# **WinnMed Board of Trustees Minutes**

Wednesday, May 7, 2025 Conference Room B3 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

# **Minutes**

Topic	<u>Presenters</u>	<u>Purpose</u>					
Call to Order	K. McLean						
Karen McLean, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.							
Moment for Mission	N. Haberichter	Information					
Nancy shared a story about a successful emergency medical response by a home health nurse who saved a patient's life through quick action and CPR. This feel-good story had a happy ending. The patient survived and is returning home today.							
Consent Agenda	K. McLean	Approval					
<b>Action:</b> Motion made by Justin Gullekson, seconded by Britt Rhodes, to approve Board Minutes, Board Committee Minutes, Medical Executive Committee Minutes, Compliance Committee Minutes, Wet Procedure Location Annual Risk Assessment and Policy Approvals. All other voting, aye. Motion carried.							
Department Presentation: Nutrition Services	S. Zbornik	Information					
Sue Zbornik, Nutrition Services Director, presented an overview of their department's achievements, including education programs, community work, and the recent expansion of their facilities. Sue highlighted the dedication of the Nutrition Services team, emphasizing their commitment to patient care.							
<b>Board Education: Da Vinci Education</b>	S. Slessor/R. Omvig	Information					
Ryan Omvig and Brad Krueger, from Intuitive Surgical Services, educated the Board on the Da Vinci Robot. Highlighted its advanced features such as 3DHD vision, precision control, and enhanced ergonomics for surgeons. The robot has various clinical applications including its use in urology, gynecology, general surgery, and thoracic procedures. Discussion on market trends, noting the increasing use of the Da Vinci robot in the United States and Iowa, and the benefits it offers in terms of patient outcomes and surgical efficiency. Information on the cost of the Da Vinci robot, potential funding options, and the comprehensive training							
programs available for surgeons and staff  Todd Linden Board Opportunity Survey	J. Heikes	Information					
Jan highlighted priority items that surfaced from the recent Todd Linden Board Opportunity Survey. The Governance Committee has been working on action steps, which were shared with the Board.							
Transforming Tomorrow Project Updates Deferred	J. McDannald	Information					
Committee Community Member (Action)	S. Slessor	Approval					
Steve brought forth a request to appoint Mike Donohue to the Quality and Safety Subcommittee, recognizing his extensive governance experience and ties to the community.  Motion: Made by Britt Rhodes, seconded by Karen McLean, to approve Mike Donohue as community member to join the Quality and Patient Safety Committee. All other voting, aye. Motion carried.							
<b>CAO Evaluation Process and Timeline</b>	K. McLean/D. Calvert	Information					
Karen highlighted the CAO Evaluation pro formal evaluation will be conducted in a c		-					

collecting comprehensive and candid feedback from all relevant parties to ensure a thorough evaluation of the CAO's performance.

## Capital Request: Olympus Endoscope K. Moritz Approval

The Surgery department is requesting the addition of an Olympus Pediatric Cystoscope and the Olympus XI-189 GI Platform and accessories. The total cost of these items is \$226,320.57 and they are included in the FY25 capital budget. The addition of the peds scope will increase our surgical access for pediatric patients. The addition of the Olympus XI-189 GI Platform will allow us to use all three surgical towers we currently have in-house for both surgery and GI. This increase in versatility will help us prepare for the new specialty surgeons joining WinnMed over the next few months.

**Motion:** Made by Justin Gullekson, seconded by Jan Heikes, to approve the Olympus Endoscope purchase as presented. All other voting, aye. Motion carried.

## Capital Request: HBO Chamber D. Rooney Approval

This is a second HBO chamber for our wound center to accommodate the growing patient need. Each HBO treatment lasts two hours, allowing just three patients per day. A second chamber will provide capacity to serve more than three patients at a time and will offer more flexible schedule options for patients. The cost of this is \$135,000. We were able to find a used/refurbished chamber which saved us a decent amount of money on this purchase.

**Motion:** Made by Bekah Krueger, seconded by Britt Rhodes, to approve the purchase of refurbished chamber as presented in this FY. All other voting, aye. Motion carried.

# Capital Request: Dermatology PulsedDye Laser D. Rooney Approval

In preparation for dermatologist Dr. Jason Zack, the Clinic is requesting a Vbeam Perfecta Pulsed-Dye Laser (PDL). This equipment costs \$93,005 and was budgeted for the next fiscal year (FY26); however, these dollars will be reallocated to this fiscal year to have it available for Dr. Zack when he arrives. This laser will allow him to offer expanded and more comprehensive procedures locally.

