

SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDICAL STAFF OF EACH OF ITS HOSPITALS

July 26, 2023

The Annual Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the South Broward Hospital District (S.B.H.D.) was held in person, and by video and telephone conference, on Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., in the Perry Board Room, 3111 Stirling Road, Hollywood, Florida.

The following members were present:

Mr. Brad Friedman	Chairman	In person
Ms. Elizabeth Justen	Vice Chairman	In person
Mr. Steven Harvey	Secretary Treasurer	In person
Mr. Jose Basulto		In person
Mr. Douglas Harrison		In person
Dr. Luis Orta		In person
Ms. Laura Raybin Miller		By video

A registration sheet listing attendees in person is on file in the Executive Office.

1. CALL TO ORDER / PUBLIC MEETING CERTIFICATION

There being a physical quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Mr. Friedman, who noted that public participation is welcome.

Mr. Frank Rainer, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, confirmed and provided his certification as General Counsel that all public notice and open meeting (Sunshine) legal requirements had been complied with for this meeting.

2. PRESENTATIONS

a. Workforce Update – Nursing Recruitment; Ms. Margie Vargas, Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer, and Ms. Monica Puga, Senior Vice President and Chief Nurse Executive

Ms. Margie Vargas began the presentation by detailing encouraging statistics relating to nursing recruitment, and the low turnover of nursing staff, in comparison to recent years.

Ms. Monica Puga then spoke on the nursing workforce strategy relating to recruitment, academic partnerships with local colleges and universities, and nursing career paths.

Finally, Ms. Vargas gave details of a retention strategy/employee value proposition.

Mr. Friedman voiced his appreciation of the hard work carried out, especially during the Covid pandemic.

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. **Request Board Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on June 28, 2023**

A copy of the Minutes is on file in the Executive Office.

Mr. Basulto *moved, seconded* by Mr. Harvey, that:

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE MINUTES OF
THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON JUNE 28, 2023**

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

4. **BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS**

a. **Report from the President of the Medical Staff, Memorial Regional Hospital and Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital; Nigel Spier, M.D.**

1) ***Request Board Approval of the Executive Committee Report Regarding Recommendations for Appointments, Advancements, etc.***

Nigel Spier, M.D., presented the Executive Committee Report regarding recommendations for appointments, advancements, etc., convened on July 19, 2023, submitted for consideration, a copy of which is on file in the Executive Office.

Mr. Harvey *moved, seconded* by Dr. Orta, that:

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
THE MEDICAL STAFF AT MEMORIAL REGIONAL HOSPITAL
AND JOE DIMAGGIO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL**

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

b. **Report from the Chief of Staff, Memorial Hospital West; Fausto De La Cruz, M.D.**

1) ***Request Board Approval of the Executive Committee Report Regarding Recommendations for Appointments, Advancements, etc.***

Fausto De La Cruz, M.D., presented the Executive Committee Report regarding recommendations for appointments, advancements, etc., convened on July 10, 2023, submitted for consideration, a copy of which is on file in the Executive Office.

Mr. Harvey *moved, seconded* by Mr. Basulto, that:

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
THE MEDICAL STAFF AT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL WEST**

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

c. **Report from the Chief of Staff, Memorial Hospital Miramar; Juan Villegas, M.D.**

1) ***Request Board Approval of the Executive Committee Report Regarding Recommendations for Appointments, Advancements, etc.***

Juan Villegas, M.D., presented the Executive Committee Report regarding recommendations for appointments, advancements, etc., convened on July 13, 2023, submitted for consideration, a copy of which is on file in the Executive Office.

Dr. Orta ***moved, seconded*** by Mr. Basulto, that:

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
THE MEDICAL STAFF AT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MIRAMAR**

The Motion ***carried*** unanimously.

d. **Report from the Chief of Staff, Memorial Hospital Pembroke; Narendra Upadhyaya, M.D.**

1) ***Request Board Approval of the Executive Committee Report Regarding Recommendations for Appointments, Advancements, etc.***

Narendra Upadhyaya, M.D., presented the Executive Committee Report regarding recommendations for appointments, advancements, etc., convened on July 18, 2023, submitted for consideration, a copy of which is on file in the Executive Office.

