383B.903 BOARD.

Subdivision 1. **Governance.** The corporation shall be governed by a board of directors that consists of between 11 and 15 directors and that includes members with the professional training and expertise needed to govern a health system and safety net hospital. Two of the directors on the board of the corporation must be county commissioners currently serving as elected officials on the county board who are chosen and may be removed by a majority vote of the county board.

Subd. 2. **Term, quorum, and manner of acting.** The term of office for directors, rules governing quorum, and manner of acting for the board of directors must be specified in the bylaws of the corporation which shall be approved by the county board, except that:

(1) a vote of a majority of the board shall be required to hire or discharge the corporation's administrator, to approve the annual budget, and for any action which requires subsequent approval by the county board as specified in section 383B.908; and

(2) directors of the board of directors or any committee or advisory assembly or council appointed by the board of directors may participate in a meeting by means of telephone conference or similar communications equipment which enables all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other during the conduct of that meeting. Participation shall be considered presence in person at the meeting for purposes of notice and quorum requirements as specified in the bylaws.

Subd. 3. **Appointment of board members.** The county board shall appoint the initial board of the corporation. Thereafter, the county board shall appoint directors of the corporation by slate to open positions due to the completion of a director's term as specified in the bylaws of the corporation. The slate shall be nominated by a committee of the board of the corporation. The board of the corporation may by majority vote appoint a board member to fill a vacancy on the board occurring prior to the completion of the term, provided the newly appointed board member is submitted to the county board for approval when the next slate of directors is submitted to the county board for approval.

Subd. 4. **Qualifications.** Members of the board must possess a high degree of experience and knowledge in fields needed to govern a health system and safety net hospital and must possess a high degree of interest in the corporation and support for its mission. At least 75 percent of the board's noncounty commissioner members must have expertise in hospital administration, finance, business management, law, or health equity, or have other experience relevant to the administration of a health system and safety net hospital, with a preference for members with experience working in an urban setting with diverse cultural communities. Up to 25 percent of the board's noncounty commissioner members may represent urban, cultural, and ethnic perspectives of the population served by the corporation and the patient or consumer perspective. The corporation shall provide a public announcement of vacancies on the board of the corporation in the manner normally used by Hennepin County to provide public notice of open appointments.

Subd. 5. **Removal.** A director who is not a county commissioner may be removed without cause by a two-thirds majority vote of the board of the corporation. The county board may remove any board member for violation of the director's ethical and legal duties as a board member as specified in section 383B.905 or for the repeated failure to act in the best interests of the corporation. In addition, the county board may remove the corporate board in its entirety as specified in section 383B.908, subdivision 7.

History: *2005 c 125 art 1 s 3,29; 1Sp2005 c 7 s 34; 2026 c 127 art 3 s 7,8*