

MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM COMMITTEE  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2019

This meeting of the University Healthcare System Committee was held in Illini Rooms B and C, Illini Union, 1401 West Green Street, Chicago, Illinois, on Wednesday, September 18, 2019, beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Trustee Stuart C. King, chair of the committee, welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked the secretary to call the roll. The following committee members were present: Mr. Ramón Cepeda; Mr. Ricardo Estrada;<sup>1</sup> Dr. Stuart C. King; Mr. Edward L. McMillan; Ms. Jill B. Smart; Ms. Susan E. Panek, student trustee, Chicago.

Also present were President Timothy L. Killeen; Dr. Barbara J. Wilson, executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Robert J. Jones, chancellor, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois; Dr. Michael D. Amiridis, chancellor, University of Illinois at Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois; Dr. Susan J. Koch, chancellor, University of Illinois at Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois; Dr. Avijit Ghosh, comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; Ms. Dedra M. Williams, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University; and Mr.

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<sup>1</sup> Mr. Estrada arrived at 12:44 p.m.

Thomas P. Hardy, executive director for University relations. Attached is a listing of other staff members and some members of the media in attendance at this meeting.

Dr. King welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked those in attendance to introduce themselves.

#### MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:33 p.m., Dr. King stated: “A motion is now in order to hold an executive session to consider pending, probable, or imminent litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the University; and the recruitment, credentialing, discipline, or formal peer review of physicians or other health care professionals for a hospital, or other institution providing medical care, that is operated by the public body.” On motion of Mr. McMillan, seconded by Ms. Smart, this motion was approved.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

**Material redacted pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120/2.06d)**

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

The executive session adjourned at 1:08 p.m.

#### REGULAR MEETING RESUMES

The meeting resumed at 1:10 p.m., with all committee members recorded as being present at the start of the meeting in attendance. Dr. King stated that this meeting is for the purpose of considering several matters prior to the meeting of the Board on September 19, 2019, and he requested a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 24, 2019. On motion of Mr. McMillan, seconded by Ms. Panek, the minutes were approved. There were no “nay” votes.

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDED BOARD ITEMS  
FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2019

Dr. King introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee on the Board’s agenda for its meeting on September 19, 2019. All recommended items discussed at the meeting are on file with the secretary.

Approve Credentialing and Privileges,  
University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System

Dr. King asked Dr. John Tulley, president, University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics Medical Staff, to comment on the recommendation to approve credentialing and privileges at the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System. Dr. Tulley said the credentials committee of the medical staff of the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System and the medical staff executive committee recommend the Board approve the credentialing of Dr. Maria Gonzalez and also approve her privileges at the University of Illinois Hospital and Health Sciences System, effective immediately.

## Purchase Recommendations

Dr. King asked Mr. Michael B. Bass, special advisor to the president, to report on purchase recommendations. Mr. Bass provided information on four recommended purchases for the University of Illinois Hospital, all of which are exempt contracts. He reported on the recommended purchase of human organs, including tissue and histocompatibility testing, from Gift of Hope Organ and Tissue Donor Network, Inc., and said this vendor has worked with the hospital since 2006. Mr. Bass told the committee that Gift of Hope Organ and Tissue Donor Network, Inc., is the only organ and tissue transplantation program for the region appointed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Mr. McMillan inquired about the cost, and Mr. Bass confirmed that this purchase would be made on an as-needed basis and that a review of purchases in prior years was used to determine the estimate.

Mr. Bass then provided information on the recommended purchase of specialty medicines for cancer therapy from Curascript and Cardinal Health Specialty Pharmacy and said that they did not offer a discount for these medications.

Next, Mr. Bass discussed the recommended purchase of clinical laboratory testing services from Associated Regional and University Pathologists, Inc., and explained that the hospital sends them hospital patient tests that cannot be performed in the in-house laboratory. He said the vendor's pricing is reasonable, and he discussed the high cost of bringing additional laboratory testing in-house. Mr. Cepeda noted these

purchases were also discussed at the meeting of the Audit, Budget, Finance, and Facilities Committee.

## REPORTS

### Hospital and Clinics Chief Executive Officer Report

Dr. King asked Mr. Michael B. Zenn, chief executive officer, University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics, to give a report on the hospital and clinics (materials on file with the secretary). Mr. Zenn reviewed the financial position of the hospital as of June 2019 and highlighted several areas of financial performance. He reported on the hospital's operating margin and days of cash on hand. Mr. McMillan asked why some funds are internally restricted, and Mr. Zenn explained that these funds have been reserved to pay for major projects at the hospital. Mr. Zenn then discussed unrestricted and restricted cash and investments and reviewed the hospital's performance in key areas compared to others.

Next, Mr. Zenn reported on the Fiscal Year 2020 budget and said the projected loss was expected due to the costs associated with the implementation of Epic. He told the committee that the operating margin will improve after this year. Mr. Zenn then gave a brief overview of Medicaid Managed Care receivables, showed goals and initiatives for Fiscal Year 2020, and gave an update on the 3i project. He also showed the committee an organizational chart that demonstrated the position of the medical staff

executive committee, and he discussed the role and importance of that committee. Dr.

King thanked Mr. Zenn for the report.

## PRESENTATION

### Point of Pride: Robotic Surgery

Dr. King asked Mr. Zenn to introduce Dr. Enrico Benedetti, Warren H. Cole Chair in Surgery, professor and head, Department of Surgery, College of Medicine, Chicago. Mr. Zenn introduced Dr. Benedetti and highlighted his many accomplishments and awards. Dr. Benedetti began his presentation (materials on file with the secretary) and discussed the history and benefits of robotic surgery. He said the University of Illinois at Chicago was the first to receive the designation as a “Center of Excellence” in robotic surgery in the United States, and he highlighted other areas of distinction, including the American College of Surgeons accredited simulation center and the American Society for Metabolic and Bariatric Surgery accredited bariatric surgery Center of Excellence. Dr. Benedetti gave examples of the ways in which the hospital has been a vanguard in robotic surgery and highlighted the work of Dr. Pier Giulianotti, chief of the division of general, minimally invasive, and robotic surgery in the College of Medicine, Chicago, who was the first in the world to perform several robotic surgeries. Dr. Benedetti discussed opportunities for education and training and said the University of Illinois at Chicago offers the only robotic surgery certificate program in the United States. He concluded his presentation by reporting on current innovations and showed a video of the single-port entry robotic surgical system.

Mr. McMillan and Dr. Benedetti discussed the complex Whipple procedure, and Dr. Benedetti explained it is a high achievement to be able to perform this surgery robotically. Dr. Killeen inquired about the importance of simulation, and Dr. Benedetti explained that extensive training is done in the simulation center, noting that it is especially important in resident training.

Dr. King thanked Dr. Amiridis for attending the meeting on behalf of Dr. Robert A. Barish, vice chancellor for health affairs, Chicago. Dr. Amiridis explained that Dr. Barish could not attend because he was attending an event at New York Medical College, where he was being recognized with the William Cullen Bryant Award. Dr. Amiridis noted that among previous recipients is Nobel laureate Dr. William Campbell.

#### OLD BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Dr. King announced that the next meeting is scheduled for November 13, 2019, at 12:30 p.m., in Chicago.

#### MEETING ADJOURNED

Dr. King then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On motion of Ms. Smart, seconded by Ms. Panek, the meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m. There were no “nay” votes.

Respectfully submitted,

DEDRA M. WILLIAMS  
*Secretary*

STUART C. KING, MD, MBA  
*Chair*

EILEEN B. CABLE  
*Special Assistant to the Secretary*