



COOK COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD MINUTES FOR JANUARY 9, 2023

Call to Order – Kay Olson called the special meeting of the Cook County Hospital District Board of Directors to order on January 9, 2024 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board Room.

Roll Call

Members Present: Steve Frykman, Kay Olson, Mary Sanders, Randy Wiitala and Patty Winchell-Dahl

Members Absent:

Others Present: Troy Batchelor, Lori Ericson, Michele Silence, Jason Yuhas, Greg Ruberg, James Hogan, Timothy Feeley

Adjourn to Closed Session:

Steve Frykman made a motion to adjourn into closed session as permitted by the attorney-client privilege, Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subdivision 3 (b), to discuss legal strategy for responding to threatened litigation against the members of the board, and proceeding with a lawsuit for damages related to defamatory statements made against the hospital; pursuant to Minn. Stat. §145.64 subd. 1(d) to discuss decisions, recommendations, deliberations or documentation of a Review Organization; and pursuant to Minn. Stat. §144.581, subd. 5, which permits closure to discuss marketing activity and contracts related to the Hospital's competitive position with other health care providers that offer similar services. The motion was seconded by Randy Wiitala and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn into closed session.

Closed Session Summary:

Attorneys Timothy Feeley and James Hogan of Hall Render Killian Heath & Lyman, P.C. attended the meeting virtually and provided legal advice to the Board regarding threatened litigation against the members of the board, and responding to defamatory statements made against the hospital. The Board's legal options and strategies were reviewed. The process and decision by Wapiti Medical Group to terminate its contractual arrangement with Dr. Bruce Dahlman was reviewed, as were false allegations relating to substandard provision and quality of services provided by the members of the hospital's ambulance service and laboratory.

Reconvene:

The North Shore Health Board reconvened in regular session at 1:24 p.m.

Adjourn:

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Patty Winchell-Dahl and seconded by Randy Wittala. The motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting will be held on January 18, 2024.

The regular meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.



Chair



Clerk