

**SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN**

*February 18, 2025 – Wexner Medical Center Board Meeting*

**Members Present:**

Alan A. Stockmeister  
Gary R. Heminger  
Tomislav B. Mitevski  
Juan Jose Perez  
George A. Skestos

Joshua H.B. Kerner  
Robert H. Schottenstein  
Cindy Hilsheimer  
Amy Chronis  
Hiroyuki Fujita

John W. Zeiger (ex officio)  
Walter E. Carter Jr. (ex officio)  
Ravi V. Bellamkonda (ex officio)  
Michael Papadakis (ex officio)  
John J. Warner (ex officio)

**Members Present via Zoom:** N/A**Members Absent:**

Leslie H. Wexner, Stephen D. Steinour

**PUBLIC SESSION**

The Wexner Medical Center Board convened for its 53rd meeting on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, in person at Longaberger Alumni House on Ohio State's Columbus campus. Board Secretary Jessica A. Eveland called the meeting to order at 2:08 p.m.

At the beginning of the meeting, Mr. Robert Schottenstein welcomed Executive Vice President and Provost Ravi Bellamkonda to the university and Wexner Medical Center Board, noting how excited he and other Board members are to work with him.

**Item for Action:**

1. Approval of Minutes: No changes were requested to the November 19, 2024, meeting minutes; therefore, a formal vote was not required, and the minutes were considered approved.

**Items for Discussion:**

2. Chief Executive Officer's Report: Dr. John Warner, chief executive officer, Wexner Medical Center, first reflected on the great work being done by the heart and vascular team at the medical center. November marked the 20th anniversary of the Richard M. Ross Heart Hospital which, when it opened, was the first academic hospital in the nation dedicated to comprehensive cardiovascular care. Over the past year, the hospital hosted nearly 25,000 new outpatient visits and almost 7,000 new inpatient visits — both figures representing strong increases over the prior year. The past year has also seen new partnerships and services.

Dr. Warner then shared an update on the Wexner Medical Center's partnership with Helix to help accelerate the integration of genomic data into research and decision-making. In collaboration with other academic institutions, the initiative will provide no-cost genetic screenings to 100,000 individuals to identify risk factors and inform preventative measures for certain conditions. It will eventually make it easier to develop personalized health plans for patients. He illustrated the value of these efforts with the story of the Smith family, who is affected by a rare aortic dissection



condition.

Dr. Warner updated the Board on progress within the SOAR study, noting that Ohio State has exceeded its target number of completed wellness surveys from across the state and is well over halfway to meeting its goal of enrolling brain-health phenotyping participants. He also discussed the early work of a new mobile MRI unit and its contributions to the SOAR study.

Finally, Dr. Warner recognized Dr. Sylvester Black and Dr. Kymberly Gowdy, both recipients of the Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, and highlighted the 20-person living kidney transplant chain completed at Ohio State in December.

(See Attachment X for background information, page XX)

3. James Cancer Hospital Report: Dr. David Cohn, interim chief executive officer and chief medical officer, James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute shared an update on the institution's work to renew its designation by the National Cancer Institute as a Comprehensive Cancer Center. He also briefed the Board on The James' new outpatient bone marrow transplant program. This is one example of a broader effort to expand access to, and the reach of, Ohio State's exceptional cancer care — from more robust pre-diagnosis options and outpatient treatments to new partnerships and expanded in-patient capacity in the new hospital tower currently under construction. He closed by noting that registration for Pelotonia 2025 begins in March.

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4. Wexner Medical Center Financial Report: Mr. Ryan Goerlitz provided a high-level report out of the medical center's financial performance through the first six months of FY25. He detailed the medical center's robust position and projected similarly strong performance for the second half of the fiscal year.

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**Items for Action:**

5. Resolution No. 2025-53, Recommend Approval To Enter Into/Increase Professional Services And Enter Into/Increase Construction Contracts:

**APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS**  
BRAIN & SPINE – AHU REPLACEMENT

**APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO/INCREASE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AND CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**  
2001 POLARIS PARKWAY – CELL THERAPY LAB

**APPROVAL TO ENTER INTO CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS**  
EMERGENCY RESPONSE RADIO SYSTEM  
JAMES OUTPATIENT CARE - NUC MED EXPANSION  
OHIO STATE EAST HOSPITAL – EMERGENCY GENERATOR

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 project; and

Prof. Serv. Approval	Total
Requested	Requested



# THE OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY

Brain & Spine – AHU Replacement \$5.2M \$5.2M 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 project; and

	Prof. Serv. Approval Requested	Construction Approval Requested	Total Requested	
2001 Polaris Pkwy – Cell Therapy Lab	\$0.3M	\$4.3M	\$4.6M	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	
Emergency Response Radio System	\$3.2M	\$3.2M	Auxiliary funds
James Outpatient Care – Nuc Med Expansion	\$5.0M	\$5.0M	Auxiliary funds
Ohio State East Hospital – Emergency Generator	\$4.2M	\$4.2M	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 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)

## 6. Resolution No. 2025-54, Ratification of Committee Appointment FY 2025-2026:

BE IT RESOLVED, That the Wexner Medical Center Board hereby approves that the ratification of appointment to the Quality and Professional Affairs Committee for FY 2025-2026 is as follows:

### **Quality and Professional Affairs Committee**

Alan A. Stockmeister, Chair  
 Juan Jose Perez  
 George A. Skestos  
 Joshua H.B. Kerner  
 Ravi V. Bellamkonda  
 Michael Papadakis  
 John J. Warner  
 Eric Adkins  
 Doreen Agnese



Jay M. Anderson  
Carol R. Bradford  
Stacy A. Brethauer  
David E. Cohn  
Scott A. Holliday  
Elizabeth Seely  
Deana Sievert  
Corrin Steinhauer  
Andrew M. Thomas

**Action:** Upon the motion of Mr. Heminger, seconded by Mr. Stockmeister, the Wexner Medical Center Board recommended agenda items No. 5 – Recommend Approval to Enter Into Professional Services and Construction Contracts, and No. 6 – Ratification of Committee Appointment FY 2025-2026, for approval by roll-call vote with the following members present and voting: Mr. Stockmeister, Mr. Heminger, Mr. Mitevski, Mr. Perez, Mr. Skestos, Mr. Kerner, Mr. Schottenstein, Ms. Hilsheimer, Ms. Chronis, Dr. Fujita, Mr. Zeiger, President Carter, Mr. Papadakis and Dr. Warner. Dr. Bellamkonda abstained.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

It was moved by Mr. Stockmeister and seconded by Mr. Mitevski that the Wexner Medical Center Board recess into executive session 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. Heminger, Mr. Mitevski, Mr. Perez, Mr. Skestos, Mr. Kerner, Mr. Schottenstein, Ms. Hilsheimer, Ms. Chronis, Dr. Fujita, Mr. Zeiger, President Carter, Dr. Bellamkonda, Mr. Papadakis and Dr. Warner.

The Wexner Medical Center Board entered executive session at 2:40 p.m. and adjourned at 4:55 p.m.