Mr. Harvey ***moved, seconded*** by Dr. Orta, that:

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF
THE MEDICAL STAFF AT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PEMBROKE**

The Motion ***carried*** unanimously.

- 2) ***Request Board Approval of Revisions to Medical Staff Bylaws: Change in Nomenclature for Allied Health Professionals***
- 3) ***Request Board Approval of Performance Improvement Plan***
- 4) ***Request Board Approval of Utilization Review Plan***
- 5) ***Request Board Approval of Infection Control Plan***

Aharon Sareli, M.D., Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, presented the revisions to the Medical Staff Bylaws, together with the Performance Improvement Plan, Utilization Review Plan, and Infection Control Plan. It was agreed that Board approval could be requested for all these documents under one Motion.

Mr. Harvey ***moved, seconded*** by Mr. Basulto, that:

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES REVISIONS
TO THE MEDICAL STAFF BYLAWS: CHANGE IN
NOMENCLATURE FOR ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONALS,**

THE PERFORMANCE IMPROVEMENT PLAN, THE UTILIZATION REVIEW PLAN, AND THE INFECTION CONTROL PLAN

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

e. Financial Report; Mr. David Smith, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

1) *Request Board Approval of the Financial Report for the Month of June 2023*

Mr. David Smith presented the financial report for the month of June 2023.

Mr. Harvey *moved, seconded* by Dr. Orta, that:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE 2023

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

2) *Presentation of Proposed Tax Millage Rates for Fiscal Year 2024, and Selection of Dates for Public Hearings on Adoption of Tax Millage*

Mr. Smith advised that each year the Board of Commissioners of the South Broward Hospital District adopts a tax millage rate and budget. There are statutory requirements which must be strictly adhered to, commencing at this meeting with the selection of a proposed millage rate and date for a public Preliminary Tax Hearing. To assist in this process, Mr. Smith referred to his memorandum dated July 19, 2023 to Mr. Wester, which included the following items: a Tax Fund Budget Sensitivity Analysis for Fiscal Year 2024 with definitions, a Tax Fund Budget Millage Analysis, and the proposed tax budget calendar for the month of September 2023.

A review of the Tax Fund Budget Sensitivity Analysis was presented, reflecting projected tax revenue and expenditures based upon assessed values and various millage rates. The 2023 assessed valuations totaling \$83,565,440,249 were received from the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office and represented a 12.6% increase from the 2022 valuations.

Mr. Smith outlined the District's use of tax proceeds. Various millage rate options were then reviewed, with specific voting requirements outlined for each level, as mandated by property tax legislation.

Mr. Smith then reviewed the Tax Fund Budget Millage Analysis, which showed the use of tax proceeds at the prior year's rate of 0.1010 mils. The analysis reflected the amount of millage required for each element of the total tax fund budget, and, if selected, would still be the lowest in the District's history.

Mr. Smith advised that one of the actions required this evening was to select a rate to be reported in the Truth in Millage (TRIM) notice. He reminded the Board that while the rate set this evening would not be the final rate, selecting a rate higher than that established this evening would be extremely difficult to accomplish, due to notice requirements.

Mr. Smith also noted that the September budget calendar reflected Wednesday, September 13, 2023, as the proposed date of the Preliminary Tax Hearing and Wednesday, September 27, 2023, as the proposed date of the Final Tax Hearing, so as not to conflict with the School Board and Broward County Board of Commissioners meeting calendars; the District's tax hearings cannot coincide with them. Notice to property owners of the District's proposed millage rate and the date, time and place of the preliminary hearing would take place via the TRIM notices sent to all property owners by the Broward County Property Appraiser's Office.

