

**MEDICAL UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY (MUHA)
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
MAY 14, 2021**

The MUHA Board of Trustees convened May 14, 2021, with the following board members present: Dr. James Lemon, Chair; Charles Schulze, Vice-Chair; Terri Barnes; Jim Battle; Bill Bingham; Dr. Melvin Brown; Dr. Fritz Butehorn; Dr. Guy Castles; Dr. Richard Christian; Dr. Paul Davis; Barbara Johnson-Williams; Dr. Murrell Smith; Michael Stavrinakis; Tom Stephenson and Dr. Bart Witherspoon. MUSC administrative officials present: Dr. David Cole; Kate Azizi; Dr. Patrick Cawley; Annette Drachman; Dr. Ray DuBois; Lisa Montgomery; Dr. Lisa Saladin; and Mark Sweatman.

REGULAR AGENDA

Item 1. Call to Order.

There being a quorum present, Chairman Lemon called the meeting to order.

Item 2. Roll Call for the MUHA and MUSC Board of Trustees.

Mark Sweatman, Secretary, called the roll and announced that, "In compliance with FOIA, notice of meetings and agendas were furnished to all news media and persons requesting notification."

Item 3. Date of Next Meeting.

The dates of the next meetings of the MUSC and MUHA Board of Trustees are June 25, 2021, in Columbia, South Carolina and August 13, 2021, in Charleston, South Carolina.

Item 4. Approval of Minutes.

Chairman Lemon called for a motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Trustees meeting that was held April 9, 2021.

Board Action: A motion to approve was made by Mr. Schulze; the motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Prior to the start of the presentations, Chairman Lemon announced there were three members from the Charleston County School District (CCSD), the Rev. Eric Mack, chairman of the CCSD Board of Trustees, Geritta Postlewait, Ed.D., superintendent of schools, and Ellen Nitz, R.N., director of Nursing Services, who have come to the Board meeting today. They presented MUSC Board of Trustees Chairman James Lemon, D.M.D., with a certificate of recognition and thanks for MUSC's meritorious and tireless efforts in the immunization of Charleston County School District teachers and staff. The CCSD leaders also presented Dr. David Cole, MUSC President, with an Excellence Award lapel pin in honor of his exemplary efforts to support the CCSD.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND INFORMATIONAL REPORTS OF THE PRESIDENT

Item 5. General Informational Report of the President.

Dr. David Cole, President, introduced Dr. Michael Sweat, Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Faculty Director, MUSC Center for Global Health and Project Leader for the MUSC COVID-19 Epidemiology Intelligence Project, who gave an update to the Board on the COVID-19 virus. Due to the importance and the amount of detailed information presented, his attached presentation will serve as the official minutes for this agenda item.

Board Action: Report received as information.

Item 6. **Other Business.**

None.

AUTHORITY OPERATIONS, QUALITY & FINANCE COMMITTEE. CHAIR: DR. MURRELL SMITH, SR.

Item 7. **MUSC Health Status Report.**

Dr. Pat Cawley, Chief Executive Officer, MUSC Health, gave a brief update focused on following: FY2021 Goals performance year-to-date across the Health System and by each of the divisions; early look at FY2022 Goals; and an update on the MUSC Health COVID-19 Vaccine Policy. Dr. Cawley commented that this policy was implemented to ensure the highest level of safety for MUSC Health's care team members, patients, and visitors.

Board Action: Report received as information.

Item 8. **MUSC Health Financial Status Report.**

Lisa Goodlett, Chief Financial Officer, MUSC Health, gave an updated to the Board on the financial performance through March 2021 for MUHA consolidated and each of the markets of Charleston, Florence, Lancaster and Marion.

Board Action: Report received as information.

Item 9. **Capital Reprioritization Request.**

Lisa Goodlett, Chief Financial Officer, MUSC Health, requested approval of the following:

- Request to purchase surgical navigation system for Florence to be used in neurological and spine cases. We are requesting approval to move forward in purchasing \$500K of equipment. These funds would be covered by delaying the capital purchases for other clinical equipment in Florence.
- Request to upgrade Gamma Knife radiosurgery system in Charleston. We are requesting approval to move forward with the \$600K upgrade. The entirety of the \$600K would be covered by our current Radiation Oncology partnership, through designated capital.

Board Action: Dr. Smith moved for approval; the motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Item 10. **Quality and Patient Safety Report.**

Dr. Danielle Scheurer, Chief Quality Officer, MUSC Health, gave a brief update to the Board on Quality wins including Leapfrog improvements; CMS star ratings improvement; and MUSC Charleston's ranking #86 in the US Newsweek rankings. Dr. Scheurer reported that this ranking is based on reputation; patient satisfaction; and star ratings. MUSC was the only hospital in South Carolina ranked in the Top 100 in the US. She also shared the quality scorecards for Charleston, Florence and Lancaster.

