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Meeting Minutes

UNM Health Sciences Center Committee

February 07, 2023

UNM Health Sciences Center Committee (the “HSCC”) members present:

Rob Schwartz, Chair

Jack Fortner, Vice Chair

Randy Ko

Regent Schwartz called the meeting of the HSC Committee to order at 8:32 a.m. and confirmed that a quorum was present.

Approval of Agenda

Regent Fortner motioned to approve the agenda and Regent Ko seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0 in favor.

Approval of Minutes

Regent Fortner motioned to approve the minutes of the December 06, 2022 HSC Committee meeting. Regent Ko seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

Comments from Regents

Regent Ko asked that roll call votes be used moving forward on virtual meetings. Regent Schwartz agreed.

EVP & CEO Administrative Report

Dr. Ziedonis referenced his written report highlighting points of pride on activities at the Health Sciences System and Health System since the previous HSCC meeting and presented an update on the Strategic Planning process. Discussion included a timeline on when the working groups would be complete and next steps. He also introduced two Interim Directors in Academic Affairs – Shelly McLaughlin and Akshay Sood-- and the Interim VP for Research, Hengameh Raissy. Stevie Olson presented a Government Relations update on legislative activities. Discussion included faculty compensation, I&G, opportunity scholarship and tuition increases, and the School of Public Health.

HSC Financial Update

Mr. Joseph Wrobel presented highlights from the HSC monthly financial report through December 31, 2022 including the total bottom line for the Health Sciences, net margins for the academic enterprise, hospitals and medical group, and cash-on-hand figures. Discussion included traveling nurse compensation, losses across other health systems in New Mexico, and the arrival of FEMA funds.

UNM Health System Update

Dr. Mike Richards, CEO Kate Becker and CEO Jamie Silva-Steele presented a Hospital Finances & Operational Update. Discussion included the upcoming change to the public health order, the post-COVID trend of negative operating margins for hospitals nationally, and the health system growth through capital projects. CEO Becker and CEO Silva-Steele spoke about preparations that have been made anticipating the change in the health order and returning to licensed capacity, the continuing challenges of staffing and contract labor, and finances.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Action Items

- A. Tom Neale requested approval for the acquisition of Vacant Land for UNMH in the Southwest Mesa of Albuquerque
Regent Fortner motioned to approve the request and Regent Ko seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.
- B. Kate Becker requested approval for the Capital Project: BBRP 6th Floor Reverse Osmosis System Upgrades (NTE \$750,000.00)
Regent Fortner motioned to approve the request and Regent Ko seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.
- C. Alan Tomkinson requested approval for the UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center: Phase III - Radiation Oncology and GMP Laboratory Expansion Project
Regent Fortner motioned to approve the request and Regent Ko seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.
- D. Jamie Silva-Steele requested approval of the SRMC Meeting of the Member Annual Report
Regent Fortner motioned to approve the request and Regent Ko seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.
- E. Robb McLean requested for Approval of the UNMMG Meeting of the Member Annual Report
Regent Fortner motioned to approve the request and Regent Ko seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.
- F. Bridgette Noonan reviewed the University's Augmentation of Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment Programs.
- G. Recommendation of Items for Inclusion on the Consent Docket for Full Board of Regents
Regent Schwartz recommended that item F be included in the plenary items at the Full Board of Regents meeting, and that items A-E be placed on the Consent Docket. Regent Fortner motioned to approve the request and Regent Ko seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of 3-0-0.

Closed Session

Regent Fortner motioned to continue the meeting in Closed Session for discussion of the following:

- A. Discussion and, where appropriate, determination of matters subject to the Attorney-Client Privilege relating to pending or threatened litigation in which the public body is or may become a participant pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 10-15-1(H)(2) and Regents Policy 1.2.
- B. Discussion of strategic and long-range business plans of public hospitals pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 10-15-1H(9)

C. Discussion of bargaining strategy relative to collective bargaining negotiations pursuant to NMSA 1978, § 10-15-1H(5)

Regent Ko seconded the motion. Regents Schwartz, Ko and Fortner voted in favor of the motion. The meeting went into closed session at 12:07 p.m.

Regent Fortner departed the meeting at 1:00 pm.

Reconvene Open Session

At 2:08 p.m., Regents Schwartz and Ko voted to reconvene in Open Session and certified that only those matters described in Agenda Item XI were discussed in Executive Session and, if necessary, final action with regard to those matters will be taken in Open Session.

Adjournment

Regent Ko made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Regent Schwartz. The motion passed with a vote of 2-0-0 in favor. The meeting adjourned at 2:09 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:



Rob Schwartz, Chair, HSC Committee

9/7/2023
Date

