

A meeting of the McAlester Regional Health Center Authority was held at 04:00 PM, on Wednesday June 13, 2024, at McAlester Regional Health Center in the Administration Board Room. Public notice, setting forth there on the day, time and place for this regular meeting had been delivered to the office of the City Clerk at 01:40 on June 10, 2024.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Marti Fields ~ Johnny Zellmer, MD ~ Mary Shannon ~ Brent Grilliot ~ Damon Mascoto ~ Christopher Beene, MD ~ Susan Kanard

TRUSTEES ABSENT: James Bland ~ Sayer Brenner

HOSPITAL STAFF: T. Shawn Howard ~ Sonya Stone ~ Julie Powell ~ Lucy Muller

OTHER ATTENDEES: Elizabeth Dalton, Legal Counsel (via Conference phone) ~ Elizabeth (Libby) Scott, Legal Counsel (via conference phone)

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Beene called the meeting to order at 12:00 PM

A motion was made in public session at 12:00 PM by (Fields) and seconded by (Kanard) to enter Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Marti Fields, Susan Kanard, Brent Grilliot, Damon Mascoto, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Mary Shannon, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: Sayer Brenner, James Bland. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made at 01:05 PM by (Fields) and seconded by (Kanard) to come out of Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Marti Fields, Susan Kanard, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Mary Shannon, Damon Mascoto, Brent Grilliot, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: Sayer Brenner, James Bland. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried.

Executive Session (25 O.S. § 307(B)) & (25 O.S. § 307(C)) ~ Discussion and Potential Action ~ Christopher Beene, MD, Chairman.

25 O.S. § 307(B)(4): "Confidential communications between a public body and its attorney concerning a pending investigation, claim, or action if the public body, with the advice of its attorney, determines that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, litigation, or proceeding in the public interest."

1. Discussion regarding pending litigation related to former Sleep Lab employee.

Action Needed: Proposed vote in open session to approve or disapprove any action related to former Sleep Lab employee: A motion was made (Zellmer) and seconded (Shannon) to approve the agreement to authorize the United States Attorney settlement of \$353,000 as presented in Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Johnny Zellmer, MD, Mary Shannon, Marti Fields, Damon Mascoto, Susan Kanard, Brent Grilliot, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: Sayer Brenner, James Bland. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried unanimously.

25 O.S. § 307(C)(11): "All nonprofit foundations, boards, bureaus, commissions, agencies, trusteeships, authorities, councils, committees, public trusts, task forces or study groups supported in whole or part by public funds or entrusted with the expenditure of public funds for purposes of conferring on matters pertaining to economic development, including the transfer of property, financing, or the creation of a proposal to entice a business to remain or to locate within their jurisdiction if public disclosure of the matter discussed would interfere with the development of products or services or if public disclosure would violate the confidentiality of the business."

1. Discuss financial forecasts and strategic planning related to the core healthcare services provided by MRHCA.

Action Needed: Proposed vote in open session to approve or disapprove any action regarding the financial forecasts and strategic planning related to the core healthcare services provided by MRHCA: **No Action Taken**

25 O.S. § 307(B)(1): "Discussing the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee."

1. Discussion regarding employment matters related to the President/Chief Executive Officer position.

Action Needed: Proposed vote in open session to approve or disapprove any action regarding employment matters related to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) position: A **motion** was made (Mascoto) and seconded (Kanard) to accept the resignation of President/CEO, Mr. T. Shawn Howard as presented in Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Damon Mascoto, Susan Kanard, Brent Grilliot, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, Mary Shannon, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: Sayer Brenner, James Bland. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the **motion** carried unanimously.

Action: Needed: Proposed vote in open session to approve or disapprove any action regarding employment matters related to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) position: A **motion** was made (Fields) and seconded (Grilliot) to approve Ms. Julie Powell as Interim President/CEO with the agreement presented in Executive Session presented in Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Marti Fields, Brent Grilliot, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Susan Kanard, Mary Shannon, Damon Mascoto, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: Sayer Brenner, James Bland. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the **motion** carried unanimously.

Action: Needed: Proposed vote in open session to approve or disapprove any action regarding employment matters related to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) position: A **motion** was made (Fields) and seconded (Grilliot) to deny the previous action to approve Ms. Julie Powell as Interim President/CEO with the agreement presented in Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Marti Fields, Brent Grilliot, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Susan Kanard, Mary Shannon, Damon Mascoto, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: Sayer Brenner, James Bland. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the **motion** carried unanimously.

Action: Needed: Proposed vote in open session to approve or disapprove any action regarding employment matters related to the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) position: A **motion** was made (Fields) and seconded (Grilliot) to approve Ms. Julie Powell as Interim President/CEO with the agreement presented in Executive Session pending correction of grammatical errors in the agreement as discussed and presented in Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Marti Fields, Brent Grilliot, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Susan Kanard, Mary Shannon, Damon Mascoto, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: Sayer Brenner, James Bland. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the **motion** carried unanimously.

Adjournment: A **motion** was made (Zellmer) and seconded (Fields) to adjourn the meeting at 01:12 PM. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, Susan Kanard, Brent Grilliot, Damon Mascoto, Mary Shannon, and Christoher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: Sayer Brenner, James Bland. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the **motion** carried.



Christopher Beene, MD ~ Chairman
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James Bland ~ Vice-Chairman