



MINUTES
KARNES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 18, 2026

The regular monthly meeting for fiscal year 2026-27 of the Karnes County Hospital District was held on August 18, 2026 with Gretchen Dupnik, President presiding.

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

Absent: None

Also present: David Lee, CEO
Christina Benavides, Secretary to the Board of Directors
Barbara James, Marketing & Community Relations
Vincent Sowell, RN, Chief Nursing Officer
Robbie Dewberry, Contracted Financial Services/CFO.

Gretchen Dupnik 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 Ray Rossett and seconded by Wilfred Dziuk to approve the minutes of July 28, 2026. The motion carried.

OTTO KAISER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION REPORT:

1. The next Foundation meeting will be held September 1st. Barbara will have a draft of the fundraising calendar for the members to view.

CEO'S REPORT

1. A pharmacy update was given. David met with the consultant with final details being ironed out. A purchase agreement will come before the Board of Directors next month.
2. A construction update was provided. The canopy is complete. The concrete work is the only item remaining.
3. The third interview for the General Surgeon position will be completed tomorrow.
4. The RHTP grant has started its 60-day window. There will be a grant workshop that David will be attending at the TORCH conference. Grant Initiative Six will be used for a new CT machine.
5. An update on the land purchase was provided.
6. David met with Dr. Saldana regarding the Fair Market Value report.
7. There will be twelve managers attending the TORCH conference next week.
8. The Financials, including the Balance Sheet, Income Statement, and Work Load stats were reviewed. Mr. Dewberry also provided a report summary of the Financials.

KAISER WELLNESS CENTER REPORT:

The wellness center will be receiving new equipment provided with grant funds.

KAISER FAMILY PRACTICE:

Financials and stats were provided.

KAISER HOME HEALTH:

Financials and stats were provided. A full-time RN was hired. A full-time Physical Therapist is still needed.

KAISER ORTHOPEDICS

Financials and stats were provided.

NURSING SERVICES REPORT

Vincent Sowell, CNO provided the nursing report.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Rita Jordan and seconded by Wildred Dziuk that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of adopt the 2026 Tax Rate of \$.095230, which is effectively a 2.69 percent increase in the tax rate. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Ray Rossett & seconded by Margie Tamez to approve changes to the monthly meetings to change to November 17th and December 15th. The motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Margie Tamez and seconded by Ray Rossett to approve Daniel Cruz, DPM, for Provisional Privileges in Podiatry Services. The motion carried.
4. A motion was made by Ray Rossett and seconded by Rita Jordan to approve Charles White, DPM for Affiliated Privileges in Podiatry Services. The motion carried.
5. A motion was made by Ray Rossett and seconded by Wilfred Dziuk to approve the Medical Staff Report. The motion carried.
6. Discussion was held on Health Care issues and trends related to State and Federal changes including discussion on vaccines and AI.

A motion was made by Wilfred Dziuk and seconded by Margie Tamez to adjourn the meeting at 6:57pm. The motion carried.

9/22/26

Date

Wilfred Dziuk

Signature