

**NORTH BREVARD COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
OPERATING
PARRISH MEDICAL CENTER
BOARD OF DIRECTORS – REGULAR MEETING**

A regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the North Brevard County Hospital District operating Parrish Medical Center was held on July 13, 2020 via telephone conference. The following members were present via telephone:

Herman A. Cole, Jr., Chairman (via phone)
Stan Retz (via phone)
Billie Fitzgerald (via phone)
Robert L. Jordan, Jr., C.M. (via phone)
Maureen Rupe (via phone)
Peggy Crooks (via phone)
Elizabeth Galfo, M.D. (via phone)
Jerry Noffel (via phone)
Ashok Shah, M.D. (via phone)

Member(s) Absent:
None

A copy of the attendance roster of others present during the meeting is appended to the file copy of these minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Cole called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. Mr. Cole noted this telephone conference was pursuant to Executive Order No. 20-69 and extended by Executive Order 20-150 issued by the office of Governor DeSantis, which provides that local government bodies may conduct meetings without having a quorum of its members physically present, and by utilizing communications media technology such as telephonic or video conferencing. Parrish Medical Center management has determined that it is necessary and appropriate for the Board of Directors to meet by telephone conference to help control and minimize the spread of COVID-19 and to ensure that the residents of North Brevard County and Florida remain safe and secure.

Mr. Cole called roll for the members of the Board of Directors appearing remotely and on the telephone for this meeting; all members were present at this time.

Mr. Boyles reviewed the process and procedure for the telephonic meeting, noting that any person or member of the public may be heard by the Board of Directors, through the Chairman.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

Mr. Cole led the Board of Directors, staff and public in a moment of silence for those affected by the Coronavirus pandemic.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At this time, Mr. Cole announced the Board would recess the public meeting to convene in Executive Session to discuss matters of strategic planning. Mr. Cole noted that Executive Session will be held on a separate conference line as it is closed to the public, and members of the public may remain on this line until the Board of Directors return. During this time, a representative of PMC will periodically announce that the Board is meeting in Executive Session.

The Board of Directors public meeting recessed at 11:03 a.m.

The Board of Directors reconvened in open session at 11:27 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

OTHER

Mr. Jordan inquired as to the position of PMC on mask mandates. Mr. Mikitarian shared that PMC has doubled down on processes including temperature checks, masks required when entering the hospital, as well as patients wearing masks when care partners enter their rooms. Mr. Loftin noted that PMC is staying ahead of the volume of COVID patients by converting additional rooms to negative air pressure.

Mr. Mikitarian shared that there have been three instances in which other care facilities have sent patients that their facility knows or suspects has COVID-19 without notifying PMC. He added that PMC has filed a formal complaint with AHCA and with the county health department. The health department will be visiting the facilities today to put them on notice of the filing.

Mr. Jordan suggested that a representative of PMC make a statement at the next City Council meeting to put emphasis on the importance of wearing masks. Mr. Cole suggested also drafting a resolution regarding this issue and approving it at the August 3, 2020 Board meeting.

All agreed Mr. Loftin will present a statement on behalf of Parrish Medical Center at the City Council meeting.

Discussion ensued and the following motion was made by Mr. Retz, seconded by Ms. Fitzgerald and approved (8 ayes, 1 nay, 0 abstentions).

ACTION TAKEN: MOTION TO APPROVE THE DRAFTING OF A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF MASK MANDATES.

CLOSING REMARKS

There were no closing remarks.

OPEN FORUM FOR PUBLIC

No members of the public spoke.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Herman A. Cole, Jr.
Chairman