**Motion:** Made by Jan Heikes, seconded by Britt Rhodes, to approve the purchase of the Dermatology Pulsed-Dye Laser as presented. All other voting, aye. Motion carried.

## Financial Update B. Stevens Information

Ben provided an update on the hospital's financial performance looking at July through March. Ben highlighted positive revenue trends, expense management, and cash position. Ben reported that the hospital's gross patient revenue is above budget, with significant contributions from inpatient, outpatient, and skilled services. Surgery volumes have also been strong, contributing to the positive revenue trends. The hospital's cash position remains strong, with positive cash flow trends over the past three months. The hospital has received significant funds from the Medicaid direct payment program, further bolstering its financial stability.

# Administrative Reports Leadership Team Information

#### **Chief Administrative Officer**

Steve Slessor:

BreAnna will send each of you an invitation to attend the DaVinici Road Show Event.

## **Chief Medical Officer**

Dr. Thomas Marquardt

• Kudos to Sarah Groux's team for working diligently on reviewing office and treatment room spaces throughout the Transforming Tomorrow Project. The next few months will be challenging.

#### **Chief Financial Officer**

Ben Stevens:

• Kudos to the EVS team on earning the top 300 cleanest hospitals for the second time.

• Working with contractors on new clinic plans.

## **Chief Nursing Officer**

Kathy Moritz:

- The ambulance team has been working on a new patient care initiative regarding patients experiencing chest pain. They have reached 95% for EKG interventions and 100% with aspirin administration.
- Our Nutrition Services Director candidate has accepted our offer.

#### **Chief Operating Officer**

**Dave Rooney** 

- Two Family Medicine candidates have approached us. Both of which will be available in 2026.
- Tasha Croell plans to fill the Radiology Director role, while also continuing to fill the Director of Performance Excellence.

#### **Director of Human Resources**

Laurie Bulman reported:

• All staff survey results are in. Will bring the results to the Board soon.

**Executive Session** C. Goltz Approval

At 4:17 p.m., Board members went into Closed Session pursuant to Iowa code 21.5 (1) (I) To discuss patient care quality and process improvement initiatives in a meeting of a public hospital.

Intent: To evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session.

Closed Session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 (1) (j) To discuss the possible sale or purchase of real estate. Where public disclosure of such information would harm such a hospital's competitive position when no public purpose would be served by public disclosure.

**Motion:** Made by Jan Heikes, seconded by Mark Jensen to enter a Closed Session. Roll Call Vote: Goltz, aye; Gullekson, aye; Jensen, aye; Heikes, aye, Krueger, aye; Rhodes, aye; McLean, aye. Motion carried.

#### **Return to Regular Session**

C. Goltz

Approval

At 5:05 p.m. Board members returned to the regular session.

Credentialing

Dr. L. Tope

**Approval** 

**Action:** Motion made by Mark Jensen seconded by Jan Heikes to appoint, grant membership and privileges as listed in the Medical Staff Report. All voting, aye. Motion carried.

**Land Purchase** 

C. Goltz

Approval

**Action:** Motion made by Karen McLean seconded by Bekah Kruger to purchase real estate as presented. All voting, aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

C. Goltz

Approval

**Action:** Motion made by Mark Jensen, seconded by Britt Rhodes to adjourn the meeting. All voting, aye. Motion carried.

#### **Members** | O = Absent, X = Present

Clark Goltz, Chairman	х	Jan Heikes, Board member	Х	Thomas Marquardt, DPM, Chief Medical Officer	х	Laurie Bulman, Director of Human Resources	Х
Karen McLean, Vice- Chair	х	Mark Jensen, Board member	х	Kathy Moritz, Chief Nursing Officer	х	Laurie Tope, MD President, Medical Staff	х

Justin Gullekson, Secretary-Treasurer	х	Bekah Krueger, Board member	х	Ben Stevens, Chief Financial Officer	х	BreAnna Sovereign, Executive Assistant	x
Britt Rhodes, Board member	x	Steve Slessor, Chief Administrative Officer	х	Dave Rooney, Chief Operating Officer	х		

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<b>Guests:</b> Alex Rose	now (Decorah News), Lo	on Haenel (Decorah	News), Seth Bo	yes (Decorah Leader,
virtual), Sue Zborn	nik, Nancy Haberichter, F	Ryan Omvig, Brad K	(rueger, Deb Val	vert (virtual)
		Recording:	BreAnna Sovere	ign, Executive Assistant
Justin Gullekson, S	Secretary			