# MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF UMC HEALTH SYSTEM

#### **MONDAY, JUNE 23, 2025**

Mark Funderburk, President and Chief Executive Officer, called the UMC Board of Managers meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 23, 2025. The meeting was held in the UMC Board Room at University Medical Center, 602 Indiana Avenue, Lubbock, Texas.

Mr. Mont McClendon, Vice-Chairman, confirmed that no one from the public registered to comment.

Mr. McClendon welcomed the Board Members and guests and thanked them for attending. The following members and guests were present:

# **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Gary Greenstreet Jason Medina Laura Vinson

Mont McClendon Mikella Newsom Gladys Whitten, D.M.D.

## **MEMBERS ABSENT**

John DeToledo, M.D. non-voting

Tray Payne

#### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Teresa Barron Allan Haynes, M.D. Jill Shanklin
Tina Belcher Jeff Hill Nick Skeen
Jennifer Clary Bobbye Hrncirik (virtual) Shane Terrell
Betty Cornell (virtual) John Lowe Amanda Tijerina
Jeff Dane Heather Martinez (virtual) Kala Waits

Aaron Davis
Dean Diersing (virtual)

Brian Payne, M.D.

Mike Ragain, M.D.

Tammy Williams

Kristi Duske Greg Roberts (virtual)
Mark Funderburk Jodene Satterwhite (virtual)

Adonica Hall (virtual) Abigail Scioli

## INVOCATION

Mr. Mark Funderburk voiced the invocation.

# **QUORUM**

With six voting members present, a quorum was established.

# EMPLOYEE/PROVIDER RECOGNITION

Mike Ragain, M.D., Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, presented the House Staff of the Month, William Rhett Butler, M.D., the Attending of the Month, Karthickrajkumar Kariamanickam, M.D., and the Advanced Practice Professional of the Quarter, John Teague, CRNA. The Employee of the Month, Ben Bristow, was presented by, Jeff Hill, Senior Vice President of Support Services and Government Relations Administration.

Vice-Chairman McClendon temporarily adjourned Open Session at 8:14 a.m. to enter into the Performance Improvement Oversight Committee Meeting in lieu of Chairman Vinson's temporary absence in the meeting.

#### **OPEN SESSION**

The Board of Managers reconvened into Open Session at 8:52 a.m.

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board of Managers went into a Closed Meeting under Government Code Sections 551.071,

551.072, 551.073, 551.074, 551.076 and 551.085 at 8:52 a.m. to consult with attorney concerning pending or contemplated litigation, settlement offers, and confidential legal matters; to deliberate the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property, deliberate personnel matters; to deliberate financial planning information relating to negotiation for provision of services or product lines; to deliberate proposed new services or product lines and to review Professional Staff credentials (Health and Safety Code Section 161.031 et seq.).

**RECESS:** Without objection, the Board agreed to recess at 11:32 a.m., for a brief break.

## **OPEN SESSION**

The Board of Managers reconvened Open Session with Ms. Laura Vinson, as chairman at 11:43 a.m.

## APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

The following were presented for approval.

- A. Minutes-Performance Improvement Oversight Committee May 19, 2025
- B. Minutes-Regular Board of Managers May 19, 2025

## C. Professional Staff Report

The Board was provided with a report of recommendations from the Executive Committee Meeting held on June 2, 2025, including Applicants to Staff, Ad Hoc Applicants to Staff, Temporary Privileges, Resignations, Active Reappointments, and Referring Reappointments.

## D. Contract Management Report

The Board was provided with a report of UMC's contract management system report. The data is completed for the Det Norske Veritas (DNV) survey and is for information purposes.

# E. CPED Appliance for DICOM Image Transfer

The Board was provided with the CPED Appliance for DICOM Image Transfer agreement request. This appliance is required to transmit 977 TB of radiology image information from Oracle Cerner to UMC for migration into Epic/Merge VNA. Staff recommends the purchase of this sole course item, which is exempt from competitive bidding, from Ciphertex, for a total amount of \$124,880. This will be paid for out of the 2025 budgeted funds.

#### F. Pulsed Field Ablation Generator

The Board was provided with the request for the Pulsed Field Ablation (PFA) Generator. PFA employs ultra-rapid electrical pulses to create nanoscale pores in the cell membranes of cardiomyocytes. Unlike traditional thermal ablation techniques, PFA is tissue-selective, targeting only cardiomyocytes while minimizing the risk of damage to adjacent structures. Staff recommends the purchase from Boston Scientific, a Premier vendor, for a total cost of \$200,000. This will be paid for out of the 2025 budgeted funds.

