

**SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

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

**INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MEDICAL STAFF OF EACH OF ITS HOSPITALS**

**May 24, 2023**

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A Regular 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, May 24, 2023, at 5:31 p.m.

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		By video
Mr. Douglas Harrison		In person
Dr. Luis Orta		In person
Ms. Laura Raybin Miller		In person

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

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**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. Request Board Approval of Resolution No. 486 Honoring Benjamin Freedman, M.D., Former President and Chief of the Medical Staff at Memorial Regional Hospital**

Mr. Friedman read Resolution No. 486 honoring Benjamin Freedman, M.D.

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

***THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES RESOLUTION  
NO. 486 HONORING BENJAMIN FREEDMAN, M.D., FORMER  
PRESIDENT AND CHIEF OF THE MEDICAL STAFF AT MEMORIAL  
REGIONAL HOSPITAL***

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

Dr. Freedman was presented with an award, together with flowers for his wife, and photographs were taken.

Dr. Freedman thanked the Board for their recognition and everyone he has worked with, and gave a resume of his career at Memorial Healthcare System. He was grateful for the opportunity to serve the community and hoped to continue to serve in years to come.

**b. Post Legislative Session 2023 Update; Ms. L. Navarro, Vice President, Government Affairs**

Ms. Navarro gave a presentation on the 2023 Legislative Session, including an overview of the State budget for fiscal year 2023-2024, Memorial's budget priorities, and budget and policy victories.

Ms. Navarro acknowledged Board members who attended the Safety Net Hospital Days, and Florida Hospital Association (FHA) Advocacy Days in Tallahassee, together with Mr. Scott Wester, President and CEO, and Mr. Matthew Muhart, Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer, and thanked them for their support.

Ms. Navarro thanked Mr. Robert Alonso, Vice President, Strategic Planning, and Ms. Christine Heft, Administrative Director, Grants Programs, and her team, for their assistance in putting the budgets together. She also thanked Tammy Tucker, PSYD, Vice President, Behavioral Health, who led a Behavioral Health breakfast during Broward Days, and who worked with Ms. Caitlin Stella, Chief Executive Officer of Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital, to create a program to assist in eliminating child suicide, depression, and other issues facing youth in our community.

Ms. Navarro confirmed that the Legislative Session for 2024 will begin in January.

The Board thanked Ms. Navarro for her hard work and commitment.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. Request Board Approval of the Minutes of the Special Meeting Held on April 3, 2023**

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

Mr. Friedman thanked Dr. Orta for bringing his concerns to the Board at the last Regular Meeting regarding the accuracy of the Minutes, which had subsequently been amended.

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

***THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE AMENDED  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON APRIL 3, 2023***

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

**b. Request Board Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held on April 26, 2023**

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

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

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE MINUTES OF  
THE REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 26, 2023**

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

**4. BOARD REGULAR BUSINESS**

**a. Report from the Chief of Staff, Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital; J. Martinez, M.D.**

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

Nigel Spier, M.D., introduced himself as the new President of the Joint Medical Executive Committee, and Chief of Staff of Memorial Regional Hospital, and thanked Benjamin Freedman, M.D., for his leadership as the previous President and Chief of Staff.

Dr. Spier then presented the Executive Committee Report regarding recommendations for appointments, advancements, etc., convened on May 17, 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.

**2) *Request Board Approval of Revisions to the Joint Medical Staff Bylaws***

Dr. Spier presented the revisions to the Joint Medical Staff Bylaws, a copy of which is on file in the Executive Office.

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

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE  
REVISIONS TO THE JOINT MEDICAL STAFF BYLAWS**

Holly Neville, M.D., Chief Physician and Associate Chief Medical Officer of Memorial Healthcare System, confirmed that she had reviewed the revisions, and gave further details to the Board.

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

b. **Report from the Chief of Staff, Memorial Hospital West; F. 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 May 8, 2023, submitted for consideration, a copy of which is on file in the Executive Office.

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

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

The Motion ***carried*** unanimously.

2) ***Request Board Approval of Revisions to the Joint Medical Staff Bylaws***

Dr. De La Cruz presented the revisions to the Joint Medical Staff Bylaws, a copy of which is on file in the Executive Office.

