



MINUTES
KARNES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
March 31, 2026

The regular monthly meeting for fiscal year 2025-26 of the Karnes County Hospital District was held on March 31, 2026 with Ray Rossett, President presiding.

Present: Ray Rossett, Richard Robinson, Gretchen Dupnik, Margie Tamez, Wilfred Dziuk, and David Purser.

Absent: Rita Jordan, Board Member
Barbara James, Marketing and Community Relations Director

Also present: David Lee, CEO
Christina Benavides, Secretary to the Board of Directors
Vincent Sowell, Chief Nursing Officer

Ray Rossett called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

The opening prayer was held by Richard Robinson.

Communications from the public were:
None

A motion was made by David Purser and seconded by Wilfred Dziuk to approve the minutes of February 24, 2026. The motion carried.

OTTO KAISER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION REPORT:

1. The bingo fundraiser will not be held this year. The foundation is researching other options.

CEO'S REPORT

1. An update was given on construction as follows:
 - a. The Bonnstetter Building's interior is complete. Outside concrete and canopy work remains to be completed.
 - b. The canopy is being constructed on the MOB. On the interior Suites 6 & 7 are done. Suites 5 & 8 (Dr. Krause & Dr. Hagar) have a few weeks of work remaining.
 - c. The space in honor of Mary F. Szalwinski will be the final project remaining.
 - d. The sinks in the surgery dept. have been installed.
2. David continues conversations regarding retail pharmacy with consultants.
3. David will get the search started for a general surgeon in the next few weeks.
4. TORCH has hired a specialist to assist members with analytics and assist with the rural health transformation grants.
5. David will be attending the TORCH conference in April.
6. Beverly Montez will be retiring at the end of April. Cynthia Pacheco will be covering as the interim Business Officer Manager. Robbie Dewbery and his company will be assisting as the interim CFO to close out the fiscal year.
7. The Cardio department has initiated a new sleep study service that will begin in April.
8. The Financials including the Balance Sheet, Income Statement, and Work Load Stats were reviewed.

KAISER WELLNESS CENTER REPORT:

Heater issues have continued. Currently the heater is up and running well.

KAISER FAMILY PRACTICE:

The clinic had 613 visits for February. The addition of tele-psychiatric services will be implemented.

KAISER HOME HEALTH:

(Report and financials provided.)

KAISER ORTHOPEDICS

There were 270 visits for the month of February.

NURSING SERVICES REPORT

Vincent provided the nursing report.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Richard Robinson and seconded by Wilfred Dziuk to change the monthly meeting date from May 26th to May 19th. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Margie Tamez and seconded by Gretchen Dupnik to approve the annual review of the Indigent Care Policy. The motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Gretchen Dupnik and seconded by Margie Tamez to approve the SECO Interlocal Contract #CM26052. The motion carried.
4. A motion was made by David Purser and seconded by Gretchen Dupnik to approve the E3 Construction proposal OKMH-L-01 for new hospital lighting. The motion carried.
5. A motion was made by Richard Robinson and seconded by Wilfred Dziuk to approve the new Orthopedic and GI Surgical Equipment quotes. The motion carried.
6. A motion was made by Gretchen Dupnik and seconded by Margie Tamez to approve the Medical Staff Report. The motion carried.
7. There was no discussion held on Health Care issues and trends related to State and Federal changes.

Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, Ray Rossett announced to enter into Executive Session at 6:57pm:

1. Update on Physician Employment Initiative.

Ray Rossett announced to reconvene in Open Session at 7:15pm.

A motion was made by Richard Robinson and seconded by Wilfred Dziuk to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm. The motion carried.

4/28/2024
Date


Signature