## G. Patient Trayline Serviceware

The Board was presented with a request to upgrade Patient Trayline Serviceware. The current serviceware has reached the end of its useful life, which is typically three to five years, and is now in its fifth year. To maintain a timely and uninterrupted patient meal service, it is recommended to maintain an inventory equal to two and a half times the average census. The request includes 696 trays, 696 induction bases, and 684 domes. This upgrade is essential to ensure continued efficiency and reliability in patient meal delivery. Staff recommends the purchase from Aladdin Temp-Rite, a Premier vendor, for a total cost of \$79,417. This will be paid for out of the 2025 budgeted funds.

## H. OR Tables (2)

The Board was provided with a request for two new surgical tables for the Family Birth Unit Operating Room. This request includes additional components to ensure the tables can accommodate the specific needs of the patient population served in this area. Staff recommend the purchase from Getinge, a Premier vendor, for a total cost of \$97,740. This will be paid for out of the 2025 budgeted funds.

I. Mobile C-Arm

The Board was provided with a request for an additional mini C-Arm for surgical services at UMC Health & Wellness Hospital. Currently, there is only one mini C-Arm available at this location, which is shared among six surgeons. Acquiring an additional unit will support more efficient scheduling and improved utilization of the operating rooms. Staff recommend the purchase from GE Healthcare, a Premier vendor, for a total cost of \$82,615. This will be paid out of the 2025 unbudgeted funds.

Chairman Vinson called for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda items. At this time, Ms. Vinson gave members an opportunity to ask questions or voice objections. With no objections, Ms. Vinson asked for a motion for the Consent Agenda items.

ACTION: Mr. Greenstreet moved to approve the Consent Agenda Items as presented.

The motion was seconded by Ms. Newsom.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Mark Funderburk, President and Chief Executive Officer, reviewed the UMC Strategic Scorecard.

Mr. Funderburk discussed post retreat follow-up items such as the Value of UMC and advocacy within the community, the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan, and the Expansion/Financing discussions that will be scheduled in August of 2025.

Mr. Funderburk was pleased to announce that the Children's Hospital and Playground Grand Opening will be held August 25, 2025.

Mr. Funderburk also announced that tours of the new TLC2 Cancer Center are available.

After discussion and opportunity for all present to be heard, Chairman Vinson called for a motion.

ACTION: Mr. McClendon moved to accept the President's Report as presented. The

motion was seconded by Mr. Medina and approved unanimously.

# CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Mr. Jeff Dane, Executive Vice President, Administrator and Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the May 2025 financial statements. It was the staff's recommendation to approve as presented.

Following discussion and opportunity for all present to ask questions, Chairman Vinson called for a motion.

ACTION: Mr. McClendon moved to accept the May financial statements as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Newsom and approved unanimously.

## TTUHSC REPORT

This report was deferred.

# BID PROPOSALS AND SERVICE AGREEMENTS

The Board considered all of the following bid proposals and service agreements.

# A. Ambulances (6)

Jeff Hill, Senior Vice President of Support Services and Government Relations, presented the Ambulance request to the Board. Mr. Hill explained that this request is to remount three Medix ambulances and three Horton ambulances. The chassis will be replaced. The patient compartment will be updated, cleaned, refurbished, and remounted to the new chassis.

Staff recommends the purchase from SERVS, an HGAC vendor, for a total cost of \$682,113. This will be paid for out of the 2025 budgeted funds.

## B. Pharmacy and On-Call Room Renovations

Nick Skeen, Executive Vice President of Service Line Development and Chief Operating Officer, presented the Pharmacy and On-Call Room Renovations project to the Board. Mr. Skeen explained that the project will include new flooring, ceilings, lighting, paint, and millwork throughout the basement pharmacy. The on-call rooms will also receive updated flooring, paint, ceilings, and lighting, along with renovations to the common bathrooms. In addition, new furniture and IT equipment will be installed in both areas.

Staff recommends the purchase from the lowest compliant vendors, Texas Air Systems and Holt Glass Company, for a total cost of \$3,288,200. This will be paid for out of the 2025 budgeted funds.

# C. Epic Training Hardware Needs

Shane Terrell, Senior Vice President of I.T. Operations, presented the Epic Training Hardware Needs to the Board. Mr. Terrell explained that IT hardware is required to equip the designated Epic training spaces per Epic requirements. This request also includes MOP II, fourth floor, and UMCP City Bank Training Areas I and II, located in the basement.

Staff recommends the purchase from Dell, Calian, Connection and Amazon, all Premier vendors, for a total cost of \$671,875. This will be paid for out of the 2025 budgeted funds.

