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1 (Meeting commenced at 10 a.m. via Webex)

2 MR. CONSTANTINO: Good morning. My name
3 is Mike Constantino. I am with the Illinois
4 Department of Public Health and I will be the
5 hearing officer for today's hearing.

6 Remotely with me today is Courtney Avery,
7 the Administrator of the State Board, and Michael
8 Mitchell with the Illinois Department of Public
9 Health.

10 On behalf of the State Board, I want to
11 thank you for attending the public hearing for
12 Blessing Hospital ASTC Project No. 20-037. This
13 project proposes to buildout of shell space at a
14 cost of approximately \$763,000.

15 As part of this public hearing, I need to
16 make you aware of the HIPAA requirements that the
17 State Board is required to follow. The Health
18 Insurance Affordability and Accountability Act of
19 1996 requires us to warn you that, if you submit
20 oral or written testimony that discloses protected
21 health information of individuals, you must have a
22 valid written authorization from that individual.
23 The authorization shall allow the covered entity to
24 share the individual's protected health information

1 at this hearing.

2 In addition, those of you who came with
3 prepared text of your testimony should note that you
4 can submit the written text by email to
5 wph.hfsrb.publichearings@illinois.gov.

6 All written and oral testimony will be
7 entered into today's record and it will be made
8 available for all Board Members prior to the
9 September 22, 2020 State Board meeting for the Board
10 Member's consideration.

11 I ask that you please limit your
12 testimony to three minutes. Prior to beginning your
13 remarks, please clearly state your name and spell
14 your first and last name for the court reporter.

15 Thank you so much.

16 Ms. Maureen Kahn will be the first
17 presenter.

18 MS. KAHN: Thank you, Mr. Constantino.
19 Maureen Kahn, M-a-u-r-e-e-n, K-a-h-n.

20 Hello. I am Maureen Kahn. I am the
21 president and chief executive officer of Blessing
22 Health System and Blessing Hospital. I have been at
23 Blessing now for 20 years. Blessing is dedicated to
24 improving high quality, accessible health care,

1 showing compassion and respect to those that we
2 serve.

3 As we have been transparent throughout
4 the project, I am here today to share with you our
5 plans to add an additional surgery room to our
6 relocated modernized surgery center that is
7 currently under construction.

8 Since March 2020, construction of the
9 surgery center has been underway. Also since March
10 of this year, our region has been responding to the
11 COVID-19 pandemic. As the region's leader in caring
12 for people with COVID-19, there are many extra steps
13 required to ensure patient and staff safety. Some
14 of those necessary steps impact significantly the
15 turnaround time of surgical spaces to allow for
16 proper sanitation. Blessing's desire to enhance
17 patient and staff safety, while decreasing
18 turnaround time, leads us to ask the Illinois Health
19 Facilities Planning and Review Board to accelerate
20 our plan for construction of the fourth operating
21 room in what was proposed initially as shell space
22 in the ambulatory surgery center currently under
23 construction on the Blessing Hospital campus in
24 Quincy.

1 Blessing Hospital follows guidance for
2 surgical procedures offered by the Illinois
3 Department of Public Health, Centers for Disease
4 Control and Prevention and the American College of
5 Surgeons throughout the pandemic. The processes for
6 induction of patients with an unknown COVID-19
7 status or other airborne diseases is imperative to
8 protecting other patients, clinicians and,
9 ultimately, the community.

10 The utilization of our negative pressure
11 processes also requires a significant increase in
12 time. In order to ensure airborne contaminants are
13 removed at 99.9 percent following an intubation or
14 extubation, a complete air exchange must take place
15 which is related to the number of air exchanges per
16 hour for that room. Due to room turnover times
17 varying, the fourth operating room will be used as a
18 flip room for COVID-19 suspect patients. The
19 additional operating room will allow the surgeons to
20 utilize a second room reducing wait times between
21 procedures, thus improving efficiencies with the
22 schedule.

