MINUTES
KARNES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
September 22, 2026

The regular monthly meeting for fiscal year 2026-27 of the Karnes County Hospital District was held on September 22, 2026 with Gretchen Dupnik, President presiding.

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

Absent: Wilfred Dziuk

Also present: David Lee, CEO
Christina Benavides, Secretary to the Board of Directors
Barbara James, Marketing & Community Relations
Vincent Sowell, RN, Chief Nursing Officer
Tommie 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 Richard Robinson to approve the minutes of August 25, 2026. The motion carried.

OTTO KAISER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION REPORT:

1. The Foundation did not meet in September.
2. The fundraising calendars should be ready in the next few weeks.

CEO'S REPORT

1. The Financials including the Balance Sheet and Income Statements were presented. Information was also shared regarding the revenue cycle and billing.
2. Construction news was provided including the completion of the road project and stripping handicap spots. The asphalt still needs to be repaired. The area of respite is complete. There are a few punch list items left.
3. The need for additional parking was discussed.
4. David shared a maintenance issue that occurred over the Labor Day weekend which required major repair of the electrical equipment at the Medical Professional Building.
5. The pharmacy agreement is still in progress.
6. An update was given on the consideration of the land purchase.
7. David, Barbara, and Theresa are working on the RHTP documents that are due on October 9th.
8. The CMS re-certification onsite survey was completed on Monday, September 21st.
9. David will be out next week.
10. The OKMH Director's training was held last Thursday & Friday in Bastrop, TX.

Barbara James reported on the following:

1. The Breast Cancer Awareness events and promotions will be in October. The $50 3D Mammograms will be offered.

KAISER WELLNESS CENTER REPORT:

A new yoga instructor has been providing multiple weekly class options.
The wellness center will be receiving new equipment provided through the grant.

KAISER FAMILY PRACTICE:

Financials and stats were provided.

KAISER HOME HEALTH:

Financials and stats were provided.

KAISER ORTHOPEDICS

Financials and stats were provided. David is also working with Dr. Krause on the physician contract renewal for 2027.

NURSING SERVICES REPORT

Vincent Sowell, CNO provided the nursing report.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Ray Rossett and seconded by Rita Jordan to approve the Resolution to maintain the Level IV Trauma Designation. The motion carried.
2. A motion was made by Margie Tamez & seconded by Ray Rossett to approve Alternate Option #1 for the Employee Health Insurance Plan renewal effective October 1, 2026 as recommended by David Lee. The motion carried.
3. A motion was made by Ray Rossett and seconded by Richard Robinson to approve RPC No. 9 of the ongoing renovation project. The motion carried.
4. No action on item #4, "Review/Approve the Frontier Pharmacy purchase agreement and related documents."
5. A motion was made by Rita Jordan and seconded by Margie Tamez to approve the Medical Staff Report. The motion carried.
6. A motion was made by Richard Robinson and seconded by Ray Rossett to approve the Board Strategic Planning Session date for December 7-8, 2026. The motion carried.
7. Discussion was held on Health Care issues and trends related to State and Federal changes including discussion on the RHTP grants, charity care and insurance concerns related to Medicare.

Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code,
Gretchen Dupnik announced to enter into Executive Session at 7:14pm:

1. Discuss Personnel Issues related to General Surgeon Contract.

Gretchen Dupnik announced to reconvene in Open Session at 7:50pm.

A motion was made by Richard Robinson and seconded by Margie Tamez to adjourn the meeting at 7:50pm. The motion carried.

10/27/2026
Date

Gretchen Dupnik
Signature