

ERIE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER CORPORATION  
JANUARY 25 2022 MINUTES OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING  
MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM

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Present: Bishop Michael Badger, Ronald Bennett (virtual), Reverend Mark Blue, Ronald A Chapin (virtual), Anthony J. Colucci, III (virtual), Jonathan Dandes, Darby Fishkin (virtual), Kathleen Grimm, MD, Sharon Hanson, Michael Hoffert (virtual), Christopher O'Brien (virtual), Hon. John O'Donnell, Jennifer Persico, Thomas J. Quatroche, Eugenio Russi, Michael Seaman, Benjamin Swanekamp

Excused: Christian Johnson, James Lawicki

Also

Present: Donna Brown (virtual), Michael Cummings, MD (virtual), Peter Cutler (virtual), Andrew Davis, Joseph Giglia, Susan Gonzalez, Donna Jones (virtual), Pamela Lee (virtual), Charlene Ludlow (virtual), Keith Lukasik (virtual), Brian Murray, MD (virtual), Ronald Raccuia (virtual), Jonathan Swiatkowski, James Turner (virtual), Karen Ziemianski (virtual)

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**I. Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

**II. Minutes**

Upon a motion made by Michael Seaman and seconded by Eugenio Russi, the minutes of the January 26, 2021 Annual Meeting of the Corporation were unanimously approved.

**III. Appointment of Officers of the Corporation**

Moved by Jonathan Dandes and seconded by Bishop Michael Badger that the following members of the Board of Directors be appointed until their successors are appointed by subsequent resolution of the Board of Directors:

<u>Officer Position</u>	<u>Appointment</u>
Chair, Board of Directors	Jennifer Persico
Immediate Past Chair	Jonathan Dandes
Vice Chair	Eugenio Russi
Secretary	Sharon Hanson
Treasurer	Darby Fishkin

**Motion approved unanimously.**

Ron Raccuia announced that Jon Dandes will receive the Community Service Award at Springfest 2022.

#### **IV. Remarks by the President & Chief Executive Officer**

Thomas Quatroche thanked the Executive Leadership for their dedication and hard work this past year. Dr. Quatroche also thanked the Board of Directors for their ongoing commitment and support.

COVID-19 data for 2021 was reviewed for the hospital and compared with Western New York. A review of yearly statistics indicate how the pandemic continued to impact hospital operations; inpatient volume was down, ER visits were higher; and the number of surgeries performed increased since last year but again was lower than before the pandemic due to statewide restrictions. Outpatient volume was slightly less than the previous year and atypical in nature with many COVID-19 related visits. Acute length of stay increased due to the number of COVID-19 patients needing extended stays.

#### **Quality**

Dr. Quatroche reviewed the quality distinctions received by the hospital, awards and recognitions presented and the numerous nursing accomplishments achieved in 2021. Throughout the last year, the hospital has continued to focus on the journey to zero harm. Reporting on Hospital Acquired Conditions, Dr. Quatroche noted that CAUTI (Catheter-associated Urinary Tract Infection) cases have continued to fall regardless of the pandemic and CLABSI (Central Line-Associated Bloodstream Infection) cases have risen slightly but are still considerably lower than three to four years ago.

#### **Patient Experience**

Dr. Quatroche reviewed the Hospital Consumer Assessment of Healthcare scores for 2021. ECMC staff continue to focus on improving patient experience scores.

#### **Culture**

Staff recognition and diversity in the organization remains a significant focus at ECMC. The hospital's utilization of Minority/Women-owned Business Enterprises has exceeded the State minimum for the last five (5) years and was recognized by New York State in 2021.

The ECMC Foundation encouraged professional development through scholarships and certifications. Almost 41 % of ECMC's employees contributed to the 2021 Annual Fund; 8.4% participated in 2015.

#### **Operations**


The construction projects that were completed in 2021 were reviewed. Dr. Quatroche reported on recruitment efforts, new programs and initiatives.

#### **2022 Goals**

Strategic priorities for the coming year were presented and initiative were reviewed.

**Adjournment**

Moved by Michael Seaman and seconded by Michael Hoffert to adjourn the Annual Meeting at 5:04 p.m.

  
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Sharon L. Hanson  
Corporation Secretary

**Resolution  
Appointing Officers of the Corporation**

Approved January 25, 2022

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WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Corporation is designated by law as the governing body of the Corporation and has the authority to appoint officers of the Corporation as it deems necessary in order to fulfill its purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Corporation annually appoints or re-appoints certain officers of the Corporation's governing body in accordance with its by-laws and practices;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Corporation resolves as follows:

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| 1. | <u>Officer Position</u>   | <u>Appointment</u> |
|    | Chair, Board of Directors | Jennifer Persico   |
|    | Immediate Past Chair      | Jonathan Dandes    |
|    | Vice Chair, Chair-Elect   | Eugenio Russi      |
|    | Secretary                 | Sharon Hanson      |
|    | Treasurer                 | Darby Fishkin      |
2. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

  
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Sharon L. Hanson  
Corporation Secretary