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

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE  
REVISIONS TO THE JOINT MEDICAL STAFF BYLAWS**

The Motion ***carried*** unanimously.

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

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

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

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

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

The Motion ***carried*** unanimously.

2) ***Request Board Approval of Revisions to the Joint Medical Staff Bylaws***

Dr. De La Cruz presented the revisions to the Joint Medical Staff Bylaws, a copy of which is on file in the Executive Office.

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

***THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE REVISIONS TO THE JOINT MEDICAL STAFF BYLAWS***

The Motion ***carried*** unanimously.

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

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

In the absence of Narendra Upadhyaya, M.D., Dr. Neville presented the Executive Committee Report regarding recommendations for appointments, advancements, etc., convened on May 11, 2023, submitted for consideration, a copy of which is on file in the Executive Office.

Mr. Harrison ***moved, seconded*** by Mr. Harvey, 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 the Joint Medical Staff Bylaws**

Dr. Neville presented the revisions to the Joint Medical Staff Bylaws, a copy of which is on file in the Executive Office.

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

***THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE REVISIONS TO THE JOINT MEDICAL STAFF BYLAWS***

The Motion ***carried*** unanimously.

**e. Quarterly Reports; Ms. L. A. Carpenter, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer**

**1) Quarterly Statistical Reports for the Period Ending April 30, 2023**

Ms. Carpenter presented the reports for the quarterly period ending April 30, 2023 and took questions.

The reports were for information only and no action was required by the Board.

**f. Financial Report; Mr. D. Smith, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer**

**1) Financial Report for the Month of April 2023**

Mr. Smith confirmed that there was no report for April, due to the end of Memorial's fiscal year, and that a report would be presented next month after the completion of the audit.

**g. Legal Counsel; Mr. F. 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. Governance Committee Meeting Held on May 3, 2023; Mr. D. Harrison, Chair**

Mr. Harrison introduced the item and presented the Minutes of the Governance Committee Meeting held on May 3, 2023, a copy of which is on file in the Executive Office.

Mr. Rainer presented the revisions for the following Board By-Laws:

**1) Request Board Adoption of the Amendments to Remote Meetings Provisions of Article IV, Section 11 of the Board By-Laws**

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

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS THE  
AMENDMENTS TO REMOTE MEETINGS PROVISIONS OF  
ARTICLE IV, SECTION 11 OF THE BOARD BY-LAWS**

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

**2) Request Board Approval to Change the Name of the Peer Review / Risk Management Meeting to Risk Management / Peer Review**

Mr. Harrison thanked Ms. Miller for her leadership on Governance.

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

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES TO CHANGE  
THE NAME OF THE PEER REVIEW / RISK MANAGEMENT  
MEETING TO RISK MANAGEMENT / PEER REVIEW**

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

**3) Request Board Adoption of the Changes to Sections 3.2 and 3.3 to Delete Obsolete References as Indicated on Page 5**

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

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS THE CHANGES TO SECTIONS 3.2 AND 3.3 TO DELETE OBSOLETE REFERENCES AS INDICATED ON PAGE 5**

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

**4) Request Board Adoption of the Deletions of Sections 3.4 and 3.9 of the By-Laws**

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

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS THE DELETIONS OF SECTIONS 3.4 AND 3.9 OF THE BY-LAWS**

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

Mr. Rainer presented the revisions for the following Board Policies:

**5) Request Board Adoption of the Repeal of the Board Policy on Self-Evaluation**

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

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS THE REPEAL OF THE BOARD POLICY ON SELF-EVALUATION**

The Motion *carried*, with Ms. Miller voting nay.

