

HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF ALBANY-DOUGHERTY COUNTY

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 21, 2019 MEETING

(Open Session)

Attendees:

Authority Board Members: Fred Ghiglieri, Joel Callins, Dr. Kathy Hudson, Clinton Johnson, Dr. Michael Laslie, Ferrell Moultrie, Glenn Singfield, Sr., and Dr. Tania Smith

Authority Legal Counsel: Tommy Coleman

Those Present on Behalf of Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Inc.: Joe Austin, Dawn Benson, Brian Church, Felicia Lewis, Ben Roberts, Joel Wernick

Absent Authority Members: Nyota Tucker

Open Meeting and Establish a Quorum:

Chair Ghiglieri called the meeting to order at 7:30am in the Willson Board Room at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital. Chair Ghiglieri thanked all Members for their attendance and participation and he observed that a quorum was present.

Oath of Office for New and Reappointed Authority Members:

Commissioner Clinton Johnson and Glenn Singfield, Sr. were sworn in as the newest members of the Authority. Joel Callins, Ferrell Moultrie, and Dr. Kathy Hudson were also sworn in as reappointed Authority members. A copy of the signed Oaths will be kept with these Minutes.

Approval of the Agenda:

The proposed Agenda had been previously provided to the Authority Members and a motion to adopt the proposed Agenda for the meeting was made by Mr. Callins and seconded by Dr. Hudson. A copy of the Agenda as adopted is attached.

Election of Officers for 2019:

Mr. Tommy Coleman pointed out that as contemplated in the Agenda, the Authority would need to elect a new slate of officers for the current year. Dr. Laslie made a motion to elect Mr. Ghiglieri as Chair. Dr. Hudson seconded the motion, which was approved by all Authority Members in attendance. Dr. Laslie made a motion to elect Mr. Callins as Vice Chair. Dr. Hudson seconded the motion, which was approved by all Authority Members in attendance. Dr. Laslie made a motion to elect Mr. Moultrie as Secretary/Treasurer. Dr. Hudson seconded the motion, which was approved by all Authority Members in attendance.

Approval of the Minutes:

The proposed Minutes of the November 15, 2018 open session meeting of the Authority had likewise been provided to Members prior to this meeting and the same were considered for approval. Dr. Hudson made a motion and Dr. Laslie seconded the motion, to approve the Minutes as previously provided. The motion passed unanimously by vote of all Members.

Certified PPMH Audit for FYE 2018:

Brian Church, CFO of PPMH, Inc., presented the Audited Financial Statements for Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital for the year ending July 31, 2018 and the report also showed the 2017 financial statements for comparison purposes. Discussions, questions, and comments ensued. A bound copy of the PPMH Audit was offered to all Authority Members and a copy is retained with these Minutes.

Financial Reports:

Mr. Church reported on a new rule from CMS which requires hospitals to make public a list of their standard charges via the Internet in a machine-readable format, which hospitals must update at least annually. Mr. Church provided a live demonstration on Phoebe's website on how to access Phoebe's charge list as well as other pertinent information regarding Financial Assistance. Discussions, questions, and comments ensued.

Mr. Church presented and reviewed an interim financial report for the Authority's current fiscal year through January 31, 2019. A copy of the Authority's Financial Statements as presented by Mr. Church is attached.

PPMH, Inc. CEO and Operational Reports:

Joel Wernick, CEO of the Hospital and Health System, presented a GHA video which highlighted Phoebe's actions involving the transportation of a NICU patient during Hurricane Michael.

Joe Austin, COO of the Hospital and Health System, presented information regarding Trauma Center Level II Designation. He presented information on the clinical aspect and survival advantages associated with treatment at a designated trauma center. Mr. Austin noted the timeline to designation is 18-24 months. Discussion ensued. A copy of Mr. Austin's presentation is retained with these Minutes.

Mr. Wernick noted this is his last Authority meeting as CEO of the Hospital and Health System. New CEO Scott Steiner will attend the next meeting. Mr. Wernick reported that he will be involved over the next three months with Mr. Steiner's transition. Dr. Laslie thanked Mr. Wernick for his service to Phoebe and the community.

Update from Ad Hoc Committee on Training:

Mr. Callins presented an outline for training and noted the next step is to determine a date for the training session. The Authority selected Thursday, April 18, 2019 7a-11:3a in the Willson Board Room. Mr. Johnson agreed to join the Ad Hoc Committee. A copy of the training outline is retained with these Minutes.

Update from Ad Hoc Committee on Hospital Authority Benchmarking:

Chair Ghiglieri presented a chart of Hospital Authority websites he explored and noted that the majority are not Hospital Authority websites but are actually hospital websites containing a list of Authority members. He noted that contacting other Hospital Authorities has proven difficult. Mr. Coleman noted that the quality of this Authority's information on its website far exceeds other Hospital Authorities. Chair Ghiglieri will have a final report at the next Authority meeting.

Closing of the Meeting:

A motion was made by Mr. Callins, seconded by Mr. Johnson to close the meeting for the purposes of: (i) engaging in privileged consultation with legal counsel; (ii) to discuss potentially valuable commercial plans, proposals or strategies that may be of competitive advantage in the operation of Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital or its medical facilities, or (iii) to discuss confidential matters or information pertaining to peer review or provided by a peer review organization as defined in O.C.G.A. §31-7-131.

Chair Ghiglieri polled each individual Authority Member present with respect to his or her vote on the motion and the vote of each of the Members is shown below, with no Member opposing:

Fred Ghiglieri	Yes
Dr. Michael Laslie	Yes
Joel Callins	Yes
Dr. Kathy Hudson	Yes
Dr. Tania Smith	Yes
Clinton Johnson	Yes
Glenn Singfield, Sr.	Yes
Ferrell Moultrie	Yes

The motion having passed, the meeting closed.

Open Session Reconvened:

Following unanimous vote of all Members in attendance at the conclusion of the Closed Session, the meeting reopened.

2019 Meeting Schedule Approval:

Chair Ghiglieri reported the 2019 Meeting Schedule should be approved by the Members. Dr. Hudson made a motion to accept the 2019 Meeting Schedule as presented. Dr. Laslie seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously by vote of all Members.

Adjournment:

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.