



NORTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

**SPECIAL BOARD**

**Evaluating Independent Audit Committee Members**

1700 NW 49<sup>th</sup> Street, Ste. 150

Fort Lauderdale, FL

April 18, 2018

**\*MINUTES**

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** 9:16 am

**BOARD MEMBERS:**

- ✓ Commissioner Ure, Chair
- ✓ Commissioner Wellins
- ✓ Commissioner Klein
- ✓ Commissioner Gregoire

**THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Wellins

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

1. Former Commissioner Cobo stated that he was going over some things regarding the attorney general. He asked when the Board of Commissioners is going to request or require the legal department the accountability of the expenditures for the legal department. It used to come on a quarterly basis and it would state all of the law firms that were referred to with general terms, managed care, litigation, malpractice and what is the true cost of the legal department these days. The public has not seen that for a long time and according to the attorney general that is part of the duties. From being a former commissioner and a tax payer that report is very valuable to see as well as the public.

Commissioner Ure explained to the public that a special meeting was called to evaluate the 2 independent candidates for the External Audit Committee. Nicholas Hartfield, VP of Compliance and Privacy approached the podium to explain the process for the External Audit Committee. The 6 people that applied for the position was sent to the office for review, basic background check and to be reviewed

more in depth ensuring that everything was accurate on the resume and the provided information was then discussed with the Board of Commissioners. Nigel Crooks, Senior Internal Auditor explained the process and mentioned that he had spoken to two specific candidates because of their willingness to serve and the candidates are both located out of Broward County, which added enhancement to the audit committee. Commissioner Ure stated that the process entails an interview through the board in order to move the candidates forward. 3 out of 4 candidates, James Petkas, Scott Porter, and Harold Anderson were sitting in the public at the time the special board meeting had taken place. Commissioner Wellins explained that the board needs to keep their process in place, which is to review the candidates, hear from Nigel and Nick, and at a later date bring the candidates back for a formal interview and stick to the policy that had been laid out previously. Commissioner Gregoire seconded Commissioner Wellins request. Commissioner Ure requested that there be a special meeting at a later date to interview the candidates. Commissioner Klein requested to choose the top candidates as the next step and then choose when the interviews would be able to take place. The top 2 candidates chosen were James Petkas and Scott Porter, both have CPA's and certified public accountants for more than 38 years or more and have more than enough experience. There are no conflicts that would prevent them from serving. Neither reside in Broward County and that gives an added element of independence. Availability will be discussed at a later date.

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Ure made a motion to recommend that at the Board Meeting the following week, the search process for Independent Audit Committee Member be closed. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Wellins.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**Meeting Adjournment:**

**MOTION:**

Commissioner Ure motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Commissioner Wellins.

**Motion carried unanimously.**

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 2:19pm

Authentication of Minutes: Ariella Vega, Senior Executive Assistant.

Audiotape available upon request.