



BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING

**Ronald Wilson Reagan Memorial Building
2nd Floor Commissioners Chambers**

September 8, 2023, 1:00 p.m.

AGENDA

Call to Order – Rick Morris

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of the Agenda – Rick Morris

Public Comments

Approval of the July 10, 2023, Board Minutes – Rick Morris

Ethics & Conflict of Interest Statement: *It is the duty of every board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict. Does any board member have any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before board today? If so, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict and refrain from any undue participation in the particular matter involved."*

LifeBrite CEO comments – Christian Fletcher

Feasibility Study Update

Feedback/Suggestions from Office of Rural Health Meeting – Pam Tillman

Open Discussion

Closed Session

Recess or Adjourn

STOKES-REYNOLDS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, INC.
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING
July 10, 2023

MINUTES

Trustees Present

Chairman Rick Morris
Mr. Brad Chandler
Ms. Sonya Cox
Mr. Ronnie Mendenhall
Mr. Keith Wood

Others Present

Ms. Pamela P. Tillman, Administrator
Ms. Kristi Y. Blaylock, Administrative Assistant
Ms. Amber Brown, Stokes County Manager/Clerk to BOCC
Mr. Ty Browder, Stokes County Legal Counsel
Ms. Glenda Pruitt, Stokes County Purchasing/Project Manager

A meeting of the Board of Trustees (BOT) of Stokes-Reynolds Memorial Hospital, Inc. (SRMH) was held in the Stokes County Commissioners chambers on July 10, 2023, at 4:33 p.m. Chairman Rick Morris called the meeting to order.

Invocation was given. Pledge of Allegiance was stated.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made to accept the agenda as presented except for adding feasibility study update to the agenda. There was a second to the motion and it carried. A copy of the agenda and minutes were given to the trustees prior to the meeting.

Public Comments

There were no public comments.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the June 12, 2023, meetings were presented for review. A copy of the minutes was given to the trustees prior to the meeting. After review and discussion, a motion was made to approve these minutes as presented. There was a second to motion and it carried.

Ethics & Conflict of Interest

The following statement was read: It is the duty of every board member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflict. Does any board member have any known conflict of interest or appearance of conflict with respect to any matters coming before board today? If so, please identify the conflict or appearance of conflict and refrain from any undue participation in the particular matter involved. Each individual was asked if they had a conflict, and no one had a conflict.

Pine Hall X-ray Update

Ms. Tillman shared that we started doing x-rays in Pine Hall on June 20th with 10 x-rays completed so far. There are plans for marketing along with strategic planning in Pine Hall that staff are working on. Will provide further details at the next BOT meeting.

Hospital Operations Committee Update

Justin Duncan, alternate, had submitted his resignation recently. Discussion was held about the process of adding a new alternate to this committee. Chairman Morris shared that a HOC meeting will be scheduled soon to provide updates to this committee and to discuss filling this position. Feedback will be provided at the next BOT meeting.

Feasibility Study Update

Communication has been received from Steve Lewallen, HFG Chairman, advising they have placed a hold on this project until further data can be obtained. Chairman Morris asked Ty Browder to write a letter to Mr. Fletcher, LifeBrite CEO, explaining the urgency of this situation and to ask for a face-to-face meeting with him

ASAP. Trustee Chandler stated he agreed with this approach and that discussion was needed with Mr. Fletcher ASAP. Trustee Mendenhall shared that this process had been quite an experience. He stated he had been on the board seven years, been involved with numerous studies and felt it to be a crying shame that LifeBrite couldn't provide assistance to Pam to get this information out. He stated that he had received emails and calls recently about payroll being delayed and that it was shared with him that bills are being delayed as well. He said he understood that Mr. Fletcher had sent his wife to visit the hospital recently and not sure why he sent his wife. He feels that we need to drop the hammer on him and ask him if he wants to continue with LifeBrite.

Ms. Tillman shared the LifeBrite leadership structure with the BOT stating that Mr. Fletcher is the CEO of LifeBrite and that Ms. Fletcher is the COO and within her realm to visit and work with the hospital.

Chairman Morris stated that prior to conducting the RFP process that led to HFG that we had a plan in place with Stroudwater and could have already been finished with the process we are currently in. Trustee Cox felt that we had received good information by completing the RFP process for the feasibility study.

Glenda Pruitt shared Mr. Lewallen's email along with a current list of needs for the study. Trustee Cox stated that she felt there was someone at LifeBrite headquarters that could assist with this data collection. Ms. Tillman shared that some items on the list had been given to HFG. A call with HFG took place on 6/14/23 when specific data was provided. There was another call on 6/30/23 to provide additional data but Mr. Lewallen's email had been received and it was felt we shouldn't continue with the call. Ms. Tillman stated she felt communication with Mr. Fletcher would be helpful. Ms. Tillman also shared that when Ms. Fletcher was recently on site at the hospital, she stated that she and Mr. Fletcher would alternate their visits to the Hospital.

Trustee Cox asked Mr. Browder for his opinion if HFG would be willing to continue with the feasibility study once the data had been received, and she is concerned whether they will want to continue. Upon review of Mr. Lewallen's email, Mr. Browder advised that HFG did include a statement that they do want to continue to do the work for the hospital but need the required data prior to continuing.

Ms. Brown shared that the contract with the state for the 10 million dollars had been renewed through 2028.

Open Discussion

None

Closed Session

A motion was made to enter into closed session at 4:52 p.m. There was a second to the motion and it carried. Closed session ended at 5:05 p.m. Separate minutes are maintained.

Having no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m. There was a second to the motion and it carried.

Respectfully,

Rick Morris, Chairman
Board of Trustees

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