



Denver Health and Hospital Authority Board Meeting  
MEETING MINUTES

601 Broadway, 9<sup>th</sup> Floor, Conf Room 927  
Thursday, January 25, 2024  
1:32 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.

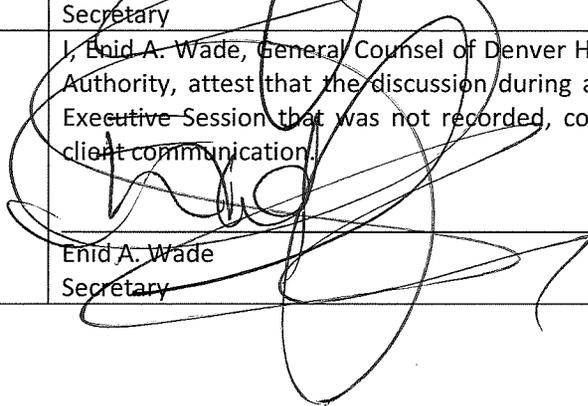
Board of Directors	Staff	Staff	Guests
<b>Present: In Person Unless Otherwise Stated</b>	Donna Lynne, DrPH.	Enid Wade, J.D.	Natalie Nicholson
Patti Klinge	Steven Federico, M.D.	Lorena Zimmer	Duane Mata, M.D.
Tom Kim	Amy Friedman	Heather Young, M.D.	Jorge Avendano-Curiel
Hollie Velasquez-Horvath	Kris Gaw	Katherine Marinelli	
Pia Dean	Simon Hambidge, M.D.		
Frank deGruy, M.D.	Romana Hasnain-Wynia, Ph. D		
Eli Provencio-Vasquez, Ph. D, RN <i>Via WebEx</i>	Ansar Hassan		
Jim Chavez	Amy King		
Lily Cervantes, M.D.	Greg McCarthy		
Kathy Nesbitt <i>Via Webex</i>	Jacque Montgomery		
Danielle Shoots	Abraham Nussbaum, M.D.		
Doug Friednash <i>Via Webex</i>	Read Pierce, M.D.		
	Connie Savor Price, M.D.		
	Crystal Potter Rivera		
	Chuck Scully		

Agenda Topic	Responsible Person (s)	Status/Comments
<p><b>I. Call to Order and Preliminary Matters</b></p> <p><b>A. Approval of December 21, 2023, Meeting Minutes</b></p> <p><b>B. Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement</b></p> <p><b>C. Key Personnel Updates</b></p> <p><b>D. Public Comment</b></p> <p><b>E. Video Highlights</b></p>	Patti Klinge	<p>Ms. Patti Klinge, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m. Dr. Frank deGruy made a motion to approve the minutes, the motion was seconded and approved unanimously.</p> <p>Ms. Klinge requested disclosure of any conflicts of interest. No conflicts were disclosed.</p> <p>Ms. Amy King introduced Mr. Jorge Avendano-Curiel, the new Chief Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Officer.</p> <p>Ms. Klinge also recognized and thanked Ms. Pia Dean for her time as Chair of the Board and for dedicating so much of her time to Denver Health’s Mission. Ms. Dean was presented with mementos of appreciation.</p> <p>No Public Comment was provided.</p> <p>Several short videos were shown to the Board regarding the water damage in the OMC and in Pavilion A. A compilation of media clips regarding Denver Health was also shown.</p>
<p><b>III. Medical Staff/Quality</b></p> <p><b>A. Medical Staff Appointments</b></p> <p><b>B. Medical Staff Executive Committee (MSEC) Update</b></p>	Heather Young, M.D.	<p>Dr. Heather Young reported 13 new applicants for appointments, 61 reappointments, and 9 physicians leaving the medical staff. A motion to approve the requested appointments to the Medical Staff and privileges was made and seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.</p> <p>Dr. Young shared that the American Medical Association (AMA) wellness survey results show that the Medical Staff responses show a rate of burnout of 58% which is down from 67% in 2022.</p>
<p><b>IV. Consent Items</b></p>	Patti Klinge	<p>Dr. deGruy made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved.</p>

