

MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY HEALTHCARE SYSTEM COMMITTEE
OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

MAY 15, 2024

This meeting of the University Healthcare System Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois was held in the I Hotel and Conference Center, Heritage Hall, 1901 South First Street, Champaign, Illinois, on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, beginning at 12:38 p.m.

Trustee Donald J. Edwards, chair of the committee, convened the meeting and asked the secretary to call the roll. The following committee members were present: Mr. Ramón Cepeda; Mr. Donald J. Edwards; Mr. Mohammed A. Haq, voting student trustee, Chicago; Ms. Sarah C. Phalen;¹ and Mr. Jesse H. Ruiz.² Ms. J. Carolyn Blackwell; Ms. Tami Craig Schilling; Mr. Wilbur C. Milhouse III; and Ms. Sanchita Teeka, student trustee, Urbana, attended as guests.

Also present were President Timothy L. Killeen; Mr. Lester H. McKeever Jr., treasurer; Dr. Nicholas P. Jones, executive vice president and vice president for academic affairs; Dr. Robert J. Jones, chancellor, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, and vice president, University of Illinois System; Dr. Marie Lynn Miranda, chancellor, University of Illinois Chicago, and vice president, University of Illinois

¹ Ms. Phalen attended via telephone beginning at 12:52 p.m.

² Mr. Ruiz arrived at 12:42 p.m.

System; Dr. Janet L. Gooch, chancellor, University of Illinois Springfield, and vice president, University of Illinois System; Dr. Paul N. Ellinger, comptroller (and vice president/chief financial officer); Dr. Joseph T. Walsh Jr., vice president for economic development and innovation; Mr. Scott E. Rice, University counsel, and Dr. Jeffrey A. Stein, secretary of the Board of Trustees and of the University.

MOTION FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:39 p.m., Mr. Edwards stated: “A motion is now in order to convene an executive session to consider the following topics as permitted under Section 2(c) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act: pending, probable, or imminent litigation against, affecting, or on behalf of the University (subsection 11); and discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under the Open Meetings Act (subsection 21).” On motion of Mr. Haq, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, the motion was approved. There were no “nay” votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION ADJOURNED

With no additional questions or comments, the executive session ended at 1:30 p.m.

REGULAR MEETING RESUMED

The meeting resumed at 1:34 p.m., with all committee members recorded as being present at the start of the meeting in attendance. Mr. Edwards requested a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held March 27, 2024. On motion of Mr. Haq, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, the minutes were approved. There were no “nay” votes.

Mr. Edwards stated that there was one agenda item requiring action by the committee, and Dr. Stein read aloud the title of the item, “Disclose Certain Minutes of Executive Sessions Pursuant to Open Meetings Act.” The committee agreed that one vote would be taken and considered the vote on the agenda item as listed below.

Disclose Certain Minutes of Executive Sessions Pursuant to Open Meetings Act

(1) Under the Open Meetings Act passed by the General Assembly, public bodies subject to the Act that conduct business under exceptions specified in the Act must, at least every six months, determine whether the need for confidentiality still exists with respect to each item considered under such exception. Pursuant to the Act, “[m]inutes of meetings closed to the public shall be available only after the public body determines that it is no longer necessary to protect the public interest or the privacy of an individual by keeping them confidential....” [5 ILCS 120/2.06(f)].

A review of unreleased items from July 2014 to January 2024 has been conducted, and the previously withheld text noted below is recommended for release at this time.

The University counsel and the secretary of the Board, having consulted with appropriate University officers, recommends that the following matter considered in executive session for the time period indicated above be made available to the public at this time.

The committee action recommended in this item complies in all material respects with applicable State and federal laws, University of Illinois *Statutes*, *The General Rules Concerning University Organization and Procedure*, and Board of Trustees policies and directives.

The president of the University of Illinois System concurs.

Executive Session Minutes Released to Public

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Discussion of Minutes of Meetings Lawfully Closed Under the Open Meetings Act

At 1:56 p.m., Mr. Edwards asked Dr. Stein and Mr. Bearrows to discuss minutes that had been sequestered under the Open Meetings Act. Dr. Stein stated that each public body subject to the Open Meetings Act shall periodically, but no less than semi-annually, meet to review the minutes of all closed meetings. He said that he and Mr. Bearrows reviewed such minutes and recommend releasing the portion of closed session minutes of the May 17, 2023, meeting of the University Healthcare System Committee pertaining to the semi-annual review of minutes conducted at that time. He said no other minutes are

recommended for release at this time. Mr. Bearrows described the process to determine whether the need for confidentiality still exists based on the guidelines used regarding potential release and said the sequestered minutes pertain to litigation. There were no comments or questions regarding this process.

