

**University Medical Center of Southern Nevada
Governing Board Appellate Review Panel Meeting
December 10, 2025**

Hope Conference Room
Trauma Building (5th Floor)
800 Hope Place
Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada
Wednesday, December 10, 2025
11:00 AM.

The University Medical Center Governing Board Appellate Review Panel met in regular session, at the location and date above, at the hour of 11:00 AM. The meeting was called to order at the hour of 11:11 AM by Chair O'Reilly. The following members were present, which constituted a quorum of the members thereof:

CALL TO ORDER

Appellate Review Panel:

Present:

John O'Reilly, Chair
Donald Mackay, M.D.
Mary Lynn Palenik

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 matter is tabled until the conclusion of Item 4.

FINAL ACTION:

None

There was no objection to the notices provided for the meeting.

A motion was made by Member Palenik to go into closed session pursuant to NRS 450.140.

There being no further business to come before the Appellate Review Panel at this time, at the hour of 11:15 PM, Chair O'Reilly recessed the meeting, and the Appellate Review Panel 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 Ammar Wehbeh, M.D.

The meeting was reconvened in closed session at 11:20 P.M.

At the hour of 1:44 P.M., the closed session ended on the above referenced matter and the Appellate Review Panel returned to the open session meeting.

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

DISCUSSION

At 1:44 P.M., Chair O'Reilly called the open meeting back to order to continue with the Agenda and Item No. 3. Chair O'Reilly confirmed that the Appellate Review Panel has reached a decision and a recommendation will be submitted to the Governing Board.

Appellate Review Panel counsel was instructed to complete and provide the confidential report and recommendation to the Governing Board for their meeting scheduled for December 17, 2025.

The transcripts of the proceedings are anticipated to be available by Monday and provided to the Governing Board and Counsel by Tuesday.

FINAL ACTION

A motion was made by Member Palenik that a decision has been reached and counsel has been directed to complete the report and recommendation of the peer-to-peer confidential matter. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Mr. Conway and Mr. Fricke inquired of the disposition and final decision of the agenda item.

Chairman O'Reilly responded that the final decision will be made by the Governing Board after review and consideration of the Report of the Appellate Review Panel.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

At this time there was a final call for public comment.

There were none.

There being no further business to come before the Appellate Review Panel at this time, at the hour of 1:48 PM. Chair O'Reilly adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: December 17, 2025

Minutes Prepared by: Stephanie Ceccarelli, Board Secretary