Mr. Smith advised the Board that two Motions were required from the Board this evening. First, to select the proposed tax millage rate for the 2023 tax budget (the District's fiscal year 2024), and second, to select the dates and times of the Preliminary and Final Tax Hearings.

Discussion took place, during which most Board members voiced their approval of the Break-Even rate of 0.0937 mils.

Dr. Orta *moved, seconded* by Mr. Harvey, that:

THE SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT INFORMS THE PROPERTY APPRAISER OF BROWARD COUNTY, FLORIDA, THAT THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE FOR THE 2024 TAX YEAR IS 0.0937 MILS, WHICH IS 2.18% HIGHER THAN THE ROLLED-BACK RATE OF 0.0917 MILS

A roll call vote was taken, as follows:

Dr. Orta	Yes
Mr. Harrison	Yes
Mr. Harvey	Yes
Mr. Friedman	Yes
Ms. Justen	Yes
Mr. Basulto	Yes
Ms. Miller	Yes

The proposed millage rate was confirmed as 0.0937 mils. Board members then addressed the second Motion.

Mr. Harvey *moved, seconded* by Ms. Justen, that:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS SELECTS THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR THE PUBLIC HEARINGS ON ADOPTION OF THE TAX MILLAGE AND BUDGET:

PRELIMINARY HEARING: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2023, 5:30 P.M.

FINAL HEARING: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2023, 5:30 P.M.

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

f. **Legal Counsel; Mr. Frank Rainer, Senior Vice President and General Counsel**

Mr. Rainer confirmed that he had nothing to report this month.

5. **REPORTS TO THE BOARD; REPORTS FROM BOARD OFFICERS AND STANDING COMMITTEES**

a. **Audit and Compliance Committee Meeting Held July 18, 2023; Mr. Steven Harvey, Chairman**

Mr. Harvey presented the Minutes of the Audit and Compliance Committee Meeting held July 18, 2023, a copy of which is on file in the Executive Office. Ms. Denise DiCesare, Chief Compliance and Internal Audit Officer, then presented the fourth quarterly report for the fiscal year 2023. The financial audit reports were also presented.

1) ***Request Board Approval of the Audited Financial Statements, Audit Results Report and Management Letter for the Fiscal Period Ended April 30, 2023***

Ms. Justen *moved, seconded* by Mr. Friedman, that:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, AUDIT RESULTS REPORT AND MANAGEMENT LETTER FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD ENDED APRIL 30, 2023

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

2) ***Request Board Approval of the Single Audit Report and Schedule of Federal Awards, State Financial Assistance, and Local Awards and Supplementary Information for the Fiscal Period Ended April 30, 2023***

Ms. Justen *moved, seconded* by Mr. Basulto, that:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE SINGLE AUDIT REPORT AND SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL AWARDS, STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, AND LOCAL AWARDS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE FISCAL PERIOD ENDED APRIL 30, 2023

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

3) ***Request Board Approval of the Minutes of the Audit and Compliance Committee Meeting Held July 18, 2023***

Ms. Justen *moved, seconded* by Dr. Orta, that:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD JULY 18, 2023

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

b. Finance Committee Meeting Held on July 18, 2023; Ms. Elizabeth Justen, Chairwoman

Ms. Justen presented the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on July 18, 2023, a copy of which is on file in the Executive Office. Mr. Veda Rampat, Treasurer, then gave details of the items discussed at the meeting.

1) *Request Board Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting Held on July 18, 2023*

Dr. Orta *moved, seconded* by Mr. Harvey, that:

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON
JULY 18, 2023**

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

c. Building Committee Meeting Held on July 18, 2023; Ms. Elizabeth Justen, Chairwoman

Ms. Justen introduced the item and presented the Minutes of the Building Committee meeting held on July 18, 2023, a copy of which is on file in the Executive Office. Mr. David Schlemmer, Vice President, Construction and Property Management, then gave further details of the items discussed at the meeting.

