

Aurora Community Hospital Board Minutes

Mercy Hospital Aurora - Carol Morris Conference Room

500 Porter Ave. Aurora, Missouri 65605

Thursday, April 13, 2023 - 4:30 P.M.

4/13/2023 - Minutes

1. Call To Order And Roll Call

Board President Lee called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Board Members Present: *John Paul Lee, Shannon Walker, Lorelee Vaught, Rick Boyer, Sara Brown*

Board Members Absent: *Scott Spooner*

Quorum satisfied.

Mercy Hospital Representatives Present: *Hospital Administrator Valerie Davis, Marilyn Schellen, John Banks*

City of Aurora Representatives Present: *City Manager Jon Holmes, City Clerk Kamy Kulow*

City of Aurora Representatives Absent: *Dawn Oplinger*

Strategic Planning and Design for Mercy Ministries Present via phone: *Executive Director Charis Trost*

Planning, Design, and Construction for Mercy Present via phone: *Regional Director Jayne Fry*

2. Prayer

Valerie Davis led the group in prayer.

3. Old Business

3.I. Presentation And Approval Of Minutes - Aurora Community Hospital Board Minutes - John Paul Lee

Board member Walker made a motion to Approve the minutes from the meeting held on January 12, 2023 as presented. Board member Vaught seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members present voting aye.

3.II. Financials - Marilyn Schellen

Marilyn Schellen presented financials including income and expense statements and bank account balances. Marilyn Schellen indicated there were no expenses at this time. Those financials are attached.

3.III. Project Updates - John Banks

John Banks addressed the board about a roof replacement and the quote was estimated at one million dollars. So, they decided to repair the roof at this time and that would last for another three to five years. Also doing a front lobby project. Adding office space in the existing and redoing where the gift shop was. Putting in a sliding door, painting and replacing ceiling grid. Take down paneling in the hallway, replacing carpet plan in may and replacing it with vinyl planks in the administration and front areas. Removing some concrete, old piping and old equipment in the broiler room and OB. Gained storage space in OB.

4. New Business

4.I. Facility Planning Process - Jayne Fry

Hospital Administrator, Valerie Davis addressed the board about the Master Planning Process. Included in the conversation was Jayne Fry and Charis Trost, via phone to help explain how the Master Planning Process works and the cost. Charis Trost addressed the board, letting them know that depending on the size of the Master Plan, it could range from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and take around five to nine months to complete the plan and may have to engage with other partners. The Master Plan process revolves around the strategy, such as future services, priorities, consolidating, etc. Also look at process optimization and the operations to see what can be maximized with what is currently in use and also, look at the economics. It also involves assessments and analysis. Would hold stakeholder interviews and key leaders to understand their viewpoints and thoughts. Gives a five to ten year vision for the future of the hospital. The master plan does not include a new facility as this time.

Hospital Administrator, Valerie Davis addressed the board with the growth Mercy Hospital in Aurora is seeing. In patient volumes are hitting capacity five to seven times a month, emergency department volumes are up by 2000. With having five primary care physicians, nurse practitioners supporting the physician's, they have hired and signed on three more family practice OB's, two start this summer and one next summer in 2024, along with two more signing on in 2024. Another concern Mercy Aurora Hospital is seeing, is getting patients transferred to a bigger facility due to no beds being available to those bigger facilities, leaving the beds in Aurora tied up until they can get transferred.

Dr. Travis Hawks, Emergency Department Doctor, addressed the board with the current situations they are facing at Mercy in Aurora. People are waiting in the ER for over 12 hours for a bed, and leaving against medical advice because they have to wait so long. People outside Aurora are coming to Aurora to utilize the ER since Springfield and surrounding communities are waiting longer in their ER departments. If there was an Urgent Care in Aurora, it would offload some of the need for the ER departments and they may have more time and space to accommodate those who truly need the ER.

Hospital Administrator Valerie Davis is asking for Approval from the board to move forward with a Master Plan for around \$50,000. Board Member Brown made a motion to Approve moving forward with a Master Plan for the Aurora Mercy Hospital. Board Member Vaught seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

5. Organizational Reports

Hospital Administrator Report: Valerie Davis addressed the board with some updates. Starting in May, Mercy is starting a partnership with Wound Care Hologics. Will be a higher level wound care than provided before in outpatient. Working with trauma surgeons in Springfield to do screening colonoscopies that are backlogged with surrounding communities. Will do it one to two days a week in addition to what they are already doing.

Board Chairman Report: Board President Lee reminded everyone that Board Officers will be voted on in July. There is also a vacant position for the Hospital Board.

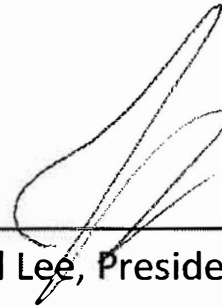
City Manager Report: City Manager, Jon Holmes addressed the board about report to Council to be scheduled this summer. Bob Journagan will be recognized for his service at the City Council meeting on May 9th, 2023. MOSIP accounts are all set up and ready to be funded. Is separate account from all other City accounts with MOSIP. One is like a money market and one is like certificate of deposit accounts. Will work with Board President Lee, Valerie Davis and Scott.

Other Business: Valerie Davis showed the video that was made by MHA with the City, Community Members, Chamber Director, Shannon Walker and Project Rise.

6. Adjournment

Board member Rick Boyer made a motion to adjourn at 5:42 p.m. Board member Brown seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members present voting aye.

APPROVED



John Paul Lee, President

ATTEST:



Kamy Kulow, City Clerk