

MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM COMMITTEE  
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
SEPTEMBER 9, 2020

This meeting of the University Healthcare System Committee was held via teleconference<sup>1</sup> on Wednesday, September 9, 2020, 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; Dr. Stuart C. King; Mr. Edward L. McMillan; Ms. Jill B. Smart; Mr. Ali Mirza, student trustee, Urbana. Mr. Kareem Dale; Ms. Naomi D. Jakobsson; Mr. Lester H. McKeever, treasurer; Ms. Jocelyn Bravo, voting student trustee, Chicago; and Mr. Austin Verthein, student trustee, Springfield, attended the meeting as guests.

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. Karen M. Whitney, interim chancellor, University of Illinois at Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois; Dr. Avijit Ghosh, comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Dr. Joseph T. Walsh, interim vice

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<sup>1</sup> Per Governor J. B. Pritzker's Executive Order 2020-52

president for economic development and innovation; Mr. Thomas R. Bearrows, University counsel; and Mr. Gregory J. Knott, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University. 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 the secretary introduced others in attendance. Dr. King requested a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held July 22, 2020. On motion of Mr. McMillan, seconded by Ms. Smart, the minutes were approved by the following vote:<sup>2</sup> Aye, Mr. Cepeda, Mr. Estrada, Dr. King, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Mirza, Ms. Smart; No, none.

#### OPENING REMARKS

Dr. King asked Dr. Robert A. Barish, vice chancellor for health affairs, Chicago, to make some opening remarks. Dr. Barish referred to the groundbreaking of the Outpatient Surgery Center and Specialty Clinics Building and described the types of services that will be delivered there. He thanked those who attended the groundbreaking, including several University administrators and trustees. Dr. Barish told the committee that Epic would go live on September 12, 2020, and he discussed the far-reaching positive impacts of this initiative. He announced the opening of the University of Illinois College of Medicine Surgical Innovation and Training Laboratory on September 15, 2020, and said that this will be used to promote the development and training for revolutionary robotics

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<sup>2</sup> Per 5 ILCS 120/7(e), all votes are conducted by roll call.

techniques. Dr. Barish remarked on the challenges of the past year and said that despite these challenges, the committee will hear a positive report from the chief executive officer of UI Health.

REVIEW OF RECOMMENDED BOARD ITEMS  
FOR THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS ON SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

Dr. King introduced the recommended items within the purview of this committee on the Board's agenda for its meeting on September 10, 2020. All recommended items discussed at the meeting are on file with the secretary.

Purchase Recommendations

Dr. King asked Mr. Michael B. Zenn, chief executive officer, University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics, to report on purchase recommendations. Mr. Zenn provided information on the recommended purchase of Gattex injections for the UI Health Ambulatory Care Pharmacy at Chicago. He said this medication is used for patients with short bowel syndrome to increase intestinal absorption and is needed to support the small bowel transplant program at the hospital. Mr. Zenn said the vendor is the sole distributor and that the purchase is exempt from competitive selection procedures in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code. He noted that it is also exempt from Business Enterprise Program (BEP) goals.

Mr. Zenn then discussed the recommendation to purchase COVID-19 testing kits and ancillaries for UI Health from Fisher Scientific Company LLC, which offers the Abbott Diagnostic's ID NOW COVID-19 test kits. He said these were the first rapid COVID-19 point-of-care tests and provide results in 15 minutes. Mr. Zenn said these tests are expected to be needed even if a vaccine becomes available. He told the committee this purchase is exempt from competitive selection procedures in accordance with the Illinois Procurement Code, and as such, is exempt from meeting BEP goals.

There was no objection to this item being forwarded to the full Board for voting.

## REPORTS

### Hospital and Clinics Chief Executive Officer Report

Next, Dr. King asked Mr. Zenn to give the hospital and clinics chief executive officer report (materials on file with the secretary). Mr. Zenn began his presentation by showing a photograph of the groundbreaking of the Outpatient Surgery Center and Specialty Clinics Building. He then gave an update on the response to COVID-19 and presented the COVID-19 case trend. Mr. Zenn discussed efforts to protect health-care workers and described shortages of personal protective equipment (PPE) and the hospital's adherence to guidelines for PPE. He showed that surgical volumes have increased since April 2020 and reported on the percentage of elective and urgent surgeries.

Next, Mr. Zenn gave an overview of the financial position of the hospital and clinics and highlighted certain metrics from Fiscal Year 2020. He showed the year-to-date statement of operations as of June 2020 and discussed the budget, actual, and variance of revenue, expenses, operating margin, and net income. Mr. Zenn commented on the impact of COVID-19 on finances and said despite many challenges, the hospital and clinics should break even for the year. He reported on the number of days of cash on hand and unrestricted and restricted cash and investments, and he noted the Medicare advance payment, which he said will be repaid in November 2020. Mr. Zenn then reviewed key comparison ratios used for bond ratings and told the committee that Standard and Poor's was pleased that this information is shared with the Board.

Mr. Zenn then gave an update on the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare Providers and Systems (HCAHPS) ratings, which he showed have improved. He said this is significant progress and that everyone is working hard to continue this momentum. Mr. Zenn gave an update on the 3i project and told the committee that Epic will go live in three days, on September 12, 2020. He read the correspondence that was sent to staff regarding the project that detailed its advantages. Committee members remarked on their experiences implementing similar projects and acknowledged the difficulties associated with it. Dr. King commended Mr. Zenn for the progress being made, despite the circumstances of the past year.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. King asked if there was any old business to discuss, and there was none. Dr. King then announced that the next meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2020, at 12:30 p.m., at a location to be determined.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Dr. King then asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On motion of Ms. Smart, seconded by Mr. McMillan, the meeting adjourned at 1:13 p.m. by the following vote: Aye, Mr. Cepeda, Mr. Estrada, Dr. King, Mr. McMillan, Mr. Mirza, Ms. Smart; No, none.

Respectfully submitted,

GREGORY J. KNOTT  
*Secretary*

STUART C. KING, MD, MBA  
*Chair*

EILEEN B. CABLE  
*Special Assistant to the Secretary*