23 After exploring alternatives, Blessing
24 has chosen to ask for permission to buildout the

1 shell space of the current ASTC for an additional
2 operating room.

3 In closing, I respectfully ask for the
4 community's support of this additional room for
5 Blessing Hospital's Ambulatory Surgery Center that
6 is currently under construction. Thank you.

7 MR. CONSTANTINO: Thank you, Maureen.

8 MS. KAHN: Thank you.

9 MR. CONSTANTINO: Is there anyone else
10 who would like to provide public comment?

11 MR. MITCHELL: Mike, we have several
12 people online. I will check with them to see who
13 wants to provide testimony.

14 MR. CONSTANTINO: Okay.

15 MR. MITCHELL: I have an Aaron Clark
16 online.

17 MR. CLARK: No, thanks.

18 MR. MITCHELL: No testimony. Okay.
19 Thank you.

20 Okay. There is a Jacob Axel online.
21 Would you like to provide testimony?

22 MR. AXEL: No, thank you.

23 MR. MITCHELL: All right.

24 We have Joe Ourth online. Would you like

1 to provide testimony?

2 MR. OURTH: Mike, no testimony from Joe
3 Ourth.

4 MR. MITCHELL: Thank you.

5 All right. We have a K. Mast. Would you
6 like to provide testimony?

7 MS. MAST: No, thank you.

8 MR. MITCHELL: Thank you.

9 And next we have Lisa Niesen. Would you
10 like to provide testimony on this project?

11 MS. NIESEN: No, thank you.

12 MR. MITCHELL: Thank you.

13 Next there is a Lori Banks. Would you
14 like to provide testimony? Lori Banks. Are you
15 there, Lori?

16 All right. We have a Steve Felde online.
17 Would you like to provide testimony on this project?

18 MR. FELDE: No, sir. Thank you.

19 MR. MITCHELL: All right. Thank you.

20 We'll go back and try Lori Banks again.

21 Lori, are you there? Lori.

22 All right. No response.

23 That is all the people that we have
24 online at the moment.

1 MR. CONSTANTINO: I am going to keep the
2 public hearing open for a few minutes to see if
3 anyone else joins us. Appreciate your patience.

4 I see Ann Guild has joined us.

5 Joyce, Ann is with the State Board.

6 MS. AVERY: Mike, we're going to break
7 until we have someone that's interested in speaking
8 or providing testimony.

9 MR. MITCHELL: Okay.

10 MS. AVERY: We'll break until we have
11 someone that comes in and raises their hand to
12 provide testimony.

13 MR. MITCHELL: If I see anyone else
14 connect, we'll check with them and see if they want
15 to provide testimony.

16 All right. I have an Erica Stollard
17 online now. Erica Stollard, do you wish to provide
18 testimony on this project?

19 MS. STOLLARD: I do not.

20 MR. MITCHELL: All right. Thank you.

21 (Pause)

22 MR. MITCHELL: It's eleven o'clock now.

23 MR. CONSTANTINO: I'm going to close the
24 public hearing. I have a short statement to make.

1 Is there anyone else that wants to
2 provide public testimony?

3 MR. MITCHELL: I can check with the few
4 people we still have online. Just a moment.

5 Aaron Clark.

6 MR. CLARK: No, thank you.

7 MR. MITCHELL: Thank you.

8 Lisa Niesen, do you wish to testify?

9 MS. NIESEN: No, thank you.

10 MR. MITCHELL: Thank you very much.

11 And Steve Felde.

12 MR. FELDE: No, thank you.

13 MR. MITCHELL: All right. Thank you.

14 That's all, Mike.

15 MR. CONSTANTINO: Okay. I would like to
16 note that Gregory Friday, who requested this public
17 hearing, did not testify.

18 Thank you and that concludes today's
19 public hearing. I appreciate it.

20 MR. AVERY: Thank you, everyone. Have a
21 good day.

22 MR. CONSTANTINO: We would like the
23 transcript by Friday.

24 (Hearing concludes at 11:01 a.m.)

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