

# Bartlett Regional Hospital

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BRH and Assembly Joint Committee Meeting Minutes  
Friday, November 19, 2021 – 12:00 p.m.  
BRH Boardroom / Zoom Videoconference

**Called to order at 12:07 p.m., by Alicia Hughes-Skandijs, Committee Chair.**

**Committee Members Present:** Alicia.Hughes-Skandijs, Committee Chair, Kenny Solomon-Gross, Vice-Chair, Mayor Beth Weldon. ***Virtually Present:*** Lance Stevens, Deborah Johnston and Christine Woll

**Also Present in the Room:** Jerel Humphrey, CEO, Vlad Toca, COO, Rosemary Hagevig, Board Vice-President, Brenda Knapp, Board Member, Hal Geiger, Board Member and Anita Moffitt, BRH Staff

*Other Virtual attendees:* Kevin Benson, CFO, Kim McDowell, CNO, Karen Forrest, CBHO, Rorie Watt, City Manager, Robert Barr, Deputy City Manager, Mark Johnson, Board Member, Beth Mow and Claire Stremple

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – None

**INTRODUCTIONS** – Ms. Hughes-Skandijs expressed appreciation for all of the Board members taking time to join the meeting. She noted Board and Assembly member contact information was included in today's packet as is the Organizational Chart for the hospital. Over the course of the meetings, we will all get to know each other better.

**ASSEMBLY JOINT COMMITTEE CHARTER REVIEW** – Mayor Weldon stated the purpose of this committee is to improve communications between BRH and the Assembly with the following objectives:

- To evaluate BRH's ability to consider and acquire real property. Sharing information with the three assembly committee members as well as the BRH board liaison, will make it much easier to get the message across to the full assembly and will hopefully make things happen faster.
- Discuss BRH's campus planning, business plan, projected community service needs and the facility needs. The Assembly doesn't want the BRH Board to come to the Assembly to appropriate funds and not have the back story.
- Keep the Assembly informed and updated on BRH's efforts to partner or affiliate with other hospitals and health care providers.

She stated the committee's purpose is not to keep BRH from doing anything but to improve communications about what BRH's future plans are and to assist in these activities. She extended a welcome to the board members and staff in attendance.

Ms. Hughes-Skandijs shares Mayor Weldon's excitement about the committee and encourages the Assembly members to ask lots of questions. It will help make things easier later if concerns have been met through this committee process.

**BRH PROJECTS UPDATE** – Ms. Hughes-Skandijs stated this Project Priority Plan document included in the packet will be present at all future meetings. It will be beneficial to see everything that is already planned out for the long term. Mr. Solomon-Gross expressed his enthusiasm to share information about BRH's future plans. He clarified that this is a fluid document and is updated as needed. Mr. Stevens identified this as an easy view of the long term master facility plan. If material is needed to provide the back story on these projects, it will be made available. Ms. Johnston had nothing to add about the project updates but expressed appreciation for the opportunity to work with the Assembly members and to learn the Assembly process.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION - *MOTION by Mr. Solomon-Gross to recess into executive session to discuss information presented that the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of BRH; that being a discussion about campus planning***

Committee entered executive session at 12:21 pm and returned to regular session at 12:56 pm.

Mayor Weldon reported the committee held a discussion about campus planning that the immediate knowledge of which would clearly have an adverse effect upon the finances of BRH.

**COMMENTS:** Ms. Hughes-Skandijs said this has given us information that will help shape the information to be brought back to future meetings. She asked for feedback on how often the committee should meet in order to complete its charge. Mr. Solomon-Gross said keeping communications open is important and meeting times can be fluid. Mr. Stevens suggests quarterly meetings should be frequent enough to be helpful but not a burden.

Mr. Watt stated he would like to work with the Committee Chair, Board Chair and the attorney to contemplate a code revision that might make it easier for the hospital to navigate in a competitive real estate world.

Ms. Knapp thanked the Assembly for taking an active interest in BRH. It's encouraging to see active ownership in the process as these projects are they very serious, costly and important to the hospital and the community.

**Next meeting:** Ms. Hughes-Skandijs will work with Ms. Moffitt to identify a time for the next meeting

**Adjourned** – 1:01 pm.