

A meeting of the McAlester Regional Health Center Authority was held at 04:00 PM on Wednesday, November 05, 2025, at McAlester Regional Health Center in the Administration Board Room. Public notice, set forth there on the day, time, and place for this regular meeting, was delivered to the office of the City Clerk at 08:30 AM on November 03, 2025.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Christopher Beene, MD ~ Marti Fields ~ Johnny Zellmer, MD (arrived at 4:13 PM) ~ Brent Grilliot ~ Janet Wansick ~ Sayer Brenner (left the meeting at 4:25 PM) ~ James Bland.

TRUSTEES ABSENT: Damon Mascoto

HOSPITAL STAFF: Julie Powell ~ Sonya Stone ~ Scott Yoder ~ Lucy Muller ~ Destanie Wilson ~ Matthew Sims, DO ~ Whitney Hull

OTHER ATTENDEES: Belinda Hill ~ Christina Crow ~ Randy Roden ~ Karen Rieger, Attorney ~ Karen Hendren

CALL TO ORDER: Christopher Beene, MD, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Consent Agenda:

1. MRHCA Board of Trustees Minutes for October 01, 2025
2. November 2025 Agreement Log
3. MRHC Foundation Investment Statement
4. 2025 Physician Scorecards for Quarter 1 & 2
5. Credentialing & Privileging Appointments as follows:
 - **Consideration and Approval of Appointment for Provisional:**
 1. Jerrod King, DO ~ Emergency Medicine/OSU ~ One year
 2. Nina Cast, DO ~ Emergency Medicine/OSU ~ One year
 3. Garrett Zelkind, DO ~ Emergency Medicine/OSU ~ One year
 - **Consideration and Approval of Advancement: (Allied Health)**
 1. Joanna Brown, CRNA ~ Anesthesia ~ One Year
 - **Consideration and Approval of Re-Appointment (Active)**
 1. Talla Rousan, MD ~ Medicine/Cardiology/Telemedicine ~ Two years
 2. Martin Cooper, MD ~ Family Medicine/Hospitalist ~ Two years
 3. Jinok Chung, DO ~ Cardiology/OHH ~ Two years
 4. Sarah Gordon, MD ~ Nephrology/Telemedicine ~ Two years
 - **Consideration and Approval of Re-Appointment: (Consulting)**
 1. Gregory McKinnis, MD ~ Sleep Medicine ~ Two years
 - **Consideration and Approval of Re-Appointment: (Allied Health)**
 1. Sammie Stone, APRN-C ~ Nurse Practitioner-Certified ~ Two years
 2. Blake Wilson, CRNA ~ CRNA Anesthesia ~ Two years
 3. Michelle Mann, CRNA ~ CRNA Anesthesia ~ Two years
 4. Julie Knox, CRNA ~ CRNA Anesthesia ~ Two years
 - **Consideration and Approval of Provisional Telemedicine Distant Site Credentialing by (Proxy):**
 1. Anne Morris, MD ~ Telemedicine/Radiology ~ One year (Provisional)
 - **Resignations (Acknowledge & Accept)**
 1. Niladri Basu, MD ~ (Locum) 08/26/2025

A **motion** was made (Fields) and seconded (Grilliot) to approve items 1, 2, 3,4,& 5 of the Consent Agenda as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Marti Fields, Brent Grilliot, Sayer Brenner, James Bland, Janet Wansick, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: Damon Mascoto, Johnny Zellmer, MD. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the **motion** carried.

Consideration and discussion of September 2025 Financial Reports: Ms. Destanie Wilson provided an overview of the September 2025 Financial Reports. She reported that, while challenges remain —especially in areas such as SHOPP funding, supply chain pressures, and revenue cycle optimization —September's performance marks a significant step forward. Achieving our strongest operating margin of the fiscal year, combined with sustained patient volumes, demonstrates that our strategic initiatives are working. With positive momentum and operational discipline, we are laying the groundwork for a more stable and successful financial future. A **motion** was made (Bland) and seconded (Brenner) to approve the September Financial Report as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: James Bland, Sayer Brenner, Brent Grilliot, Marti Fields, Janet Wansick, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: Damon Mascoto, Johnny Zellmer, MD. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the **motion** carried.
Motion carried.

Chief of Staff Report ~ Dr. Matthew Sims reported that the physician staff is pleased with the workflow. The Emergency Department volumes are down slightly; however, there are still several patients coming to the ER for treatment. Ms. Julie Powell recognized staff members and physician leaders involved in the Documentation and Denials Committee, who are working to improve the claims process. She added that the physician leaders are engaged in the process and have made a big impact on the success of the project.

