

Board of Directors Meeting (Open Session)

MINUTES OF MEETING

March 22, 2022

Virtual

	Sept 28/2021	Nov 23/2021	Feb 22/2022	Mar 22/2022			
Bunny Alexander, Chair	✓	R	✓	✓			
Ray Archer	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Bernd Christmas	✓	R	✓	✓			
Gervan Fearon	R	R	✓	✓			
Lynn Guerriero (ex-officio)	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Marti Jurmain	✓	✓	✓	R			
Maynard Luterman (ex-officio)	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Shane Malcolm	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Stephen Murdoch	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Catherine Novick	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Marylee O'Neill	R	✓	✓	✓			
Heather Paterson (ex-officio)	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Murray Paton	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Carmen Rossiter	✓	R	✓	✓			
Cathy Sutherland	R	✓	✓	✓			
Robert Tiffin	✓	R	✓	✓			
Johan Viljoen (ex-officio)	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Barry Wright	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Elisabeth Zimmermann	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Staff and Guests in Attendance:							
Harpreet Bassi	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Linda Boich	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Sonali Kohli	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Flo Paladino	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Caroline Bourque-Wiley	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Angela Zangari	✓	✓	✓	✓			

Guests:

Andrea Scott – Niagara Health Foundation

Albert Iannatuono – Niagara Health Foundation

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Bunny Alexander welcomed fellow Directors, staff and guests and called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

1.1 Land Acknowledgement

Murray Paton acknowledged the lands that the Board was gathered on.

1.2 Quorum

There was quorum and the meeting was properly constituted for the transaction of business.

1.3 Approval of the Agenda

MOTION B22-020:

It was MOVED by S. Murdoch and SECONDED by B. Christmas that the Niagara Health System Board of Directors approves the Open Session Agenda for the March 22, 2022 Meeting as presented. CARRIED.

1.4 Declaration of Conflicts

There were no conflicts declared with the subject matter contained in the agenda.

1.5 Chair's Comments

The Chair reminded Directors that the agenda was structured following the roadmap approved in February. The Chair also thanked Directors for making themselves available for the Strategic Planning retreat in April.

1.6 Patient Story

This item was deferred.

2. EDUCATION

This item was deferred.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

MOTION B22-021:

It was MOVED by R. Tiffin and SECONDED by B. Wright that the Niagara Health System Board of Directors approves the Consent Agenda for the March 22, 2022 Open Session meeting as presented, including the motions listed below:

- **That the Minutes of the February 22, 2022 Open Session Meeting of the Niagara Health System Board of Directors be approved as presented.**
- **That the Niagara Health System Board of Directors approves the ED Return Visit Quality Program for submission to Ontario Health.**
- **That, on the recommendation of the Resources and Audit Committee, the Niagara Health System Board of Directors approves the Service Accountability Agreement (SAA) extensions until March 31, 2023.**
- **That, on the recommendation of the Resources and Audit Committee, the Niagara Health System Board of Directors approves the 2021-22 LSAA Schedule E Declaration of Compliance for signature. CARRIED.**

4. REPORTS

4.1 Report of the President and CEO

Lynn Guerriero provided highlights from the March 2022 President and CEO's report as outlined below:

- COVID-19 activity is continuing to stabilize and ramp up of surgical and diagnostic services is ongoing. Restrictions have been eased with visitors being welcomed back, however masking requirement will remain in effect. The mandatory vaccination policy for staff and physicians has been resumed.
- Several new initiatives reported on previously have gone live. Key performance indicators are being established to evaluate the effectiveness of the Virtual Urgent Care program. Kudos were extended to the teams for securing funding and for their planning efforts during the pandemic.

4.2 Report of the Niagara Health Foundation

Albert Iannatuono provided an update on Foundation Board activities, including the ongoing recruitment for new Directors and upcoming Governance training for current Directors. A gala is also being planned in Brampton with the proceeds being directed to the South Niagara Site.

Andrea Scott provided an update on Foundation activities including the return of the in person Kids Ultimate Challenge in June. The Community Lottery was again successful in raising \$62,000 and will be occurring monthly beginning in April. The silent auction in place of this years' Gala is also active. Thanks were extended to those who donated prizes and continued with sponsorships in the absence of an in person event.

5. BUSINESS ARISING

There was no business arising to discuss.

6. MATTERS FOR DECISION/DISCUSSION

6.1 Report of the Resources and Audit Committee

Rob Tiffin, Resources and Audit Committee Chair, provided highlights from the Committee's March meeting as outlined in the Committee report to the Board, as follows:

6.1.1 Biochemistry Analyzers RFP

An end of life notification has been received for the existing equipment. The Foundation has indicated that funding is available for the purchase of the replacement equipment. An RFP process will be required and will include considerations with respect to interfacing with the new Health Information System.

MOTION B22-022:

It was MOVED by R. Archer and SECONDED by C. Novick that on the recommendation of the Resources and Audit Committee, the Niagara Health System Board of Directors approves the procurement of Laboratory Biochemistry Analyzers up to a total cost of \$3 million. CARRIED.

6.1.2 MRI Replacement/Upgrade

The life cycles of two of the existing MRI machines at the St. Catharines and Niagara Falls sites are coming to an end. While there are no patient safety concerns, the need to repair these machines results in downtime. As part of the RFP process for the 3rd MRI in St. Catharines, the vendor has come forward with savings opportunities for additional replacement upgrades of existing machines. The Foundation will consider funding this initiative, however if unable NH will utilize existing funds.

MOTION B22-023:

It was MOVED by C. Rossiter and SECONDED by C. Novick that on the recommendation of the Resources and Audit Committee, the Niagara Health System Board of Directors approves the award of the RFP to the successful bidder of the 3.0T MRI purchase, the replacement of the existing MRI at the St. Catharines Site, and the upgrade of the MRI at the Niagara Falls Site, for a total of \$9,547,961. CARRIED.

7. **MATTERS FOR INFORMATION**

7.1 There were no matters for information to report.

8. **MOTION TO ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

There being no further business, the Open Session adjourned at 4:45p.m.

MOTION B22-024:

It was MOVED by M. O'Neill and SECONDED by C. Sutherland that the Niagara Health System Board of Directors Open Session Meeting of March 22, 2022 be adjourned, and moved to a Closed Session. CARRIED.

Recording Secretary: D. Dube

Bunny Alexander, Chair