<p><b>A. Approval of Resolution re Designation of Posting Locations for 2024 Meeting Notices</b></p>		
<p><b>V. New Business</b> <b>A. Executive Leadership Update</b></p>	<p>Donna Lynne, DrPH &amp; Senior Leadership Team</p>	<p>Dr. Donna Lynne, herself or by calling on others, provided updates on key issues across the organization. Dr. Lynne reported that Denver Health is the primary location of care for the migrants coming to Denver. Denver Health Paramedics added 10 new ambulances to the fleet. The new EMS Lounge is now open in the ED. Ernst and Young were engaged by the City to audit ARPA funding as well as funds to Denver Health, and results of their audit were briefly reviewed. There was a brief discussion of the 2024-2026 Strategic Plan. Ms. Kris Gaw reported briefly on the increase in deliveries and OBGYN and Orthopedics clinic visits. Department of Pathology and Laboratory Services won a designation citing “the gold standard for laboratory excellence and provides visible and public recognition of a laboratory’s meaningful achievements in improving patient outcomes.” Dr. Connie Savor Price briefly reported on uncompensated care to Out-of-Service Area patients. There was a brief discussion about the Top Docs Survey from 5280 Magazine. Ms. Natalie Nicholson, Asst. Chief Nursing Officer, who was reporting in the absence of Chief Nurse Dr. Kathy Boyle, shared that the first students in the Acute Care ELITE Program started on January 15<sup>th</sup>. The De-Escalation Assessment Response Team (DART) will expand to Critical Care, L&amp;D, and Mom Baby starting on January 17, 2024. Dr. Read Pierce reported the Joint Commission made an unannounced visit to survey of the Laboratory on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, and the findings will be provided at the end of the week. CDPHE resurveyed the non-violent restraint use and approved of the modifications DH made. Ms. Amy Friedman shared recognition on the following departments for their outstanding performance on Patient Experience surveys in 2023: Comprehensive Care Clinic,</p>



<p><b>B. Quality, Safety, and Service Improvement Committee (QSSIC)</b></p> <p><b>C. DCHS</b></p> <p><b>D. Human Resources Committee</b></p> <p><b>E. Chair's Report</b></p>	<p>Frank deGruy, M.D.</p> <p>Pia Dean</p> <p>Kathy Nesbitt</p> <p>Patti Klinge</p>	<p>Dr. deGruy shared that the committee saw presentations from Dr. Pierce and Ms. Friedman on Department of Patient Safety and Quality and the Patient Experience Strategic Plan. There was a brief discussion regarding this committee's annual report.</p> <p>Ms. Dean reported that the committee reviewed the budget and the Strategic Plan, and Strategic Task Force.</p> <p>Ms. Kathy Nesbitt will be chairing this committee starting in February.</p> <p>Ms. Klinge shared that the next board meeting will be held at the Westside Clinic. She reminded the board of the Gala on April 6<sup>th</sup> and encouraged all to attend.</p>
<p><b>VII. Executive Session</b></p> <p><b>A. Sustainable Funding Task Force Debriefing</b></p> <p><b>B. CEO Matters</b></p> <p><b>C. Litigation Update (As Needed)</b></p> <p><b>D. HR/Personnel Matters</b></p> <p><b>E. Board Only Deliberation</b></p>		<p>Mr. Kim made a motion at 3:45p.m. to enter into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. section 24-6-402 (4), (b), (c), (e), (f), and (g), which allow for review and discussion of legal advice on regulatory, legal, and compliance matters, and on pending, threatened, or imminent litigation and settlements; to deliberate and discuss personnel and peer review matters; and matters confidential under HIPAA, and matters confidential under other laws, and positions and strategy for negotiation; and under the deliberative process privilege pursuant to common law and C.R.S. Section 24-72-204 (3)(a), (4), and (13). The motion was seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>The board came out of executive session at 5:25 p.m.</p>
<p><b>VIII. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Patti Klinge</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:25 p.m.</p> <p>Katherine Marinelli transcribed the meeting. Enid A. Wade and Patti Klinge reviewed the minutes.</p>

		 Enid A. Wade Secretary
		I, Enid A. Wade, General Counsel of Denver Health and Hospital Authority, attest that the discussion during any portion of the Executive Session that was not recorded, concerned attorney-client communication.  Enid A. Wade Secretary