CEO Report: Ms. Julie Powell turned the floor over to Ms. Whitney Hull, who provided an update on the Cancer Center project. She reported that a ribbon-cutting ceremony is scheduled for December 3, 2025, with the official opening of OU Stephenson Cancer Center planned for December 15, 2025. Discussion occurred on the transition of services provided by MRHC to the Cancer Center, marketing plans, and the final walk-through process. Ms. Lucy Muller reported that the Annual Foundation Health Fair will be held on November 13, 2025, at the Southeast Expo Center. This year's theme is "Stronger Together: A Community of Care and Gratitude." She added that there are approximately 40 vendors scheduled to participate, and to date, approximately \$42K has been raised by the MRHC Foundation Team for the event. Ms. Powell reported that Rich Rasmussen, the President & CEO of the Oklahoma Hospital Association, shared an Investopedia article that outlined the disadvantages of the Medicare Advantage Program. The Oklahoma Hospital Association has developed a platform called [Medicaredisadvantage.org](https://www.medicaredisadvantage.org) to educate consumers about the differences in Medicare plans. She added that this information will be shared on the MRHC social media site and at the Annual Foundation Health Fair. Discussion occurred regarding the possibility of MRHC hosting a Lunch & Learn at the Wellness Center and possibly inviting the Oklahoma Hospital Association to lead the discussion about the Medicare plans.

Executive Session (25 O.S. § 307(C)) ~ Discussion and Potential Action ~ Christopher Beene, Chairman

A **motion** was made in public session at 4:22 PM by (Wansick) and seconded by (Zellmer) to enter Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Janet Wansick, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, Sayer Brenner, Brent Grillicot, James Bland, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: Damon Mascoto. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the **motion** carried.

25 O.S. § 307(B)(4): "Confidential communications between a public body and its attorney concerning a pending investigation, claim, or action if the public body, with the advice of its attorney, determines that disclosure will seriously impair the ability of the public body to process the claim or conduct a pending investigation, legal action, or proceeding in the public interest."

- Discussion regarding possible resolution of a financial obligation associated with Belfair of McAlester.

25 O.S. § 307(C)(11): "All nonprofit foundations, boards, bureaus, commissions, agencies, trusteeships, authorities, councils, committees, public trusts, task forces or study groups supported in whole or part by public funds or entrusted with the expenditure of public funds for purposes of conferring on matters pertaining to economic development, including the transfer of property, financing, or the creation of a proposal to entice a business to remain or to locate within their jurisdiction if public disclosure of the matter discussed would interfere with the development of products or services or if public disclosure would violate the confidentiality of the business."

- Discuss financial forecasts and strategic planning related to the core healthcare services provided by MRHCA.

A **motion** was made at 5:27 PM by (Wansick) and seconded by (Zellmer) to come out of the Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Janet Wansick, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Brent Grillicot, James Bland, Marti Fields, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: Damon Mascoto, Sayer Brenner. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the **motion** carried.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION:

25 O.S. § 307(B)(4): Consideration and proposed vote to approve the Interim CEO's authority to settle the remaining debt with BancFirst related to Belfair of McAlester: A **motion** was made (Bland) and seconded (Grillicot) to approve the Interim CEO's authority to settle the remaining debt with BancFirst related to Belfair of McAlester as presented in Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: James Bland, Brent Grillicot, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, Janet Wansick, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: Damon Mascoto, Sayer Brenner. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the **motion** carried.

25 O.S. § 307(C)(11): Consideration and proposed vote to approve the Interim CEO's authority to execute a Memorandum of Understanding for the Evaluation of Management Services Agreement with OSU Medical Center. A **motion** was made (Fields) and seconded (Wansick) to approve the Interim CEO's authority to execute a Memorandum of Understanding for the Evaluation of Management Services Agreement with OSU Medical Center, as presented in Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Marti Fields, Janet Wansick, James Bland, Brent Grilliot, Johnny Zellmer, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: Damon Mascoto, Sayer Brenner. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the **motion** carried.

Special Note: MRHCA Board of Trustees member Sayer Brenner tendered his resignation from the Board during executive session. The Board acknowledged and accepted his resignation.

Adjournment: A **motion** was made (Wansick) and seconded (Fields) to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 PM. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Janet Wansick, Marti Fields, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Brent Grilliot, James Bland, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: Damon Mascoto, Sayer Brenner. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the **motion** carried.



Christopher Beene, MD ~ Chairman



James Bland ~ Vice-Chairman

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