 1. Approve the filing of the Certificate of Need application with the South Carolina Department of Public Health by South of Broad Healthcare (“SOBH”) to seek approval to add inpatient services to its medical complex to be located at the northwest corner of Buckwalter Parkway and Bluffton Parkway in Bluffton, South Carolina, resulting in a new hospital to be known as the Bluffton Community Hospital, at an estimated total project cost of \$9.3 Million.**
- 2. Approve the transfer of 28 existing acute care hospital beds from BMH to SOBH and acknowledge that this exchange is permanent.**
- 3. Authorize Russell Baxley, as CEO of BMH, who also serves as the President/CEO of SOBH, to approve, execute, and sign an agreement between**

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**BMH and SOBH approving the transfer of the 28 existing acute care hospital beds from BMH to SOBH.**

- 4. Authorize Russell Baxley, as CEO of BMH, who also serves as the President/CEO of SOBH, to approve, execute, sign and have delivered on behalf of SOBH to the South Carolina Department of Public Health the Certificate of Need application and related assurances and attachments.**

Mr. LaBruce made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Harmon, to adopt the resolution as presented. Unanimous approval.

**ADJOURN** – A motion was made by Mrs. Dore, and was seconded Dr. Larson, to adjourn the meeting. Unanimous approval. The meeting adjourned at 8:19 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernita Dore, Secretary