1) *Request Board Acceptance of the Lowest Responsive and Responsible Bidder, Engel Construction, Inc., in the Amount of \$645,712.20 for the Interventional Radiology Room Project at Memorial Hospital Miramar, and Allocate a \$96,000 Contingency Amount, to be Controlled by Memorial Healthcare System*

Dr. Orta *moved, seconded* by Mr. Friedman, that:

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPTS THE LOWEST
RESPONSIVE AND RESPONSIBLE BIDDER, ENGEL
CONSTRUCTION, INC., IN THE AMOUNT OF \$645,712.20 FOR
THE INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY ROOM PROJECT AT
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL MIRAMAR, AND ALLOCATE A
\$96,000 CONTINGENCY AMOUNT, TO BE CONTROLLED BY
MEMORIAL HEALTHCARE SYSTEM**

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

2) *Request Board Approval of the Minutes of the Building Committee Meeting Held on July 18, 2023*

Mr. Harvey *moved, seconded* by Mr. Friedman, that:

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE MINUTES
OF THE BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JULY 18,
2023**

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

d. Contracts Committee Meeting Held on July 19, 2023; Dr. Luis Orta, Chairman

Dr. Orta presented the Minutes of the Contracts Committee Meeting held on July 19, 2023, a copy of which is on file in the Executive Office. Mr. Vedner Guerrier, Executive Vice President and Chief Transformation Officer, then gave details of the individual contracts.

- 1) *Request Board Approval of the New Physician Employment Agreement between Amanda Kwasnicki, M.D., for Pediatric Neurosurgery Services, and South Broward Hospital District***

Ms. Justen *moved, seconded* by Mr. Harvey, that:

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE NEW
PHYSICIAN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
AMANDA KWASNICKI, M.D., FOR PEDIATRIC
NEUROSURGERY SERVICES, AND SOUTH BROWARD
HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

- 2) *Request Board Approval of the New Physician Employment Agreement between Leonardo Torres, M.D., for Pediatric Otolaryngology Services, and South Broward Hospital District***

Ms. Justen *moved, seconded* by Mr. Harvey, that:

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE NEW
PHYSICIAN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
LEONARDO TORRES, M.D., FOR PEDIATRIC
OTOLARYNGOLOGY SERVICES, AND SOUTH BROWARD
HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

- 3) *Request Board Approval of the Renewal Physician Employment Agreement between Omosalewa Adewale, M.D., for Medical Director, Adult Cardiac Imaging Services, and South Broward Hospital District***

Ms. Justen *moved, seconded* by Mr. Friedman, that:

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE
RENEWAL PHYSICIAN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN OMOSALEWA ADEWALE, M.D., FOR MEDICAL
DIRECTOR, ADULT CARDIAC IMAGING SERVICES, AND
SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

- 4) *Request Board Approval of the Renewal Physician Employment Agreement between Ashwin Mehta, M.D., for Medical Director, Integrative Medicine Services, and South Broward Hospital District***

Mr. Friedman *moved, seconded* by Mr. Harvey, that:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE RENEWAL PHYSICIAN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN ASHWIN MEHTA, M.D., FOR MEDICAL DIRECTOR, INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE SERVICES, AND SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

- 5) **Request Board Approval of the Renewal Physician Employment Agreement between Kristina Khazeni, M.D., for Adult General Surgery Services, and South Broward Hospital District**

Ms. Justen *moved, seconded* by Mr. Friedman, that:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE RENEWAL PHYSICIAN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN KRISTINA KHAZENI, M.D., FOR ADULT GENERAL SURGERY SERVICES, AND SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

- 6) **Request Board Approval of the Renewal Physician Employment Agreement between Stefanie Berry, M.D., for Pediatric Neurology-Epilepsy Services, and South Broward Hospital District**

Ms. Justen *moved, seconded* by Mr. Harvey, that:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE RENEWAL PHYSICIAN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN STEFANIE BERRY, M.D., FOR PEDIATRIC NEUROLOGY-EPILEPSY SERVICES, AND SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

- 7) **Request Board Approval of the Renewal Physician Employment Agreement between Yamil Selman, M.D., for Head and Neck Surgery Services, and South Broward Hospital District**

Mr. Harvey *moved, seconded* by Ms. Justen, that:

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE RENEWAL PHYSICIAN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN YAMIL SELMAN, M.D., FOR HEAD AND NECK SURGERY SERVICES, AND SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

Mr. Guerrier then reported on additional contracts, presented for information only, and an RFP for Case Management Utilization Review.

