

**MACON & JOAN BROCK
VIRGINIA HEALTH SCIENCES AT OLD DOMINION UNIVERSITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

September 9, 2024

Board Room of the Kate and John R. Broderick Dining Commons on the Norfolk campus

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Bruce D. Waldholtz, MD, Chair
Bruce Bradley, Vice Chair
G. Robert Aston
Robert J. Bianchi, Rear Adm.
Rob Broermann
Ted Chambers, MD
George A. Faatz
Tim Faulkner
Mark Fleming, MD
Hon. Daun Hester
Hon. S. Chris Jones
W. Ashton Lewis, Sr.
Keith H. Newby, Sr., MD
Hon. Blythe A. Scott, Esq.
Brian Hemphill, PhD, President, ex officio
Alfred Abuhamad, MD, Executive Vice President, ex officio

Others Present

Sylvia Ameen	Dr. Karen Karlowicz
Christine Boswick	Donna Meeks
Dr. Li-Wu Chen	Dr. David Mu
Po Chou	Tom Odom
Dr. Don Combs	Stacy Purcell
Brant Cox	Chad Reed
Dr. Anca Dobrian	Ashley Schumaker
Dr. Ron Flenner	Heidi Smith
Helen Heselius	Dr. Bonnie Van Lunen

ORIENTATION

Prior to the inaugural meeting of the Board of Directors, an orientation was held. Informative presentations were given by the Deans of each of the schools of Virginia Health Sciences, as well as some key senior administrative staff.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Bruce Waldholtz, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:58 pm and noted a quorum was present.

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT

Dr. Alfred Abuhamad, Executive Vice President of Virginia Health Sciences, provided recommendations for appointments and promotions at the levels of Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, and Instructor, and presented them to the Board for action.

RESOLVED, that upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the recommendations for faculty appointments and promotions, at the levels of Professor, Associate Professor, Assistant Professor, and Instructor, as distributed.

Dr. Abuhamad recommended Dr. Eric J. Lowe be named the EVMS Foundation Chair in Pediatrics.

RESOLVED, that upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation of Dr. Eric J. Lowe be named the EVMS Foundation Chair in Pediatrics.

Dr. Abuhamad recommended Dr. Anjeza Cipi be awarded the Francis L. Counselman, MD, FACEP Professorship.

RESOLVED, that upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation of Dr. Anjeza Cipi be awarded the Francis L. Counselman, MD, FACEP Professorship.

Dr. Abuhamad presented the Macon & Joan Brock Virginia Health Sciences Board of Directors Charter for discussion and approval. The charter had been distributed prior to the meeting for review and comment. A revised version was distributed to the members at the meeting, modifying the term length of Chair and Vice-Chair to two years, to align with the term of the officers of the Old Dominion University Board of Visitors.

RESOLVED, that upon a motion duly made and seconded, the Board unanimously approved the Macon & Joan Brock Virginia Health Sciences Board of Directors Charter, as distributed.

REPORT OF THE BOARD CHAIR

Dr. Waldholtz commented on a bill before Congress requiring Medicare to cover the cost of multi-cancer early detection (MCED) screening tests. This has the potential to change cancer care.

The Board discussed health disparities in Hampton Roads and our plans to address community needs. Dr. Abuhamad indicated that the various schools will be doing internal studies to review community needs, as well as our current and proposed programs. These internal studies will be instrumental in developing our strategic plan for both short-term and long-term goals.

Dr. Hemphill mentioned certain challenges that have a direct impact on community health, such as poverty and housing, will require us to work with both the State and local business community for long-term solutions. Dr. Waldholtz added that nutrition is another area of focus that has a tremendous impact on community health. Dr. Abuhamad noted that we are currently recruiting faculty and developing a Nutrition Sciences program within the Virginia Health Sciences.

In response to a question from Dr. Newby regarding revenue streams, Dr. Abuhamad summarized the work of ECG, a national consulting company, which did an in depth analysis of operations both pre and post integration. Dr. Hemphill added that internal meetings with ECG continue, to examine their recommendations and suggested areas of opportunity.

Dr. Hemphill updated the Board on recent FOIA requests received from local animal rights' groups. Dr. Abuhamad provided historical background on the research that is the focus of the FOIA requests.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Heidi Smith
Recording Secretary
Board of Directors
Macon & Joan Brock Virginia Health Sciences at Old Dominion University