

A meeting of the McAlester Regional Health Center Authority was held at 04:00 PM on Wednesday, December 03, 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 08:00 AM on December 01, 2025.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:** Christopher Beene, MD ~ Marti Fields ~ Johnny Zellmer, MD (arrived at 4:05 PM) ~ Brent Grilliot ~ Janet Wansick ~ James Bland ~ Damon Mascoto.

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:** None

**HOSPITAL STAFF:** Julie Powell ~ Sonya Stone ~ Scott Yoder ~ Lucy Muller ~ Destanie Wilson ~ Whitney Hull

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Belinda Hill ~ Laurie Reed ~ Karen Rieger, Attorney ~ Karen Hendren ~ Andrew Castillo ~ Finny Mathew ~ Eric Atkinson

**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 November 05, 2025
2. Revision to the Medical Staff By-Laws: (Article III: 3.3 Allied Health Staff) incorporating requirements from HB 2298 & HB 2584
3. Pediatric Pre-OP order
4. Credentialing & Privileging Appointments as follows:

**Consideration & Discussion of Appointment: Provisional**

1. Paul Gelven, MD ~ Pathology ~ One year
2. James Taylor, MD ~ Pathology ~ One year
3. Cameron Aviles, APRN ~ Nurse Practitioner ~ One year

**Consideration & Discussion of Advancement (Allied Health):**

1. Andrea Cherry, APRN ~ Nurse Practitioner ~ Two years
2. Christine Johnson, APRN ~ Nurse Practitioner ~ Two years

**Consideration & Discussion of Advancement (Active):**

1. Anthony Umoh, MD ~ Internal Medicine/Critical Care/Hospitalist ~ Two years
2. Nabhan Alnabhan, MD ~ Cardiology/Telemedicine/OHH ~ Two years

**Consideration & Discussion of Reappointment (Active):**

1. Raha Nael, MD ~ Cardiology/Telemedicine/OHH ~ Two years
2. Derek Norman, MD ~ Cardiology/OHH ~ Two years
3. Shujahat Shah, MD ~ Cardiology/OHH ~ Two years
4. Francisco Bravo, MD ~ General Surgery ~ Two years
5. James Luth, DO ~ Emergency Medicine ~ Two years

**Consideration & Discussion of Reappointment (Allied Health):**

1. Elisa Jones-Hollon, CRNA ~ CRNA Anesthesia ~ Two years

**Consideration & Discussion of Resignations (Acknowledge & Accept):**

1. Christopher Hitchcock APRN ~ Nurse Practitioner ~ 11/01/25
2. Shaun Grewal, MD ~ Urology ~ 10/10/25
3. Paul Rajan, MD ~ Internal Med/Locum ~ 10/01/25
4. Kellie Middleton, MD ~ Orthopedic/Locum ~ 10/01/25

**Consideration and Approval of Temporary Privileges**

1. Gregory McKinnis, MD ~ 11/01/25-11/07/25
2. Martin Cooper, DO ~ 11/01/25-11/07/25
3. Talla Roussan, MD ~ 11/01/25-11/07/25
4. Sammie Stone, APRN ~ 11/01/25-11/07/25

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

**Consideration and discussion of McAlester Regional Health Center Authority Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2025:** Mr. Andrew Castillo with D & CO Certified Public Accountants summarized the audited financial results for the year ending June 30, 2025. He reported that the audit evidence obtained was sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for the unmodified clean audit opinion. He stated there were no significant difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing the audit. Mr. Castillo provided an overview of the financial results of the audit, including comparative data from other Perspective Payment System (PPS) hospitals of similar size. He reported that MRHC is within the range of these facilities. He reported the audit was smooth and there were no reportable conditions found. He stated he could not recall when an audit was done without reportable conditions, which speaks highly of the current management. Mr. Castillo updated the Board on trends in rural healthcare to watch and prepare for. A motion was made (Bland) and seconded (Mascoto) to approve the McAlester Regional Health Center Authority Audit Report for the year ending June 30, 2025, as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: James Bland, Damon Mascoto, Brent Grilloit, Marti Fields, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Janet Wansick, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried.

**Consideration and discussion of October 2025 Financial Reports:** Ms. Destanie Wilson provided an overview of the October 2025 Financial Reports. She reported that while October brought a temporary setback in operating margin due to unusually low inpatient and surgical volumes, the organization continues to demonstrate meaningful progress toward long-term financial stability. Continued improvements in revenue cycle performance drove high cash collections, and clinic volumes reached their highest levels of the fiscal year. Despite the challenges, upward trends in most patient volumes and ongoing cost-control initiatives position MRHC well for continued improvement as the fiscal year advances. A motion was made (Bland) and seconded (Grilloit) to approve the October Financial Report as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: James Bland, Brent Grilloit, Janet Wansick, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, Damon Mascoto, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried.  
Motion carried.