#### D. Epic Site Hardware Needs

Shane Terrell, Senior Vice President of I.T. Operations, presented the Epic Site Hardware Needs to the Board. Mr. Terrell explained that hardware needs are identified by Epic Analysts and Workgroups following completion of gap analysis against Epic site (department) assessments. Equipment is necessary to support defined Epic workflows.

Staff recommends the purchase from MoreDirect, Dynamic IT, and Dell, all Premier vendors, for a total cost of \$279,599. This will be paid for out of the 2025 unbudgeted funds.

# E. East Tower Boiler (5)

Phillip Waldmann, Executive Vice President, Operations and Chief Operating Officer, presented the East Tower Boiler request to the Board. Mr. Waldmann explained that this request is to replace the existing East Tower boiler system due to recurring failures and high maintenance costs, with a more reliable and efficient solution. The new design will improve the flue piping to eliminate flue gas recirculation, thereby extending the boiler's lifespan. It will feature a redundant N+1 configuration to fully support the 16 MBTU/h heating load, ensuring no service interruptions during maintenance or repairs. This upgrade will enhance system reliability, reduce long-term operational costs, and provide uninterrupted heating—critical to maintaining East Tower operations. Overall, the project will strengthen UMC's infrastructure with improved resilience and lower lifecycle expenses.

Staff recommends the purchase from Texas AirSystems, a TIPS vendor, for a total cost of \$782,283. This will be paid for out of the 2025 unbudgeted funds.

Chairman Vinson called for a motion to approve the Bid Proposals and Service Agreements. At this time, Ms. Vinson gave members an opportunity to ask questions or voice objections. With no objections, Ms. Vinson asked for a motion.

ACTION: Dr. Whitten moved to accept the staff's recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Newsom and approved unanimously.

## AGREEMENTS, PROPOSALS AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

The Board considered all of the following bid proposals and service agreements.

## A. Turquoise Agreement

Aaron Davis, Vice President and Chief Experience Officer, presented the Turquoise agreement to the Board. Mr. Davis explained that this is a healthcare contracting platform that provides a comprehensive healthcare contracting solution designed to streamline and organize contract management for Managed Care agreements. It will consolidate all contract documents—including base agreements, amendments, and fee schedules—and automatically track and summarize key terms and provisions across all contracts. The system features AI-powered

search capabilities to assist users in quickly finding information within contracts, payer policy documents, and reference manuals. The platform will support up to ten users and includes ongoing support services. The total spend is \$100,000 per year, for a total of \$300,000 for a three-year term.

At this time, Ms. Vinson gave members an opportunity to ask questions or voice objections. With no objections, Ms. Vinson asked for a motion.

ACTION: Mr. McClendon moved to accept staff's recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Newsom and approved unanimously.

#### B. Master Coordinating Agreement (MCA)

Jeff Dane, Executive Vice President, Administrator and Chief Financial Officer, presented the Master Coordinating Agreement to the Board. Mr. Dane explained that the MCA governs the relationship between University Medical Center and Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center. Mr. Dane covered the major provisions including coordination and delivery of primary and specialty care services, including UMCP's requirement to obtain TTUHSC approval prior to providing certain specialty services. It affirms both UMC and TTUHSC as primary partners in key programs such as the Level 1 Trauma Center, Burn Center, Level 4 Maternal and NICU designations, Cancer Center, and pediatric subspecialties. UMC remains the primary teaching hospital for TTUHSC, with defined roles and responsibilities, including UMC's funding of residents and fellows. The agreement covers TTUHSC's provision of services for the LCMI program and related payment terms, faculty and clinical appointments, facility use and maintenance—including deeded and leased land, utilities, and infrastructure—and addresses financial responsibilities tied to each. It also includes ancillary agreements and attachments necessary to support patient care within UMC facilities and the broader community. Total funding to TTUHSC through the MCA and ancillary agreements is projected to be \$105,278,568. Following discussion, this agreement is approved contingent upon TTUHSC resolving the issues associated with call coverage of multiple facilities and the provision of cancer-related care at Covenant.

At this time, Ms. Vinson gave members an opportunity to ask questions or voice objections. With no objections, Ms. Vinson asked for a motion.

ACTION: Mr. Medina moved to accept staff's recommendation as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Greenstreet and approved unanimously.

With no further business to come before the Board, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

APPROVED:

Laura Vinson, Chair

Jason Medina, Secretary

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Teresa Barron, Executive Assistant

Consent, Bid Proposals and Agreements

Tina Belcher, Executive Assistant