



MINUTES
KARNES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
August 26, 2025

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

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

Absent: None

Also present: David Lee, CEO
Christina Benavides, Secretary to the Board of Directors
Vincent Sowell, Chief Nursing Officer
Barbara James, Marketing and Community Relations

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 Wilfred Dziuk and seconded by Richard Robinson approve the minutes of 7/29/2025. The motion carried.

OTTO KAISER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION REPORT:

1. A meeting was held last week. One grant application was approved.
2. The diabetes grant is now wrapped up.
3. The auction will be held in November.
4. A donation of \$1500 from Love Thy Neighbor thrift store was received.

CEO'S REPORT

1. The construction projects are going well. The new Home Health Suite is framed out. There has been a slight delay on work at the Bonnstetter Building.
2. The disaster drill with ConocoPhillips will be held tomorrow from 9am-1:30pm.
3. David has been in discussion with Luther Pharmacy to explore retail pharmacy options which could potentially include the 340B federal program.
4. The closing date for the land purchase is on schedule for October 1st.
5. David will be attending the TORCH conference along with a few other managers 9/8-9/11 in Austin.
6. A reminder that the THA conference is on September 22nd – 24th.
7. The Financials were reviewed.
8. The financial auditors are here this week performing their field work.

Barbara James reported on the following:

1. Barbara and Christina are working on the three separate events for the 50th Anniversary. Barbara shared flyers for each event.

Christina Benavides reported on the following:

1. As of September 1st, the board agenda must be posted 48 business hours prior to the meeting versus calendar hours.

2. The May 2026 election will include the Karnes City, Runge, and Falls City seats. Christina will be attending the election seminar in December. If needed, the hospital will contract with the county to conduct the elections. Candidate packets will be available in December.

KAISER WELLNESS CENTER REPORT:

The financials were provided.

KAISER FAMILY PRACTICE:

The financials and stats were provided.

KAISER HOME HEALTH:

The home health stats and financial were provided.

NURSING REPORT

Vincent Sowell presented the report.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. A motion was made by Rita Jordan and seconded by Gretchen Dupnik to adopt the Tax Rate of .072406/\$100. The motion carried.
2. No action taken on item #2, "Review/Approve Mary F. Szalwinski scholarships for Fall Semester 2025."
3. A motion was made by Rita Jordan and seconded by Margie Tamez to approve options #1, #2, #3, and #5 and the Dods estimate as presented by David Lee. The motion carried.
4. A motion was made by David Purser and seconded by Wilfred Dziuk to approve changes to the Board of Directors Monthly meeting for December to December 16, 2025. The motion carried.
5. A motion was made by Richard Robinson and seconded by Wilfred Dziuk to approve Scott Reed, CRNA for Allied Privileges in Anesthesia Services. The motion carried.
6. A motion was made by David Purser and seconded by Gretchen Dupnik to approve Umang Shah, MD for Affiliated Privileges in Cardiology Services. The motion carried.
7. A motion was made by Rita Jordan and seconded by Margie Tamez to approve the Medical Staff Report. The motion carried.
8. Discussion was held on Health Care issues and trends related to State and Federal guidelines. David updated the Board on House Bill 18 which involves funding for rural hospitals. A discussion on AI and its potential effects on Radiology services was also held.

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

9/30/25

Date



Signature