Board Action: Received as information.

Item 11. **Legislative Update.**

Mr. Mark Sweatman, Chief, Government Affairs, reported on legislative activities at the state and federal levels and gave an update on COVID testing and vaccinations efforts across the state.

Board Action: Received as information.

Item 12. **MUSC Physicians Update.**

No report.

Item 13. **Other Committee Business.**

None.

MUHA AND MUSC PHYSICAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE. CHAIR: MR. BILL BINGHAM

Item 14. Item removed from the agenda.

Item 15. **MUSC Facilities Procurements/Projects for Approval.**

Mr. Brad Taylor, Chief Facilities Officer, gave a brief update on the status of the Central Heat and Energy Plant and requested approval of the following:

- Lease renewal of 165 Cannon Street for an additional two years to provide 167 parking spaces for MUSC employees and students. The monthly rental amount is \$16,666.60, resulting in an annual lease amount of \$199,999.20.
- Lease renewal parking lot located at Hagood and Line Streets for an additional year to provide 140 parking spaces for MUSC employees and students. The monthly rental payment shall be \$16,940, resulting in an annual lease amount of \$203,280.
- Renovations of Clinical Sciences Building Suites 215/216 for SCTR of 1400 SF of existing office and lab space in SCTR Research Nexus Laboratory and COVID & Microbiome Biorepositories and SCTR Research Coordination & Management (RCM) office space. Renovation work includes interior renovations, electrical, plumbing, mechanical, and fire protection at a cost of \$600,000.
- West Ashley Medical Pavilion Dental Clinic budget adjustment in the amount of \$143,000 for a new total project cost of \$980,100. Increase in project costs are due to the upgrades to the life safety; and mechanical and electrical systems.

Board Action: The update on the Central Energy Plant was received as information. Mr. Bingham moved for approval; the motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Item 16. **Other Committee Business.**

None.

MUHA AND MUSC AUDIT COMMITTEE. CHAIR: MR. THOMAS L. STEPHENSON

Item 17. **Other Committee Business.**

None.

OTHER BUSINESS FOR THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Item 18. **Approval of Consent Agenda.**

Approval of the consent agenda was requested.

Board Action: Chairman Lemon called for motion to approve the consent agenda in its entirety. The motion was made by Mr. Schulze, the motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Item 19. **Executive Session.**

Mr. Jim Battle made a motion for the Board of Trustees to move into closed session to discuss the following items pursuant to sections 30-4-70(a) of the South Carolina Code:

- Negotiations of pending contracts related to the expansion of clinical services and possible sale or purchase of real property, and
- Receipt of legal advice concerning liabilities; claims, or other matters covered by the attorney/client privilege.

Board Action: The motion made by Mr. Battle was seconded and unanimously carried. Chairman Lemon announced that the Board of Trustees will move into closed session following the conclusion of the MUSC Board of Trustees Regular Agenda.

Item 20. **New Business for the Board of Trustees.**

None.

Item 21. **Report from the Chairman.**

None.

AUTHORITY OPERATIONS, QUALITY & FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Item 22. **Appointments, Reappointments and Delineation of Privileges (consent item).**

The appointments, reappointments and delineation of privileges of the Medical and Allied Health Staff were presented for approval.

Board Action: Dr. Smith moved for approval, the motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Item 23. **American College of Surgeons (ACS) Children's Surgery Verification (consent item).**

A Board of Trustees letter of support for the ACS Children's Surgery Verification was presented for approval.

Board Action: Dr. Smith moved for approval, the motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Item 24. **Special Healthcare Alternative Retirement Plan (SHARP) Resolution (consent item).**

A resolution to reflect a change in SHARP trustees was presented for approval.

Board Action: Dr. Smith moved for approval, the motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

Item 25. **Contracts and Agreements (consent item).**

Contracts and agreements signed since the last board meeting were presented for information.

Board Action: Received as information.

MUHA AND MUSC PHYSICAL FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Item 26. MUHA and MUSC FY2020 Active Projects >\$250,000 (consent item).

MUHA and MUSC active projects exceeding \$250,000 were presented for information.

Board Action: Received as information.

Item 27. MUSC Facilities Contracts Awarded (consent item).

Facilities contracts awarded were presented for information.

Board Action: Received as information.

There being no further business, the meeting of the MUHA Board of Trustees was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Mark C. Sweatman".

Mark C. Sweatman, Secretary