Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of the Board of Managers of the Dallas County Hospital District, held Wednesday, April 10, 2024, scheduled for 12:30 p.m. in the WISH Building Executive Conference Room (02-175) at Parkland Health and via WebEx. These minutes do not constitute a certified agenda from the meeting.

I. Attendance and Call to Order

Committee Chair Todd Furniss, JD, noted that a quorum was physically present and called the meeting to order at 12:30 p.m. Committee members Vincent Hall; Ramon Miguez, PE; and Elizabeth Palacios, MD, attended in-person.

Board Member attendees included: Reina Gonzalez, JD, (via Webex).

Staff Present (via Webex and in-person) included:

Amy LaBarge, Director Internal Audit
Carolyn Foster, Deputy General Counsel
Edmundo Castañeda, EVP Chief Operating Officer
Felicia Miller, EVP Chief Talent Officer
Fred Cerise, President & Chief Executive Officer
Jessica Hernandez, SVP Chief DEI Officer
Joseph Longo, SVP Chief Information Officer
Kellee Boardingham, Executive Assistant
Morgan Simmons, Governance Program Coordinator
Pamela Bryant, SVP Chief Supply Chain Office (via Webex)
Rick Humphrey, EVP Chief Financial Officer
Roberto de la Cruz, EVP Chief Clinical Officer
Saul Cordero, SVP Chief Governance & Strategy Officer
Stacy Dorsey, SVP Chief Workforce Strategy Officer
Steven Roth, EVP Chief Legal Officer
Tabitha Lee, VP Finance
Vic Summers, SVP Internal Audit

II. Mission Statement

Committee Chair began the meeting by stating the mission statement:
Advance Wellness | Relieve Suffering | Develop and Educate

III. Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items

No members of the public registered for comments regarding the agenda items.

IV. Conflicts of Interest

After review of the agenda, the Chair noted zero conflicts of interest for Board Members present.

V. Reports Requiring Deliberation(s) or Approval(s)

A. Audit Report Summary

Vic Summers presented the Audit Report Summary. He reviewed each open audit and identified areas of improvement. Vic Summers updated the board on the Projects completed or drafting which includes a management request regarding colonoscopies, which is at 28%. He also noted there are 36% of projects in progress currently and 36% that are not started. Vic Summers then updated the board on the Audit Schedule.

The Committee asked questions and received additional information related to the Audit Report Summary.

Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Plan Update

Vic Summers presented the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Plan Update. He added justification for audit items.

The Committee asked questions and received additional information related to the Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Plan Update.

Open Session Audit Follow-up Reports

Vic Summers presented the Open Session Audit Follow-up Reports. He noted that there is 1 audit and 2 issues being addressed during the period, but they are continuing to work with management on all open issues. Vic Summers also noted that there have been numerous of action due date changes which are shown in the Action Detail column of the Follow-Up report, but none of these will result in a project not getting done.

The Committee asked questions and received further information related to the Open Session Audit Follow-up Reports.

VI. Executive Session

At 12:50 p.m., the Committee moved into Executive Session as permitted by the closed meeting exceptions specified on the agenda.

Members of management were excused from the discussion of topics as necessary.

Members of management in executive session attendance included:

Amy LaBorge, Edmundo Castañeda, Felicia Miller, Fred Cerise, Jessica Hernandez, Joe Longo, Kellee Boardingham, Pamela Bryant, Rick Humphrey, Roberto de la Cruz, Saul Cordero, Stacy Dorsey, Steven Roth, Tabitha Lee, and Vic Summers.

A. Executive Session Summary [§§161.32]

B. RFP – Internal Audit Services Assessment (Verbal) [§§551.085]

C. Consultation with Attorney regarding [§§551.071]

   a. Update on Legal Issues with Contract Labor (Verbal)

   b. Status of litigation, claims, and settlements

D. Independent Briefing with Audit Committee Verbal (Compliance matters, personnel review, etc.) [§§161.032; §§551.074]

Chair adjourned Executive Session and moved into Open Session at 1:49 pm.

VII. Action Items

A. Vic Summers requested the approval of the Management Acceptance for Risk for the Foundation Report.

Elizabeth Palacios, MD, motioned to approve the item. Vincent Hall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

VIII. Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, the Committee Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 1:49 p.m.

Todd Furniss, motioned to adjourn the meeting. Elizabeth Palacios, MD, seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

SO RECORDED:

Todd Furniss
Todd Furniss (Jun 6, 2024 10:44 CDT)

Todd Furniss, JD
Committee Chair

Steven J Roth
Steven J Roth (Jun 7, 2024 17:19 CDT)

Steven Roth, JD, MPH
Assistant Secretary