

**University Medical Center of Southern Nevada
Governing Board Appellate Review Panel Meeting
December 3, 2025**

Emerald Conference Room
Delta Point Building (1st Floor)
901 Rancho Lane
Las Vegas, Clark County, Nevada
Wednesday, December 3, 2025
1:00 PM.

The University Medical Center Governing Board Appellate Review Panel met in regular session, at the location and date above, at the hour of 1:00 PM. The meeting was called to order at the hour of 1:00 PM by Chair O'Reilly. The following members were present, which constituted a quorum of the members thereof:

CALL TO ORDER

Appellate Review Panel Members:

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*)

Mr. O'Reilly stated that Item 3 would be tabled until after the closed session.

Mr. Fricke confirmed that a determination by the Appellate Review Panel would be made in open session. Chairman O'Reilly affirmed that a determination would be made in an open session setting.

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:

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 Board at this time, at the hour of 1:02 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.**

The meeting was reconvened in closed session at 1:03 P.M.

At the hour of 3:18 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 3:19 P.M., Chair O'Reilly called the open meeting back to order to continue with the Agenda and Item No. 3. Chair O'Reilly stated that the Appellate Review Panel has reviewed the evidence presented along with presentations by Dr.

Handa and Dr. Vohra. The Appellate Review Panel decided it would like to continue the closed session to December 10, 2025 at 11:00 a.m.

FINAL ACTION

A motion was made by Member Mackay to continue the closed session to the date of Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Counsel for both parties waived any additional notice requirements that may be imposed by the Bylaws. The secretary was instructed to notice a new meeting for Wednesday, December 10, 2025 according to Open Meeting Law requirements.

There was role call of all attendees in the room.

COMMENTS BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC:

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

There were none.

There being no further business to come before the Appellate Review Panel at this time, at the hour of 3:21 PM. Chair O'Reilly adjourned the meeting.

APPROVED: December 17, 2025

Minutes Prepared by: Stephanie Ceccarelli, Board Secretary