

Chair / Acting Chair:	Ms. A. Atkinson
Minutes taken by:	Christine Wignall
Appointed record custodian:	Christine Wignall

OPEN SESSION

Voting Trustees: Ms. J. Armitage, Ms. A. Atkinson, Ms. B.L. Souter, Mr. B. Lawler, Ms. J. Friesen, Ms. S. Piluso, Mr. J. Rollo, Ms. M. Woodhead, Bishop G. Bergie, Mr. G. Leach, Mr. F. Bagatto

Non- Voting Trustees: Ms. L. Pay, Dr. J. Luce, Dr. R. Harb, Ms. J. Hansen

Also Present: Ms. N. Medulun-Burke, Mr. D. Ceglie, Sister L. Dillon

Absent: Mr. P. Brown

Land Acknowledgement Statement:

We would like to begin by acknowledging that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee (Hoe-din-a-show-nee) and Anishnaabeg (Aw-nish-naw-beg) peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today.

This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the lands protected by the “Dish With One Spoon” Wampum agreement, adjacent to Haldimand Treaty territory.

Today, this land continues to be the home to many Indigenous Peoples. Acknowledging reminds us that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous peoples.

1. Call to Order

The Open Session meeting was called to order at 5:05 p.m. Quorum for the meeting was achieved. A reminder was made to mute microphones unless speaking.

Opening Prayer

Bishop Bergie opened the meeting with a prayer.

Acknowledgement

Dr. Raymond Harb, MD, was acknowledged for his ongoing commitment to Hotel Dieu Shaver, Niagara Health, and the Lincoln County Academy of Medicine. Dr. Harb has held the position of President of the Hotel Dieu Shaver Medical Staff Association since 2005 and will be stepping down effective next week. His expertise and insight will truly be missed. A new President will be elected and will assume the non-voting trustee position on the Board. Dr. Harb will remain a member of the medical staff.

Dr. Harb shared his intention to step down from the medical staff leadership and extended his appreciation for the kind acknowledgement and support of the Board, advising that he will always be an ambassador for Hotel Dieu Shaver.

Declaration of Conflicts

This item allows trustees the opportunity, based on the approved agenda, to express a conflict of interest with any items. No conflicts were voiced at this time.

PRESENTATIONS / EDUCATION

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POLICY REVIEW

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2. CONSENT AGENDA (includes Minutes, Reports & Information)

No items within the Consent Agenda were identified to be moved to the Strategic Agenda at this time. It was recognized that meetings have been postponed due to the pandemic situation. It is hoped that meetings will be held on a monthly basis going forward.

- **Board of Trustees meeting minutes, January 12, 2021**

The minutes were presented, reviewed and approved through the Consent agenda motion.

- **Room Naming E-vote records, February 9, 2021 & March 9, 2021**

The records were reviewed and approved through the Consent agenda motion.

- **Medical Advisory Committee meeting minutes, January 27, 2021, February 24, 2021, & March 24, 2021**

The minutes were presented, reviewed and approved through the Consent agenda motion.

3. Business Arising

-Board Meetings & Voting Policy

There are a number of policies, including the Board Meetings & Voting policy and the Strategic Plan Dashboard under revision that will be reviewed by the Governance Committee at the next meeting. Trustees also recently requested to see the hospitals' Whistleblower Policy. This policy does not exist but a draft will also be presented to the Governance Committee and subsequently to the Board of Trustees.

4. Reports:

- **Leadership Report (Communications) – April 2021**
- **Foundation Report – April 2021**

The Leadership and Communications report and the Foundation report were presented and reviewed. Resulting from the reports, discussion was held regarding COVID vaccine rates for staff immunization and vaccine hesitancy. The vaccine is not mandated and staff have the right to refuse it. Ongoing education is provided regarding the vaccine to assist staff in making a decision.

The interest and involvement of Brad Langford, Pharmacist, in the hospital's Antimicrobial Stewardship Program was detailed.

The Post-Acute COVID-19 Rehab Program was discussed. The program was launched with specific admission criteria with a focus on the positive role that rehabilitation plays to assist those struggling post-COVID. There has been much interest in the program from hospitals with the HNHBB LHIN. Patients who have been discharged from the program are sharing positive feedback on the benefits and their experience.

The Hotel Dieu Shaver Foundation met on March 17, 2021 and received a presentation from the hospital CEO and Executive V/P, Clinical Services for the 2021/22 Major Capital Equipment Requests. The Foundation Board unanimously supported the request for equipment totaling \$1,234,015.

5. Correspondence:

Pre-circulated:

- Daily news
- COVID bulletins
- Outbreak Update
- World Day of the Sick, February 11th
- OHA, 2020 Report to Members – Understanding the Impact of COVID on ON Hospital finances
- Letters of Thanks/Acknowledgements

Attached:

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The correspondence was pre-circulated for information. One letter of appreciation from the Brock University HOSA group was highlighted and the following information about HOSA was requested to be included in the record.

HOSA is a club designed for students wanting to pursue a career in the health care field. As a HOSA member, students are provided with opportunities to learn about specific healthcare careers of interest to them as well as the healthcare industry as a whole by preparing for and competing in one of 30 unique competitive events. Some events focus on training students in core technical procedures unique to a particular profession while others are more generalized and develop teamwork, communication and leadership skills. Through HOSA, students are able to meet like-minded individuals while working towards gaining an edge in the highly competitive health science space. At the same time, HOSA enables students who are passionate about health sciences to further develop their skills and grants them the opportunity to gain recognition for their achievements at a national and international level. For many students, training, traveling and competing through HOSA are among the most memorable experiences of their undergraduate careers.

Motion **Moved by:** **Ms. B.L. Souter**
 Seconded by: **Ms. J. Armitage**

“That the Consent Agenda items be approved as presented.”

CARRIED

6. STRATEGIC AGENDA

Minutes:

- Audit Committee minutes, January 19, 2021, February 23, 2021, and March 23, 2021

The committee minutes, monthly financial reports and balanced scorecards were presented and reviewed.

Motion **Moved by:** **Mr. B. Lawler**
 Seconded by: **Mr. F. Bagatto**

“That the Audit Committee minutes dated January 19, 2021, February 23, 2021, and March 23, 2021, be approved.”

CARRIED

- Quality Improvement Committee minutes, March 4, 2021

The minutes were presented and reviewed. It was noted that two committee members departed the meeting by 9 a.m. and were also not present, as recorded, for the in-camera session. The committee recorder has been requested to make the change to the minutes accordingly.

Motion **Moved by:** **Ms. J. Armitage**
 Seconded by: **Ms. M. Woodhead**

“That the Quality Improvement Committee minutes dated March 4, 2021 be approved subject to a revision with the attendance.”

CARRIED

7. Business Arising

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8. Reports/Other Business

-Annual Report to the Sponsor

The Annual Report to the Sponsor was recently completed by the CEO and Sister Louise Dillon. The report has been slightly condensed this year. If any revisions are desired, they can be completed prior to submission. It was expressed that it was interesting to read about how COVID impacted the hospital and how the organizations' mission assisted in meeting the challenges.

Motion: **Moved by:** **Ms. B.L. Souter**
 Seconded by: **Mr. G. Leach**

“That the Board of Trustees approves submission of the Annual Report to the Sponsor.”

CARRIED