8) Request Board Approval of the Minutes of the Contracts Committee Meeting Held on July 19, 2023

Mr. Harvey *moved, seconded* by Mr. Basulto, that:

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE
MINUTES OF THE CONTRACTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON JULY 19, 2023**

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

6. REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Friedman announced that Ms. Felicia Turnley has been promoted to Chief Executive Officer of Memorial Hospital Pembroke. The Board offered their congratulations, and in response Ms. Turnley gave a resume of her career at Memorial, and stated that she was looking forward to moving forward with the System in her new role.

Mr. Friedman then reported that the Joint Meeting of the South Broward and North Broward Hospital Districts scheduled for Wednesday, August 2, 2023, had been postponed until further notice.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

a. The July Board Meeting is Designated by the Board of Commissioners as the Annual Meeting. Therefore, the Following Action is Required:

(1) Election of Officers

Mr. Friedman opened the floor for nominations for the office of Chairperson of the Board.

Mr. Friedman *moved* that:

**MR. BRAD FRIEDMAN BE NOMINATED FOR THE OFFICE OF
CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD**

Ms. Justen *moved* that:

**MS. ELIZABETH JUSTEN BE NOMINATED FOR THE OFFICE OF
CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD**

There were no other nominations.

Comments were invited from the Board and a discussion took place. The floor was then closed for nominations for the office of Chairperson of the Board, and a vote was called.

The Motion to elect Mr. Friedman for the office of Chairperson of the Board **did not carry**.

The Motion to elect Ms. Justen for the office of Chairperson of the Board **carried**.

Ms. Justen was confirmed as the Chairperson of the Board.

Mr. Friedman then opened the floor for nominations for the office of Vice Chairperson of the Board.

Ms. Justen **moved** that:

**MR. STEVEN HARVEY BE NOMINATED FOR THE OFFICE OF
VICE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD**

Mr. Harvey accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

Comments were invited from the Board and a discussion took place. The floor was then closed for nominations for the office of Vice Chairperson of the Board, and a vote was called.

The Motion to elect Mr. Harvey for the office of Vice Chairperson of the Board **carried** unanimously.

Mr. Harvey was confirmed as the Vice Chairperson of the Board.

Mr. Friedman then opened the floor for nominations for the office of Secretary Treasurer of the Board.

Ms. Miller **moved** that:

**DR. LUIS ORTA BE NOMINATED FOR THE OFFICE OF
SECRETARY TREASURER OF THE BOARD**

Dr. Orta declined the nomination.

Ms. Justen **moved** that:

**MR. DOUGLAS HARRISON BE NOMINATED FOR THE OFFICE
OF SECRETARY TREASURER OF THE BOARD**

Mr. Harrison accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations.

Comments were invited from the Board and a discussion took place. The floor was then closed for nominations for the office of Secretary Treasurer of the Board, and a vote was called.

The Motion to elect Mr. Harrison for the office of Secretary Treasurer of the Board **carried** unanimously.

Mr. Harrison was confirmed as the Secretary Treasurer of the Board.

Board members congratulated the new Officers.

After Mr. Wester had given his President's Comments, Mr. Harrison asked that the title of the July Board Regular Meeting be amended to Annual Meeting, due to the Election of Officers agenda item, and that all relevant documentation be amended with immediate effect.

