

**HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF ALBANY-DOUGHERTY COUNTY**

**MINUTES OF THE JULY 27, 2022 CALLED MEETING**

**(Open Session)**

**Attendees:**

Authority Board Members: Joel Callins, Dr. Jim Hotz, Dorothy Hubbard, Dr. Chirag Jani, Clinton Johnson, Ferrell Moultrie, Glenn Singfield, Sr., Nyota Tucker, and Joel Wright

Authority Legal Counsel: Tommy Coleman

Those Present on Behalf of Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital, Inc.: Brian Church (PPHS CFO/CAO), Felicia Lewis (Board Coordinator), Scott Steiner (PPHS President & CEO)

**Absent Authority Members:** none

**Open Meeting and Establish a Quorum:**

Chair Singfield called the meeting to order at 10:00am via Zoom. Mr. Singfield thanked all Members for their attendance and participation and he observed that a quorum was present.

**HPC Appeal:**

Chair Singfield reported the purpose of today's meeting was for the Authority to take an official position regarding the Hospital's appeal of the HPC denial of the Phoebe/Albany Technical College's Living and Learning Center at the old high school on Jefferson Street as the Authority owns one parcel of property in the proposed plan. Chair Singfield opened up the meeting at this time for discussion and questions from the Members. Ms. Tucker and Mr. Callins both expressed concern that the letter of appeal was submitted by the Hospital's Legal Counsel and not the Authority's Legal Counsel. Ms. Tucker also voiced concerns as to whether Phoebe has communicated to the residents in the neighborhood and if Phoebe is considering any of the alternatives provided by the HPC. Mr. Steiner spoke on community meetings held by Phoebe and Albany Technical College as well as reasons why the alternatives were not feasible for the scope of the project. Dr. Hotz and Commissioner Johnson both spoke on how the project would help the nursing workforce as well as the inner city of Albany.

Mr. Coleman read a copy of the appeal letter to the Members and stated the Authority could vote to affirm the letter of appeal or could submit a companion letter.

The Members engaged in further discussion and questions. Chair Singfield stated that going forward all positions from the Authority will be made by vote and will come from the Authority's Legal Counsel. Chair Singfield stated the Members need to make a motion to clarify the Authority's position on the appeal. Ms. Hubbard made a motion and Mr. Callins seconded the motion, to appeal the decision of the HPC and to send a new letter to the HPC from the Authority. The motion passed by majority of votes with Ms. Tucker voting in opposition.

Mr. Coleman stated he will submit a new letter from the Authority to the HPC and will send copies to all Authority members.

**Adjournment:**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

**Minutes Approved by the HOSPITAL AUTHORITY OF ALBANY-DOUGHERTY COUNTY on August 18, 2022**