**6) Request Board Adoption of a New Board Policy Regarding Exercise of Authority as to Subsidiaries and Affiliate Entities**

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

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS A NEW BOARD POLICY REGARDING EXERCISE OF AUTHORITY AS TO SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATE ENTITIES**

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

**7) Request Board Approval of an Amendment to the Board Policy "President and Chief Executive Officer's Authority to Approve Expenditures" to Increase the Amount that the President and Chief Executive Officer can Approve and Enter into Contracts, Without Board Approval, From \$300,000 to \$1,000,000**

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

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES AN AMENDMENT TO THE BOARD POLICY "PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S AUTHORITY TO APPROVE EXPENDITURES" TO INCREASE THE AMOUNT THAT THE PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER CAN APPROVE AND ENTER INTO CONTRACTS, WITHOUT BOARD APPROVAL, FROM \$300,000 TO \$1,000,000**

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

Mr. Rainer presented the following general operational items for adoption:

- 8) ***Request Board Approval of the Board's Documenting Regular Meetings by Written Minutes Only***

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

***THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ADOPTS THE BOARD'S DOCUMENTING REGULAR MEETINGS BY WRITTEN MINUTES ONLY***

The Motion *carried*, with Dr. Orta voting nay.

- 9) ***Request Board Approval to Increase the Threshold for When the RFP Policies are Applicable for any Expenditure Amount from \$100,000 to \$300,000***

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

***THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES TO INCREASE THE THRESHOLD FOR WHEN THE RFP POLICIES ARE APPLICABLE FOR ANY EXPENDITURE AMOUNT FROM \$100,000 TO \$300,000***

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

- 10) ***Request Board Approval to Provide Indemnification for the District's Officers or Employees when Performing Activities for Outside Companies and Affiliates, as Requested by the District***

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

***THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES TO PROVIDE INDEMNIFICATION FOR THE DISTRICT'S OFFICERS OR EMPLOYEES WHEN PERFORMING ACTIVITIES FOR OUTSIDE COMPANIES AND AFFILIATES, AS REQUESTED BY THE DISTRICT***

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

- 11) ***Request Board Approval of the Minutes of the Governance Committee Meeting Held on May 3, 2023***

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

***THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE MINUTES OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MAY 3, 2023***

The Motion *carried* unanimously.



The Meeting recessed at 7:24 p.m.

The Meeting reconvened at 7:29 p.m.

**b. Contracts Committee Meeting Held on May 15, 2023; Dr. L. Orta, Chair**

Dr. Orta introduced the item and presented the Minutes of the Contracts Committee meeting held on May 15, 2023, a copy of which is on file in the Executive Office. Ms. Nina Beauchesne, Executive Vice President and Chief Transformation Officer, gave further details of the individual contracts and took questions.

**1) Request Board Approval of the New Physician Employment Agreement between South Broward Hospital District and Maricarmen Lopez-Pena, M.D., for Pediatric Rheumatology**

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

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE NEW PHYSICIAN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND MARICARMEN LOPEZ-PENA, M.D., FOR PEDIATRIC RHEUMATOLOGY**

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

**2) Request Board Approval of the New Physician Employment Agreement between South Broward Hospital District and Matthew Hibbs, M.D., for Pediatric Palliative Care**

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

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE NEW PHYSICIAN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND MATTHEW HIBBS, M.D., FOR PEDIATRIC PALLIATIVE CARE**

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

**3) Request Board Approval of the Renewal Physician Employment Agreement between South Broward Hospital District and Lazaro E. Hernandez, M.D., for Medical Director, Pediatric Advanced Cardiac Imaging**

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

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE RENEWAL PHYSICIAN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND LAZARO E. HERNANDEZ, M.D., FOR MEDICAL DIRECTOR, PEDIATRIC ADVANCED CARDIAC IMAGING**

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

- 4) ***Request Board Approval of the Renewal Physician Employment Agreement between South Broward Hospital District and Eduardo Rodriguez Zoppi, M.D., for Chief, Vascular Surgery***

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

***THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE RENEWAL PHYSICIAN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND EDUARDO RODRIGUEZ ZOPPI, M.D., FOR CHIEF, VASCULAR SURGERY***

The Motion ***carried*** unanimously.

- 5) ***Request Board Approval of the Renewal Physician Employment Agreement between South Broward Hospital District and Rafael E. Sanchez, M.D., for Trauma / Acute Care Surgery***

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

***THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE RENEWAL PHYSICIAN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND RAFAEL E. SANCHEZ, M.D., FOR TRAUMA / ACUTE CARE SURGERY***

The Motion ***carried*** unanimously.

