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SPECIAL MEETING

Board Meeting Minutes from
Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
921 NE 23rd Street, Oklahoma City, OK 73105
405-239-7141

In conformity with the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act, advance notice of this meeting was transmitted to the Oklahoma Secretary of State on November 30, 2020 at 11:20 AM and public notice of this meeting, together with the agenda, was posted in prominent public view on the front door of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, 921 NE 23rd Street, Oklahoma City, OK and on the front door of the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Eastern Division, 1115 W. 17th, Tulsa.

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Members present: Mr. Ricky Adams, Dr. Robert Allen, Dr. Eric Harp, Mr. Rocky McElvany, Dr. Roy Zhang and Dr. Eric Pfeifer

Members absent: Mr. Chris Ferguson, Dr. Doug Stewart

Mr. Glen Huff attended the meeting via videoconference, however, he did not participate in the meeting.

Others Present: Amy Elliott (OCME), Kari Learned (OCME), John Crittenden (OAG), Lori Shively (OCME), Renee Steward, (OCME), Jodi Dillon (OCME

Mr. Adams called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Roll was called and a quorum was established.

● Update from the Chief Medical Examiner, Dr. Eric Pfeifer

Financial snapshot –
~ Dr. Pfeifer announced that the agency issued another check in the amount of $500K to Oklahoma State University for the Tulsa building project.

He also advised, there are no other updates.

● Update from the Chief Administrative Officer, Amy Elliott

Cherokee Nation v. McKesson Corporation update
~ The Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) received a subpoena in the Cherokee Nation v. McKesson Corporation lawsuit. The subpoena directed OCME to release a list of items to the Plaintiff's attorney. Mrs. Elliott advised the Board that on Monday, November 30th, she and Kari Learned met

virtually with Devan Pederson and Desiree Singer who are with the Attorney General's Office. The call was to discuss the subpoena and obtain clarification of some of the items being requested.

The Plaintiffs are requesting information regarding the death of tribal members within 14 specific counties. The agency will provide data on all opioid related deaths in these counties and allow the Plaintiff to determine whether or not a decedent is a tribal member. Another item listed in the subpoena is email communication between OCME and the Cherokee Nation.

Mr. Pederson placed a call to the Plaintiff's attorney, Susan Huntsman during the conference call to obtain additional information. Ms. Huntsman will email Mr. Pederson the specific list of drugs they are looking for as well as specifics for the email search. The email search request will be submitted to the Office of Management and Enterprise Services (OMES). They will perform the search and provide the results to OCME.

Our database administrator, Tod Hardin with DiscoverSoft has also been advised of the request and will perform the database search and provide the results to OCME.

● Discussion, possible action and possible Executive Session regarding the Chief Administrative Officer.

Mr. Adams opened the floor for a motion to enter into Executive Session. A motion was made by Mr. McElvany to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing the performance, evaluation and employment of the Chief Administrative Officer. Dr. Allen seconded the motion, roll was called and all were in favor.

** At this time, any person attending the meeting via video conference was placed in the videoconference waiting room.

Mr. Adams excused everyone that is not directly involved and announced they would be called back when needed.

Mr. McElvany motioned to exit executive session, Dr. Zhang seconded the motion. Roll was called and all were in favor.

** The videoconference was re-established and anyone in the waiting room was admitted back into the meeting.

● Report from the committee appointed to retain reasonable and necessary employment professionals to improve the working environment of the agency, discussion and possible action.

Mr. Adams requested an update from the committee. Mr. McElvany motioned to empower the Chairman to retain reasonable and necessary employment professionals to improve the working environment of the agency. Dr. Allen seconded the motion. Roll was called and all were in favor.

Dr. Allen motioned to adjourn the meeting, Mr. McElvany seconded the motion. All were in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 5:22 pm.

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