



SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

November 14, 2023 - Wexner Medical Center Board Meeting

Members Present:

Alan A. Stockmeister
John W. Zeiger
Gary R. Heminger
Tomislav B. Mitevski
Juan Jose Perez

Taylor A. Schwein
Stephen D. Steinour
Cindy Hilsheimer
Amy Chronis
Hiroyuki Fujita (ex officio)

Peter J. Mohler (ex officio)
Melissa L. Gilliam (ex officio)
Michael Papadakis (ex officio)
John J. Warner (ex officio)

Members Present via Zoom: N/A

Members Absent:

Leslie H. Wexner
Robert H. Schottenstein
W.G. "Jerry" Jurgensen

PUBLIC SESSION

The Wexner Medical Center Board convened for its 48th meeting on Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at Longaberger Alumni House on Ohio State's Columbus campus. Board Secretary Jessica A. Eveland called the meeting to order at 12:59 p.m.

Item for Action

1. Approval of Minutes: No changes were requested to the August 15, 2023, meeting minutes; therefore, a formal vote was not required, and the minutes were considered approved.

Items for Discussion

2. Chief Executive Officer's Report: Before beginning the formal part of the agenda, Dr. John J. Warner, EVP at Ohio State and CEO of the Wexner Medical Center, invited Amy Pompeii, president-elect of Ohio State University Nurses Association (OSUNA) to address the Board. She brought attention to the following concerns on behalf of OSUWMC nurses:
 - Promote reinstatement of chief nurse executive
 - Chronic understaffing, increased workplace violence and physical safety concerns
 - Feeling undervalued and unsupported
 - Emergency room wait times
 - Resources needed to meet patient care demands

Dr. Warner expressed his appreciation to Ms. Pompeii and the other members of the OSUNA for attending the meeting and sharing their observations with the Board. Dr. Warner continued with the chief executive officer's report highlighting happenings and recognitions in and around the medical center beginning with the celebration of Veterans Day and a call out to thank the hundreds of veterans and active service members at OSUWMC and across Ohio State. He also pointed out the Military Medicine Program at OSUWMC. This program is a collaborative group of expert surgeons, military specialists and rehabilitation experts, many of whom are combat veterans themselves, who want to contribute to a better quality of life for our wounded warriors by addressing their physical



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and mental health care needs in weeks and months as opposed to what many veterans experience is years. Another OSUWMC program for veterans is STRIVE (Suicide and Trauma Reduction Initiative for Veterans). It is the only research institute in the U.S. that focuses on developing, refining, and treating in the areas of suicide, trauma and gun-related violent risk reduction. STRIVE moved its globally recognized programs and operations to The Ohio State University in 2020.

The Parkinson's Foundation designated The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center as a Parkinson's Comprehensive Care Center. This designation recognizes 10 medical centers nationwide that excel in utilizing a specialized, multidisciplinary team approach to provide the highest level of patient-centered care demonstrating leadership in professional training and conducting impactful patient education and community outreach. Ohio State's Wexner Medical Center is the only hospital in Ohio to receive this designation.

In September, WMC was among the first in the nation to administer a new targeted gene therapy for patients with a specific form of ALS. The new gene therapy is a result of increased understanding of the genetics of ALS, which has allowed us to pinpoint a specific target to treat and, now with gene therapy, to actually hit that target. It is a 15-minute outpatient procedure, and it does not require surgery. This is another important step in advancing treatment options for patients with this severe form of ALS.

Ohio State's Gene Therapy Institute announced a collaboration with Andelyn Biosciences, a pioneer in patient focused cell and gene therapy development and contract manufacturing organization. It is an affiliate of Nationwide Children's Hospital. We are working together with them on the development and clinical manufacturing of novel gene therapies. This collaboration was established to facilitate the pathway to bring Ohio State investigative gene therapies for a multitude of neurological disorders — from Parkinson's disease to ALS and Huntington's disease — all the way from concept to treating patients in clinical trials.

Dr. Warner also shared that neuroscience and psychology researchers were awarded \$7.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Defense to develop a deeper understanding of cellular changes that occur after Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). This award will fund four investigative projects over four years that will examine different mechanisms of certain specialized brain cells and how they may be involved in the onset and continuation of brain behaviors dysfunction after a patient suffers a TBI. This comprehensive collaborative project brings experts from across the university including members with expertise in neuroscience, psychology, animal behavior, electrophysiology, and biomedical informatics.

Many patients with TBI often receive care in our Dodd Rehabilitation Hospital that recently celebrated its 60th anniversary providing care to patients. Dodd is only one of 16 rehabilitation hospitals across the country and the only one in central Ohio considered to be a national leader for providing care for TBI patients. It was also rated No. 1 in the state of Ohio by *Newsweek Magazine*, for three years in a row.

OSUWMC received another \$3.6 million award from the National Institutes of Health allowing neurosurgical, neurology, and neuroscience researchers across the Wexner Medical Center and College of Medicine to treat diabetic neuropathy. There are now about 30 million patients across the US that experience some sort of neuropathy with many of those attributed to diabetes and the long-term effect of diabetes. Our new approach that this grant will support combines spinal cord simulation with a small fiber nerve activity called Detecting Early Neuropathy, patent pending.



Finally, Dr. Warner celebrated the incredible success of Pelotonia over this past year. In 2023, Pelotonia raised \$25 million for cancer research at The Ohio State University Comprehensive Cancer Center and The James, bringing their total contributions to now over \$284 million. The team at Pelotonia couldn't be more of an amazing partner to all of us at Ohio State. Dr. Warner extended a special thank you to Doug Ulman, Joe Apgar and to the entire Pelotonia team for all they do for us and the impact they are having on cancer care in our community.