On motion of Mr. Haq, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, this recommendation was approved.

OPENING REMARKS

Mr. Edwards asked Dr. Robert A. Barish, vice chancellor for health affairs, Chicago, to make opening remarks. Dr. Barish asked Dr. Susan Bleasdale, chief quality officer, University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics, to join him at the podium. Dr. Barish stated that Dr. Bleasdale is leaving the University after a decade of service to the University of Illinois Chicago to serve as vice president, chief quality and safety officer, and clinical professor of medicine at the University of Maryland Medical Center. He highlighted Dr. Bleasdale's many contributions, especially those related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Dr. Barish wished Dr. Bleasdale well, which was followed by a round of applause.

Dr. Barish stated that the hospital is in the process of developing a long-term financial plan, and he referred to the presentation that would be given by Dr. Mark I. Rosenblatt, interim chief executive officer, University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics, and G. Stephen Irwin Dean, College of Medicine, Chicago, on the hospital's finances. He then gave Dr. Miranda the opportunity to comment on Match Day, which represents the

day applicants seeking residency and fellowship training positions receive their results.

Dr. Miranda stated that 271 students participated in the 2024 match, with a match rate of 97 percent, which was higher than the national average. She said 110 students will remain in Illinois and 292 new residents matched into the University of Illinois College of Medicine-sponsored residencies. Dr. Miranda then showed a short video of Match Day at the university.

REPORTS

Hospital and Clinics Chief Executive Officer Report

Mr. Edwards asked Dr. Rosenblatt and Dr. Bleasdale to give a report on the University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics (materials on file with the secretary). Dr. Rosenblatt shared points of pride highlighted celebrations for Doctor's Day and Earth Day. He stated that the hospital received Blue Cross Blue Shield distinction for maternity care and explained it is a national designation that showcases the full spectrum of care provided throughout pregnancy and through delivery.

Dr. Rosenblatt then presented financial results and highlighted the nine-month year-to-date operating margin, favorable year-over-year activity, and increased number of days of cash on hand. He shared the Fiscal Year 2024 year-to-date results through March, which he said is \$23.0 million over budget. Dr. Rosenblatt then showed charts depicting unrestricted and internally restricted days of cash on hand, as well as cash and investments. He discussed key comparison ratios for health system bond rating medians for A-rated hospitals.

Next, Dr. Bleasdale gave a quality update and commented on her role and its impact, stating that she is proud of the progress that has been made. She presented Fiscal Year 2023 True North performance metrics and showed the hospital's performance compared to goals, stating that the stretch goals were reached in all but three areas. She presented the Quality and Safety Transformation timeline and discussed plans for Fiscal Year 2025, stating that the structure of quality and safety has been rebuilt over the past two years. Mr. Edwards thanked Dr. Rosenblatt and Dr. Bleasdale for the presentation.

Compliance Update

At 1:51 p.m., Mr. Edwards then asked Ms. Crystal Singleton, chief compliance officer, University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics, to give a compliance program update (materials on file with the secretary). Ms. Singleton presented the Fiscal Year 2024 workplan status and shared highlights related to audits, monitoring, and projects. She told the committee that four new hires have been added to the Compliance Department. Ms. Singleton then provided information about the compliance hotline, stating that 83 total cases were submitted, eight of which involved a compliance-related concern. She presented the Fiscal Year 2024 compliance dashboard, which showed the Fiscal Year 2024 hotline cases by entity and noted that the hospital comprised the majority of cases. Ms. Singleton referred to a recent celebration of Compliance Day and shared examples of materials that were distributed. Mr. Ruiz asked for a comparison of compliance cases compared to prior years, and Ms. Singleton said it has been fairly consistent. She said there was an increase in the number of cases during the fourth quarter that will be

reflected in a future report and indicated this is likely due to increased number of staff in the Compliance Department and increased awareness of the compliance hotline and resources. Mr. Edwards thanked Ms. Singleton for the report.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no business presented under this aegis.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Edwards asked if there was any new business to discuss, and there was none. He announced that the next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2024, at 12:30 p.m., at Chicago. He thanked Dr. Bleasdale for her many contributions to UI Health and the University System. Mr. Edwards expressed appreciation for the care she provided to him as a patient at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, and he remarked on her impact on the people of Chicago and Illinois.

MEETING ADJOURNED

Mr. Edwards asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. On motion of Mr. Haq, seconded by Mr. Cepeda, the meeting adjourned at 2:01 p.m. There were no “nay” votes.

Respectfully submitted,

JEFFREY A. STEIN
Secretary

DONALD J. EDWARDS
Chair

EILEEN B. CABLE
Special Assistant to the Secretary