



board of directors

Meeting:	WCH Board of Directors Meeting			
Date:	Wednesday, March 6, 2024			
Location:	Boardroom 6209 / Videoconference (V)			
Chairperson:	Donna Walwyn			
Secretary:	Paula Da Ponte			
In Attendance:	Paula Allen John Capobianco Aida Cipolla (V) JoAnne Doyle (V) Kathy Cunningham (V)	Rupinder Dhillon Arleen Huggins Susan Monteith Hilary Goldenberg	Maya Roy (V) Lisa Robinson (V) Jaspreet Hansra-Kulasingam (V) Ron McEachern	Heather McPherson Kyle Kirkham (V) Jennifer Price (V) Talia Zenlea (V) Savannah Cardew (V)
Regrets:	David Court			
Guests:	Rulan Parekh, Vice President, Academics Thomas Chanzy, New Director Jennifer Sloan, New Director			

1.0 Welcome and Call to Order

D. Walwyn welcomed Board members and called the meeting to order at 1702 hours.

2.0 Land Acknowledgement

D. Walwyn began the meeting with a Land Acknowledgement.

3.0 Conflict of Interest Declaration

There were no conflicts declared.

4.0 Patient Experience Story

H. McPherson shared a patient’s experience at the MRI department. The patient had expressed her concern about being asked to complete similar forms at both the breast centre and MRI departments.

The patient shared the importance of integrating the patient’s family history information across departments. Members were informed that the breast centre is on EPIC and MRI collects their own information and the organization will investigate opportunities to streamline information across programs more effectively.

5.0 Education Session: Academics: path to [r]evolution

R. Parekh provided an Academics overview at Women’s College Hospital (WCH), highlighting milestones and scientific breakthroughs as well as the Academics vision and goals as aligned with WCH corporate strategy. The Academics portfolio has focused on specific areas including new and emerging work that address the most pressing challenges of healthcare both on provincial and national levels. The four pillars of focus include:

- Precision Health @ Women’s.
- Sex and Gender in Health.
- Novel Approaches to Health Equity.
- Innovative Models of Healthcare Delivery.

Members had a thorough discussion and were informed that an equity lens is embedded across all pillars of the Academic focus areas.

6.0 Consent Agenda

The consent agenda included the Board agenda, board minutes from February 7, 2024, board policies, Audit Plan 2023-2024 and Quality Improvement Plan 2024-2025.

J. Capobianco moved and S. Monteith seconded

THAT items presented for approval in the consent agenda be approved.

CARRIED

7.0 New Directors

J. Capobianco reported that the Governance and Nominating Committee continues to work with Boyden Executive Search to assist in recruiting new Board members for the 2023-2024 Board year. The committee is recommending two Directors.

J. Capobianco moved and A. Huggins seconded

THAT as recommended by the Governance and Nominating Committee, the Board of Directors approve the appointment of Thomas Chanzy and Jennifer Sloan.

CARRIED

8.0 Budget Update 2024-2025

R. Dhillon informed members that WCH received information from the Ministry of Health regarding reimbursement related to Bill 124. The government will provide a one-time funding wage adjustment at 85% of the amount that WCH claimed. The Resources Committee met prior to the Board meeting to discuss options for the operating plan budget and noted that an adjustment will be required prior to bringing the operating plan budget forward to the board in June for approval.

9.0 HSAA Annual Budget Submission

Members were provided a memo from legal counsel regarding obligations under the Hospital Service Accountability Agreement (HSAA) for information only.

10. Capital Budget 2024-2025

Members were informed that the 2024-2025 capital budget has been developed based on criteria to manage patient volumes, staff and patient safety advances required to provide the services required by our community. There are items that require approval to move forward in advance of the operating budget adjustment and provisions for the impacts to the operating budget are made for the list of prioritized capital.

R. Dhillon moved and J. Capobianco seconded

THAT on the recommendation of the Resources Committee, the Board of Directors approve the Capital Budget for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.

CARRIED

11. Biomedical Services Contract

R. Dhillon informed members that the Christie Innomed Biomedical Engineering Service Agreement dollar value over a six-year term meets the threshold for Board approval.

R. Dhillon moved J. Capobianco seconded

THAT the Board of Directors approve the agreement with Christie Innomed for Biomedical Engineering Services.

CARRIED

12. Chair's Report

D. Walwyn provided the following update:

- Members were informed that the Executive Committee met on February 21, 2024. Minutes were included in the material.
- The department of Anesthesia and Pain Management is one of the largest departments across three sites: University Health Network (UHN), Sinai Health System (SHS) and Women's College Hospital (WCH). An external review of the department was conducted and Departmental Head, Dr. Keyvan Karkouti's accomplishments, strengths of the department and leadership were reviewed and aligned across the three organizations. The committee endorsed Dr. Karkouti's appointment for a second term as Department Head of Anesthesia and Pain Management.
- A governance mentorship program was created to pair a Board mentor with a new Director of the Board. If anyone is interested in mentoring, please contact D. Walwyn.

13. CEO Report

H. McPherson's report was included in the material. She additionally reported on the following:

- The Honorable Michael Tibollo, Associate Minister of Mental Health & Addictions, and Natalia Kusendova, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Francophone Affairs to Women's toured WCH, visiting the Toronto Academic Pain Medicine Institute (TAPMI), Mental Health and substance Use Services.
- WCH is planning three important initiatives to increase access to cancer screening and education for Black women:
 - Breast and cervical cancer screening.
 - Best Health for Black Women Conference.
 - Take Action, Take Control, a genetic testing initiative.
- Women's College Hospital has been selected as one of Canada's Best Diversity Employers for 2024 in recognition of our exemplary commitment to fostering diversity, equity, and inclusion.

14. Medical Staff Appointments

14.1 New Medical Staff Appointments

The list of new medical staff privileges recommended at the Medical Advisory Committee meeting on March 5, 2024 was included in the material.

P. Allen moved and R. Dhillon seconded

THAT on the recommendation of the Medical Advisory Committee, the Board of Directors approve the appointment of the applicants listed to the WCH Medical Staff effective March 7, 2024.

CARRIED

15. Foundation Report

R. McEachern provided the following update:

- The Foundation has proposals in process and will provide further details once confirmed.
- Women for Women's is scheduled for March 7, 2024, at the Metro Convention Centre. The event is expected to have over 900 attendees. There are thirty-six sponsors including KPMG who have been our lead sponsor for thirteen years.

16. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, 2024, at 5:00pm.

17. Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 1807 hours.

18. In Camera

The meeting went into in camera at 1858 hours and adjourned at 1808 hours.

19. Open Board Reconvened

The open board meeting reconvened at 1813 hours.

20. Closure of Meeting

The meeting was closed at 1813 hours.