

**University Medical Center of Southern Nevada
Governing Board Special Meeting
January 12, 2026**

Providence Suite (5thFloor)
UMC Trauma Building
800 Hope Place
Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada
Monday, January 12, 2026
1:30 PM

The University Medical Center Governing Board met in special meeting session, at the location and date above, at the hour of 1:30 P.M. The meeting was called to order at the hour of 1:34 PM by Chair O'Reilly. The following members were present, which constituted a quorum of the members thereof:

CALL TO ORDER

Board Members:

Present:

John O'Reilly, Chair
Harry Hagerty, Vice-Chair
Donald Mackay, M.D.
Laura Lopez-Hobbs
Mary Lynn Palenik (Teams)
Renee Franklin
Chris Haase (Teams)
Bill Noonan
John Fildes, MD

Ex-Officio Members:

Present:

None

Others Present:

Christian Balducci, Esq. – Attorney for Appellate Review Panel
James Conway, Esq. – Attorney for MEC
Aaron Fricke, Esq. – Attorney for Dr. Handa
Dr. Meena Vohra, Chief of Staff
Rahul Handa, M.D.
Jovi Remitio, Director of Medical Staff
Stephanie Ceccarelli, Governing Board Secretary
Tracy Manning, Court Reporter

SECTION 1. OPENING CEREMONIES

CALL TO ORDER

ITEM NO. 1 PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair O'Reilly asked if there were any persons present in the audience wishing to be heard on any item on this agenda.

Speakers: None

ITEM NO. 2 Approval of Agenda (*For possible action*)

FINAL ACTION:

A motion was made by Member Mackay that the agenda be approved as recommended. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

SECTION 2: BUSINESS ITEMS

ITEM NO. 3 Affirm, modify, or reverse the recommendation of the UMC Medical Executive Committee and the Fair Hearing Panel, or take other action as it deems appropriate, regarding the clinical privileges and medical staff membership of Rahul Handa, M.D. (*For possible action*)

DOCUMENT(S) SUBMITTED:

- None

DISCUSSION:

This was the subject matter of previous discussions by the Governing Board to be continued at today's meeting.

At this time, this item was tabled for discussion until after the closed session period.

A motion was made by Member Hagerty to go into closed session.

FINAL ACTION:

At this time, a motion was made by Member Hagerty to go into closed session pursuant to NRS 450.140. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

At the hour of 1:38 PM, the Board recessed to go into closed session.

SECTION 3: CLOSED SESSION

ITEM NO. 4 Go into closed session pursuant to NRS 450.140, to consider the Fair Hearing appeal and the character, alleged misconduct, professional competence, or physical or mental health, of Rahul Handa, M.D. (*For possible action*)

DISCUSSION:

None

FINAL ACTION:

None

At the hour of 2:56 P.M., the closed session ended on the above referenced matter and the Governing Board returned to the open session meeting.

The Board reconvened in open session at 3:02 pm. to discuss Item No. 3.

ITEM NO. 3 Affirm, modify, or reverse the recommendation of the UMC Medical Executive Committee and the Fair Hearing Panel, or take other action as it deems appropriate, regarding the clinical privileges and medical staff membership of Rahul Handa, M.D. (For possible action)

DOCUMENT(S) SUBMITTED:

- None

DISCUSSION:

Chair O'Reilly asked counsel to make appearances. James Conway appeared as counsel for the MEC, and Aaron Frike appeared as counsel for Dr. Rahul Handa, also in attendance.

Based on the deliberations by the Governing Board, the Board has arrived on a decision. The decision is to adopt the Appellate Panel's report and recommendation with modifications and referral to the Fair Hearing Panel for further review, as opposed to the Fair Hearing Panel and the MEC.

Chair O'Reilly suggested a motion be made for counsel to consider.

FINAL ACTION TAKEN:

A motion was made by Member Mackay that the UMC Governing Board adopts the Appellate Review Panel's report and recommendations with modifications, including a referral to the Fair Hearing Panel, as opposed to the Fair Hearing Panel and the MEC, consistent with a decision to be completed by Counsel and reviewed with the Chairman of the Governing Board for signature consistent with those deliberations of all Governing Board members. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Christian Balducci, Counsel to the Governing Board responded that it was an appropriate motion.

Additionally, it was suggested that a motion was made that the parties could contact Mr. Balducci should they have additional questions regarding the decision or the procedures to follow.

FINAL ACTION TAKEN:

A motion was made by Member Hagerty that if there are questions regarding the decision or the procedures to follow, they are to contact counsel for the Board, Mr. Balducci and he may advise the Chairman if there is need to reconvene the Governing Board in a special meeting otherwise to address any of the decisions

unless they are procedurally obvious or if it is one that can be agreed to by counsel so that there is methodology to proceed forward without any unnecessary delays. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Balducci responded that this is an appropriate motion and request.

Chair O'Reilly asked if there was anything further to address by motion on this matter. Mr. Balducci responded that there was nothing further to discuss.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

Comments from the general public were called. No such comments were heard.

FINAL ACTION TAKEN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, at the hour of 3:06 PM, Chair O'Reilly adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: January 28, 2026

Minutes Prepared by: Stephanie Ceccarelli, Governing Board Secretary