



GOVERNING BOARD MINUTES

October 31, 2024

Members Present

Duffie Harrison, Chairman; Kristin Anderson, Vice-Chair; Myrtis Wynn, Secretary; John Berry; Lynn Martina; William Zester

Members Absent

Dr. Patrick Conrad, Dolores Croom

Staff Present

David Walker, CEO Weems Memorial Hospital; Courtney Alford, DON; Craig Gibson, Plant Operations Director; Melanie Shiver, HR Coordinator; David Bowling, CFO, Alliant Management; Michael Kozar, CEO, Alliant Management; Heather Huron, Revenue Cycle Manager; Jason Bonner, CFO, Alliant Management

Guests Present

Brian Hall, Auditor Carr, Riggs, & Ingram

Teams Attendees

none

CALL TO ORDER / VERIFICATION OF QUORUM

Duffie Harrison, Chairman

- The meeting was called to order at 9:00am. The Quorum was confirmed by Zester.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Duffie Harrison, Chairman

- David Walker introduced Lynn Martina as the newly appointed board member.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Duffie Harrison, Chairman

- August 29, 2024, minutes were presented for review and approval.

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

David Walker, CEO

- Walker announced the November Employee of the Month, Mallorie Shiver.

ACTION

A motion to approve August 2024 minutes was made by Berry; seconded by Zester. The motion was carried unanimously.



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MEDICAL STAFF REPORT

Courtney Alford, DON

- Alford reported on behalf of Dr. Conrad. Medical Staff privileges were recommended for Board approval during the Medical Staff Meeting on October 21, 2024. The recommendations for approval were as follows:

Provider	Group	Category	ACTION
Dr. Dennis Burton	Vesta Radiology Group	Consulting (reappointment)	A motion to approve the physicians as recommended by the Medical Staff was made by Berry, seconded by Wynn. The motion was carried unanimously
Dr. Abbas Chamsuddin	Vesta Radiology Group	Consulting (reappointment)	
Dr. Johnathan Hays	Vesta Radiology Group	Consulting (reappointment)	
Dr. Rober McClellan	Vesta Radiology Group	Consulting (reappointment)	
Dr. Philip McDonald	Vesta Radiology Group	Consulting (reappointment)	
Dr. Dean Moesch	Vesta Radiology Group	Consulting (reappointment)	
Dr. Justin Pham	Vesta Radiology Group	Consulting (reappointment)	
Dr. Roberto Rivera-Morales	Vesta Radiology Group	Consulting (reappointment)	
Dr. Cary Rose	Vesta Radiology Group	Consulting (reappointment)	
Dr. Amjad Safvi	Vesta Radiology Group	Consulting (reappointment)	
Dr. Tad Tanoura	Vesta Radiology Group	Consulting (reappointment)	
Dr. Elliot Wagner	Vesta Radiology Group	Consulting (reappointment)	
Dr. Arjun Sharma	Vesta Radiology Group	Consulting (initial)	
Dr. Jajid Maybody	Vesta Radiology Group	Consulting (initial)	
Dr. Syed Jafery	Vesta Radiology Group	Consulting (initial)	
Dr. Steven Saul	Weems Laboratory	Consulting (reappointment)	
Dr. Cheava Jacks	Southland EMS of Florida	Active (reappointment)	
Dr. Nathanael Hawkins	Southland EMS of Florida	Courtesy (reappointment)	
Dr. Emmanuel Tanglao	Southland EMS of Florida	Active (reappointment)	
Sussete Valdueza, APRN	Weems Medical Centers	Advanced Practitioner Provider (reappointment)	
Dana Whaley, APRN	Weems Medical Centers	Advanced Practitioner Provider (reappointment)	

- Dr. Conrad expressed the importance of the Ultrasound machine at the hospital.



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CLINICAL SERVICES REPORT

Courtney Alford, DON

- Alford reported that the Ultrasound machine has been down for a couple of weeks and when service was called, parts could not be purchased for the 2009 machine because it is outdated. A repair man was sent from Nashville and had to come two times. A power supply was replaced and the machine worked for a few days, but it went down again this morning. A quote for a new Ultrasound machine from GE was submitted for approval.

ACTION

A motion was made by Zester to approve the purchase of the Ultrasound machine and let the Board of County Commissioners determine whether the money for the machine comes from the hospital operating fund or from the hospital capital outlay fund. The motion and seconded by Wynn.

SAFETY/ENVIRONMENT OF CARE

Craig Gibson, Plant Operations Director

- New exterior doors have been installed and four new interior doors have been installed. The exterior doors were funded by the 2023-24 state Capital Rural Health Improvement Grant.
- The hospital was closed one day in September due to Hurricane Helene. Mr. Walker commended Craig on how well he handled the Hurricane evacuation and reopening of the hospital.

FINANCE

David Bowling, CFO Alliant Management

- Bowling stated that the annual audit by Carr, Riggs, and Ingram is presently being conducted and is looking good so far.
- September numbers were down. The closing of the hospital due to hurricane Helene is mainly responsible for the volume decrease.
- A detailed discussion was held regarding the revenue cycle process and the parties involved



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- The 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget was reviewed with 4% employee raises. Harrison requested that Walker look at specific departments for potential additional increases.

ACTION

A motion was made by Zester to approve a 4% raise for employees. It was seconded by Wynn. The motion carried unanimously.

CEO UPDATE

David Walker, CEO

EMS Subsidy

- The County has approved the transfer of the EMS yearly subsidy of \$764,252 out of the Capital Outlay portion of the one cent sales tax. This will remove the expenditure from the county ad valorem tax base.

Physician Recruitment

- Physician recruitment is ongoing.

Baker Tilly

- Baker Tilly – We had our introductory meeting with Baker Tilly to review their progress and data requests. We are submitting financial data to them on an ongoing basis. Their final report is projected to be completed between March 2024 – April 2024.

Financial Yearly Audit FYE 2024

- Carr, Riggs, and Ingram have started the annual financial audit.

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) 340 B Pharmacy Audit

- The HRSA 340 B Pharmacy Audit will be on December 1st and 2nd. We are uploading data requests from their auditing team.

Lanark Village Community Forum

- On May 32, staff participated in the Lanark Village Community Forum and provided updates regarding the hospital, clinic and EMS services

Physical Therapy Services

- Our physical therapy provider is terminating their services because of staffing shortages. We are reviewing the Options for another provider.



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ALLIANT REPORT

Michael Kozar, CEO Alliant Management

- The Alliant annual retreat scheduled to be held in September was cancelled due to hurricane Helene. Alliant is in the process of rescheduling the retreat for March 2025.

FOUNDATION REPORT

William Zester

- The Foundation's 65-year gala will be held 11/9/24. The tickets for the Gala are sold out. They have 30 items that were donated for the silent auction.

OTHER BUSINESS

Duffie Harrison, Chairman

- Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday and Christmas, the next and final meeting for 2024 will be held on December 5, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

Duffie Harrison, Chairman

- The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 pm

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Duffie Harrison, Chairman

- Executive session was entered at 12:30 pm.
- Risk Management
- Alford presented the 3 quarter 2024 Risk Management and Regulatory Board summary report.