- 6) ***Request Board Approval of the Renewal Physician Employment Agreement between South Broward Hospital District and Jonathan Roberts, M.D., for Medical Director, Clinical Research and Education for Interventional Cardiology Services, and Program Director, MHS Cardiology Fellowship Program***

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

***THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE RENEWAL PHYSICIAN EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT BETWEEN SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT AND JONATHAN ROBERTS, M.D., FOR MEDICAL DIRECTOR, CLINICAL RESEARCH AND EDUCATION FOR INTERVENTIONAL CARDIOLOGY SERVICES, AND PROGRAM DIRECTOR, MHS CARDIOLOGY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM***

The Motion ***carried*** unanimously.

Ms. Beauchesne reported on additional contracts, presented for information only.

- 7) ***Request Board Approval of the Minutes of the Contracts Committee Meeting Held on May 15, 2023***

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

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE  
MINUTES OF THE CONTRACTS COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
ON MAY 15, 2023**

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

**c. Community Relations Committee Meeting Held on May 15, 2023; Dr. L. Orta, Chair**

Dr. Orta introduced the item and presented the Minutes of the Community Relations Committee Meeting held on May 15, 2023, a copy of which is on file in the Executive Office.

Ms. Melida Akiti, Vice President, Ambulatory and Community Services, gave her report on Memorial Primary Care. In the absence of Mr. Tim Curtin, Executive Director, Community Youth Services, Ms. Beauchesne gave the report on Community Services. Lastly, Ms. Milin Espino, Administrative Director, Community Relations, gave her report on Community Relations.

Mr. Basulto thanked Mr. Alfredo Avalos, Administrative Director of Security at Memorial, and a former Board member, for attending the Allies Program event to talk about security issues. Dr. Orta thanked Ms. Akiti, Ms. Beauchesne and Ms. Espino for presenting the reports. Mr. Friedman thanked Ms. Justen for asking that all Community Relations events be included on the Board calendar.

**1) *Request Board Approval of the Minutes of the Community Relations Committee Meeting Held on May 15, 2023***

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

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE  
MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON MAY 15, 2023**

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

**d. Finance Committee Meeting Held on May 16, 2023; Ms. E. Justen, Chair**

Ms. Justen presented the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on May 16, 2023, a copy of which is on file in the Executive Office. Mr. Veda Rampat, Treasurer, gave further details of the items discussed at the meeting and took questions.

**1) *Request Board Acceptance of the Quarterly Pension Plan Performance Report – Executive Summary for March 31, 2023***

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

**THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPTS THE  
QUARTERLY PENSION PLAN PERFORMANCE REPORT –  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR MARCH 31, 2023**

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

2) ***Request Board Acceptance of the Quarterly Operating Fund Performance Report – Executive Summary for March 31, 2023***

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

***THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPTS THE  
QUARTERLY OPERATING FUND PERFORMANCE REPORT –  
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR MARCH 31, 2023***

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

3) ***Request Board Acceptance of the Quarterly 403/457/401(a) Plans Performance Report – Executive Summary for March 31, 2023***

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

***THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ACCEPTS THE  
QUARTERLY 403/457/401(A) PLANS PERFORMANCE  
REPORT – EXECUTIVE SUMMARY FOR MARCH 31, 2023***

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

4) ***Request Board Approval of the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting Held on May 16, 2023***

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

***THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS APPROVES THE  
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON  
MAY 16, 2023***

The Motion *carried* unanimously.

6. **REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

None.

7. **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Friedman reported that, further to the promotion of Mr. Vedner Guerrier to Executive Vice President and Chief Transformation Officer, Mr. Joseph Stuczynski and Mr. Stephen Demers have been promoted to Chief Executive Officer of Memorial Hospital West and Memorial Hospital Miramar respectively.

Mr. Harrison asked Mr. Stuczynski and Mr. Demers for a resume of their careers, which was given accordingly.

Mr. Friedman noted that it was National Nurses Week from May 6-12, and recognized all nurses, staff and physicians for everything they do for the patients and families in the community.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Friedman confirmed that the next Joint Meeting of the South Broward and North Broward Hospital Districts will be held on Wednesday, August 2, 2023, at Memorial Regional Hospital's Conference Center.

**10. PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS**

Mr. Wester reported the following:

Ms. Miller has been selected as an honoree for the South Florida Business and Wealth magazine's 2023 Prestigious Women's Awards.