Mr. Harrison **moved, seconded** by Mr. Basulto, that:

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES TO AMEND THE
TITLE OF THE JULY BOARD REGULAR MEETING TO ANNUAL
MEETING, AND THAT ALL RELEVANT DOCUMENTATION BE
AMENDED WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT**

The Motion **carried** unanimously.

10. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Mr. Wester gave an update on July's Monthly Operating Report (MOR) Meeting, which was held earlier in the week, and confirmed that updates from each month's meeting will be given at the Board Meetings.

Envision Healthcare has filed for bankruptcy, and Memorial is in contact with its leaders. The Radiation Oncology company GenesisCare has also filed for bankruptcy and is selling its US assets. This mostly affects Memorial's Radiology group.

Further to the recent visit by staff from Boston Children's Hospital, members of Memorial's Executive team will pay a reciprocal visit.

The Executive team from Moffitt will visit the new Memorial Cancer Institute next week. The Institute is due to open in October.

The second "One City at a Time" event will take place on August 19 in Dania Beach. Memorial is talking to the cities of Hollywood and Pembroke regarding future events.

Mr. Douglas Zaren, Chief Executive Officer of Memorial Regional Hospital South, is retiring after 16 years with Memorial. The interviews for his replacement are in the final stages, and it was confirmed that the successful candidate will come from outside Memorial.

Three Pediatric Orthopedic Surgeons from Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital have been recognized, as follows:

- 1) Jeremy Frank, M.D., will be the Head Team Physician for the US National Wrestling Team at the Senior World Championships in Belgrade, Serbia, in September.
- 2) Matthew Fazekas, M.D., has been invited back as the Head Team Physician at the 2024 World Junior Figure Skating Championships in Taipei City, Taiwan.

- 3) Michael Dressing, M.D., the Team Physician for the Major League Baseball Washington Nationals spring training season, has been asked to host both the World Cup Trampoline and Training Competition, which is an Olympic qualifier for Paris 2024, and the Stars and Stripes Competition, which is the National Championships for Trampoline and Tumbling Youth Teams in the US. Both events take place at the West Palm Beach Convention Center.

Mr. Wester thanked Mr. Friedman, Ms. Justen, Mr. Harvey, and the other Board members, for their support over the last year. He noted how Memorial was returning to normal after the Covid pandemic, and achieving excellence, both operationally and in everyday matters.

11. CHAIR'S COMMENTS

After deferring his comments, to allow the other Board members to speak first, Mr. Friedman congratulated Ms. Justen and opined that she will do an incredible job, and that he was here to support her.

He reported that he had been rounding at Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital with Ms. Leah Carpenter, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer, and had met a newly promoted Manager, who was very excited about the work he was doing and the physicians he was working with. Mr. Friedman was very impressed by the incredible level of talent at Memorial.

Lastly, he stated that he was incredibly proud to serve as Chairman of the Board, and to represent Memorial. He felt that part of the Chairman's job description was to build cohesion amongst the Board, and wished to leave this as his legacy of the last year.

12. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS

Board members congratulated the new Officers and thanked Mr. Friedman for doing an amazing job as Chairman over the last year, which Mr. Basulto noted was not an easy role to carry out.

Mr. Basulto encouraged everyone to participate in the American Diabetes Association's "Step Out Walk to Stop Diabetes". This year it is being held on September 23, at the Las Olas Oceanside Park in Fort Lauderdale, and Mr. Guerrier is this year's "Walk Chair".

Dr. Orta thanked Ms. Miller for her vote of confidence in nominating him during the elections. He thanked Mr. Smith for his help with finance matters, and Mr. Guerrier for doing a great job at his first Contracts Committee Meeting. Finally, he thanked Mr. Wester for his kind words.

Ms. Justen thanked Board members for supporting her and acknowledged the achievements of Mr. Friedman. She looked forward to working with everyone over the next year.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Friedman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT



BY: _____
Brad Friedman, Chairman



ATTEST: _____
Steven Harvey, Secretary Treasurer