- 3. Wexner Medical Center Financial Report: Mr. Vincent Tammaro provided a high-level report out of the medical center's financial performance through the first quarter of FY24. Overall, the health system's performance through September was very strong with excess of revenue over expense of approximately \$29 million compared with a budgeted excess of approximately \$21.5 million.

(See Attachment X for background information, page XX)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Stockmeister and seconded by Ms. Chronis that the Wexner Medical Center Board recess into executive session to discuss the sale or disposition of property, to consider business-sensitive trade secrets and quality matters required to be kept confidential by federal and state statutes, to consult with legal counsel regarding pending or imminent litigation, and to discuss personnel matters involving the appointment, employment and compensation of public officials, which are required to be kept confidential under Ohio law.

A roll-call vote was taken, and the Board voted to go into executive session with the following members present and voting: Mr. Stockmeister, Mr. Zeiger, Mr. Heminger, Mr. Mitevski, Mr. Perez, Ms. Schwein, Mr. Steinour, Ms. Hilsheimer, Ms. Chronis, Dr. Fujita, Dr. Mohler, Dr. Gilliam, Mr. Papadakis and Dr. Warner.

The Wexner Medical Center Board entered into executive session at 1:23 p.m., then reconvened into public session at 2:56 p.m.

PUBLIC SESSION

Items for Action

- 4. Resolution No. 2024-37: Recommend for Approval to Enter Into/Increase Professional Services and Construction Contracts:

APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS
RADONC ADVANCED IMAGING LINAC

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2001 POLARIS PKWY – CELL THERAPY LAB
THE JAMES OUTPATIENT CARE – 4TH FLOOR ORTHO SARCOMA AND REHAB
WEXNER MEDICAL CENTER INPATIENT HOSPITAL
WMC OUTPATIENT CARE POWELL

APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
EAST – FIRE SUPPRESSION

Synopsis: Authorization to enter into/increase professional services and construction contracts, as detailed in the attached materials, is proposed.

WHEREAS in accordance with the attached materials, the university desires to enter into professional services contracts for the following projects; and



	Prof. Serv. Approval Requested	Total Requested	
RadOnc Advanced Imaging Linac	\$0.9M	\$0.9M	Auxiliary funds

WHEREAS in accordance with the attached materials, the University desires to enter into/increase professional services contracts and enter into/increase construction contracts for the following projects; and

	Prof. Serv. Approval Requested	Construction Approval Requested	Total Requested	
2001 Polaris Pkwy – Cell Therapy Lab	\$0.1M	\$6.8M	\$6.9M	Auxiliary funds
The James Outpatient Care – 4 th Floor Ortho Sarcoma and Rehab	\$0.5M	\$7.5M	\$8.0M	Auxiliary funds
Wexner Medical Center Inpatient Hospital	\$1.8M	\$36.5M	\$38.3M	University debt, Auxiliary funds, Fundraising
WMC Outpatient Care Powell	\$1.8M	\$9.6M	\$10.6M	Auxiliary funds

WHEREAS in accordance with the attached materials, the University desires to enter into construction contracts for the following projects; and

	Construction Approval Requested	Total Requested	
East – Fire Suppression	\$5.4M	\$5.4M	Auxiliary funds

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wexner Medical Center Board hereby approves and proposes that the professional services and construction contracts for the projects listed above be recommended to the University Board of Trustees for approval.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and/or Senior Vice President for Business and Finance be authorized to enter into/increase professional services and construction contracts for the projects listed above in accordance with established University and State of Ohio procedures, with all actions to be reported to the Board at the appropriate time.

(See Attachment X for background information, page XX)

5. Resolution No. 2024-38: Recommend for Approval for Disposition of Real Property:

Synopsis: Authorization to sell real property located at 7706 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, is proposed.



WHEREAS The Ohio State University seeks to sell approximately 0.74 acres of improved real property located at 7706 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, Ohio, identified as Franklin County parcel number 610-233931; and

WHEREAS the property no longer aligns with the Wexner Medical Center's ambulatory care strategy; and

WHEREAS the Wexner Medical Center plans to use the sale proceeds for future strategic initiatives:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Wexner Medical Center Board hereby approves and proposes that the sale of said property be recommended to the University Board of Trustees for approval; and

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Board of Trustees hereby approves that the President and/or Senior Vice President for Business and Finance shall be authorized to take any action required to effect the sale of the property upon terms and conditions deemed to be in the best interest of the university and at a sale price at or above appraisal value.

(See Attachment X for background information, page XX)

6. Resolution No. 2024-39: Recommend for Approval Amendments to the Bylaws of The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Board:

Synopsis: Recommended approval of the attached amendments to the *Bylaws of The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Board* is proposed.

WHEREAS pursuant to 3335-1-09 (C) of the Administrative Code, the rules and regulations for the university may be adopted, amended or repealed by a majority vote of the University Board of Trustees at any regular meeting of the board; and

WHEREAS a periodic review of the board's bylaws is a governance best practice; and

WHEREAS the last revisions to the *Bylaws of The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Board* took place in August 2023:

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Wexner Medical Center Board hereby recommends approval by the University Board of Trustees of the attached amendments to the *Bylaws of The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center Board*.

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Action: Upon the motion of Mr. Zeiger, seconded by Mr. Heminger, the Wexner Medical Center Board recommended the foregoing resolutions for final approval by majority roll-call vote with the following members present and voting: Mr. Stockmeister, Mr. Zeiger, Mr. Heminger, Mr. Mitevski, Mr. Perez, Ms. Schwein, Mr. Steinour, Ms. Hilsheimer, Ms. Chronis, Dr. Fujita, Dr. Mohler, Dr. Gilliam, Mr. Papadakis and Dr. Warner.



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The Wexner Medical Center Board re-entered executive session at 3:01 p.m., and the meeting adjourned at 4:35 p.m.