Ms. Margie Vargas, Senior Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer, has been selected as an honoree for the South Florida Business and Wealth magazine's 2023 Diversity and Inclusion Awards.

Ms. Akiti is the 2023 Lefkow Legacy Award recipient from Healthy Mothers / Healthy Babies for her dedication to our community's mothers and babies, as well as the 2023 Champion for Children by ChildNet for her dedication to Broward County's foster children and teens.

Memorial has placed 18<sup>th</sup> in the nation in Monigle's Most Trusted Healthcare Brand report.

Memorial has placed in Modern Healthcare's 2023 Best Places to Work in Healthcare, and is the only Florida healthcare system to receive that honor this year.

A Board Workshop will be held in June to discuss Cybersecurity issues.

Mr. Wester congratulated the Chief Executive Officers and their 'A' Teams in our hospitals for raising volumes over the past twelve months.

**11. CHAIR'S COMMENTS**

After deferring his comments to allow the other Board members to speak first, Mr. Friedman reported the following:

A Memorial staff member asked him if his catering company could cater their event. He was unable to do so, due to the conflict of interest of being a Board member. He was disappointed to turn down this work, but was happy that being a Board member was the reason for doing so.

At the recent ChildNet event, he spoke with Ms. Nancy Gregoire, a Board member with the North Broward Hospital District, who spoke about the challenges she has faced as a Board member. In comparison, he noted how much easier his tenure has been here at Memorial.

At the same event, he spoke with Judge Frank Ledee, a former Board member, who informed him how much Memorial meant to him and how he valued his time here. Judge Ledee also remarked how he considered turning down the promotion to the role of Judge, as it meant he

would have to leave the Board. Mr. Friedman felt a sense of gratitude and appreciation for what everyone does and was proud to serve on the Board. He stressed the importance of the Board providing staff with what they need to carry out their work.

He thanked Mr. Wester and acknowledged his accomplishments in such a short time. He was excited for Memorial's staff, because of the great reports received and the opportunity for us moving forward.

## **12. COMMISSIONERS' COMMENTS**

Ms. Miller thanked everyone for their hard work and stated it was a joy to serve in her capacity as a Board member. She confirmed that she would be away during the summer, but would attend the Board Meetings virtually.

Mr. Basulto thanked and congratulated Mr. Stuczynski, and welcomed Dr. Spier to the Board Meetings. He recently attended Memorial Regional Hospital as a patient and received excellent care, and had a new appreciation for how seriously our staff take avoiding falls. He thanked everyone concerned for the great care he received and confirmed he has had a speedy recovery.

Mr. Harrison thanked Mr. Peter Powers, Chief Executive Officer of Memorial Regional Hospital, for his running of the facility, and asked that the relevant upgrades are carried out to the hospital. He congratulated Mr. Guerrier, Mr. Stuczynski and Mr. Demers on their promotions. He thanked Mr. Basulto and Ms. Miller for always giving their perspective on things and Dr. Orta for always ensuring that things are investigated in detail. He appreciated that the Board members speak up, irrespective of their opinion. He noted that thoughtful, smart analytics and debate creates a better system, and that Memorial has the opportunity to be the best and to lead. He urged staff to push towards this, given the competition in the area. Finally, he acknowledged that Memorial does great things for the community.

Ms. Justen thanked everyone for their hard work, especially Ms. Ivonne Diaz, Executive Assistant to the President and Chief Executive Officer, and Ms. Cheryl Yeo, Senior Executive Assistant, for their assistance in scheduling Board meetings.

Dr. Orta voiced his appreciation for everyone's hard work, particularly Mr. Rainer, Mr. Smith, Mr. Muhart, Ms. Beauchesne, and Mr. Wester, for their time assisting him with his inquiries.

Mr. Harvey congratulated Mr. Guerrier, Mr. Stuczynski and Mr. Demers on their promotions. He thanked Ms. Espino and Ms. Akiti for building the brand in the community, and Ms. Navarro for hosting the Board members during their visit to Tallahassee.

## **13. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mr. Friedman declared the meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

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



**BY:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Brad Friedman, Chairman**



**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Steven Harvey, Secretary Treasurer**