

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE VIRGINIA COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY
HEALTH SYSTEM AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
April 9, 2020**

Board Members

Dr. Arline Bohannon	Dr. Bruce Mathern
Dr. Peter Buckley	Mr. Timothy McDermott
The Honorable M. Kirkland Cox	The Honorable Ryan McDougale
Mr. Steven DeLuca	Mr. Keith Parker
Dr. Lisa Ellis	Dr. Michael Rao (Chair)
Mr. George Emerson	Mr. Stuart Siegel
Ms. May Fox	Dr. Shantaram Talegaonkar
The Honorable Lisa Hicks-Thomas	The Honorable Marilyn Tavenner
Dr. Gopinath Jadhav	Dr. Michelle Whitehurst-Cook
Mr. John A. Luke, Jr.	Dr. Wilhelm Zuelzer
The Honorable Jimmie Massie	

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I. Call to order

In accordance with Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3) of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act (the "Act"), this meeting of the VCU Health System Board of Directors was held through electronic means via a conference telephone line to discuss health care and operational matters related to the emergency declared by Governor Northam on March 12, 2020. Dr. Rao called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. He began with a Report of the President and Chair. He noted the both the University and Health System are facing changes due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He stated he was proud of how everyone has risen to act as ONE

VCU. He continued, that the most vulnerable patients are still being seen especially through Massey Cancer Center, Pauley Heart Center, and he reported the University is still educating. He stated VCU is rising to the challenges by adapting, persevering, becoming more flexible. Dr. Rao expressed gratitude to the University designated staff that continue to work especially the police, environmental services, and health care team members, who continue to show courage and selflessness during the pandemic. He continued, that he has been inspired by the many stories of creative problem solving, innovation, and support for each other that have come out of the current crisis, all of which will serve VCU and Virginia well into the future. He then reported the accomplishments that have occurred in a short amount of time. Dr. Rao touched on the surge capacity plans that include the use of the Honors dormitory on the VCU campus. He spoke about the development and use of the rapid COVID-19 testing, which has increased the number of tests done in a day, as well reducing the time waiting for the test results. Dr. Rao reported there are 17 new clinical trials related to COVID-19, 1000 plus telehealth visits a day, and highlighted the new N95 mask sterilization process. He also explained the "Thumbs Up" campaign, which helps to ensure health care team members come to work healthy and prepared for work. Next, Dr. Rao spoke about two significant philanthropic funds. He stated an anonymous donor gave a \$1M challenge gift that will be used to support health care staff and patients, and noted a student fund was established to help students that need support while away from VCU. He then mentioned about the University's hiring freeze. He said financial advocacy is top of mind and reported he recently met with Senators Kain and Warner regarding the higher education funding shortfall. Then, he spoke about emergency changes to Medicare and

Medicaid programs. He reported Medicare will pay fee for service as a percentage of 2019 claims and Medicaid sequestration and DSH payment cuts will be delayed. Lastly, Dr. Rao expressed his sincere gratitude to the leadership at VCU and VCU Health System, the health care workers, students, and faculty for stepping up during the COVID 19 pandemic.

II. Motion Into Closed Session

On motion made and seconded, and as authorized by Section 2.2-3711(A)(23) of the Act, the committee convened into closed session to discuss health care matters and operational strategies related to the emergency declared by Governor Northam on March 12, 2020 where the disclosure of such strategies would adversely impact the competitive position of the Authority, including a Strategic Discussion of COVID-19 Planning including Conventional, Contingency and Crisis Planning and Financial Impact/ Other Considerations. These discussions are being held in accordance with Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3) of the Act.

Resolution of Certification

Following closed session, on a motion made and seconded, the following resolution was approved by roll call vote:

The Board of Directors of the Virginia Commonwealth University Health System Authority hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters that are lawfully exempt from the open meeting requirements under Virginia law were discussed in the closed session meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered.

II. <u>Roll Call Vote:</u>	<u>Ayes</u>	<u>Nays</u>
Dr. Arline Bohannon	X	
Dr. Peter Buckley	X	
The Honorable M. Kirkland Cox	X	
Mr. Steven DeLuca	X	

Dr. Lisa Ellis	X
Mr. George Emerson	X
Ms. May Fox	Absent
The Honorable Lisa Hicks-Thomas	X
Dr. Gopinath Jadhav	X
Mr. John A. Luke, Jr.	X
The Honorable James P. Massie	X
Dr. Bruce Mathern	X
Mr. Timothy McDermott	X
The Honorable Ryan McDougale	X
Mr. Keith Parker	X
Dr. Michael Rao	X
Mr. Stuart Siegel	X
Dr. Shantaram Talegaonkar	X
The Honorable Marilyn Tavenner	X
Dr. Michelle Whitehurst-Cook	X
Dr. Wilhelm Zuelzer	X

Vote:

Ayes	20
Nays	0

ABSENT DURING MEETING: 0
 ABSENT DURING VOTING: 1

III. Motion to Accept

The Chair reported there was no action taken in closed session.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:32 p.m.