**Board QI Report:** Ms. Whitney Hull provided an overview of the Board QI meeting held on November 25, 2025. She reported the Quality Management Scorecard showed good results in medication reconciliation, restraints documentation, and pain documentation. Areas that require focus include medication reconciliation documentation in the emergency room, titration documentation, and emergency room throughput. Ms. Hull reported that the quarter three Star Rating Scorecard showed noteworthy efforts in appropriate follow-up for normal screening colonoscopy, mortality rates, no patient safety Indicators, no acquired Infections, and readmission rates. Areas of continued improvement include severe sepsis 3-hour bundle, extended days in acute care, and head CT results for stroke patients within 45 minutes of ER arrival. In closing, Ms. Hull provided an update on the DNV survey, stating that the objective evidence was submitted to DNV and accepted.

**Chief of Staff Report:** No report

**CEO Report:** Ms. Julie Powell reported that the 2024 Accountable Care Organization Shared Savings Program will be issuing a shared savings payment to MRHC and McAlester Medical Services. The payment is for meeting quality metrics and improving efficiencies in the health and wellness population. The Van Buren House has a census of 51 residents with one available apartment. She added that the Medicare Advantage Plan is helping to maintain the full census trend. Ms. Lucy Muller reported that the MRHC Foundation Health Fair was a success, with over 30 booths available providing valuable resource information and screenings. Ms. Whitney Hull reported that the Marketing Department, in collaboration with the OU Stephensen Cancer Center, held a grand opening/ribbon-cutting ceremony at the newly remodeled Cancer Center earlier today. The event was well attended. A second open house, open to the community, later today. The OU Stephensen Cancer Center doors will officially open on December 15, 2025. The event provided music, food trucks, activities for children, and an opportunity to tour the facility. Ms. Powell reported that Mr. Ben Capers spoke on behalf of MRHC at the November 12 McAlester City Council Meeting to share information on the MRHC Foundation Health fair and the OU Stephensen Cancer Center grand opening. She stated he represented MRHC well. Ms. Muller shared an invitation to the Board to attend the 2025 Employee Celebration that will be held on December 5 at the Southeast Expo Center.

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

A motion was made in public session at 04:44 PM by (Wansick) and seconded by (Fields) to enter Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Janet Wansick, Marti Fields, Brent Grilloit, James Bland, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Damon Mascoto, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried.

**25 O.S. § 307 (B) (1):** "Discussing the employment, hiring, appointment, promotion, demotion, disciplining, or resignation of any individual salaried public officer or employee."

A. Discuss 2026 Interim CEO employment agreement

A meeting of the McAlester Regional Health Center Authority was held at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, December 08, 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 01:57 PM on December 04, 2025.

**TRUSTEES PRESENT:** ~ Marti Fields ~ Brent Grilloit ~ Janet Wansick ~ James Bland ~ Damon Mascoto.

**TRUSTEES ABSENT:** Christopher Beene, MD ~ Johnny Zellmer, MD

**HOSPITAL STAFF:** Julie Powell ~ Sonya Stone ~ Scott Yoder ~ Lucy Muller ~ Destanie Wilson ~ Whitney Hull ~ Steve Wanty

**OTHER ATTENDEES:** Karen Hendren

**CALL TO ORDER:** James Bland, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:06 PM.

**Consideration and discussion approve the Bid recommendation for the Cancer Center HVAC Project from HIX Industries:** Mr. Steve Wanty reported that Hix Industries (Hix), acting as Project Manager, published bids for the replacement of the HVAC components at the Cancer Center on November 13, 2025, and November 20, 2025. The public bid opening was scheduled for December 4, 2025, at 1:00 pm at the Cancer Center, 901 N. Strong Blvd. McAlester, OK 74501. Hix received sealed bids from McIntosh Corporation and Lasco. Service Air did not respond, and the fourth provider communicated with the Hix representative on December 4, 2025, via email; however, the bid was not present to be considered. Hix broke the work down into two separate bid packages: Package 1, Mechanical and Electrical, and Package 2 for Drywall, Ceilings, & Paint. Two sealed bids were received, one from McIntosh for Package 1 for \$634,792 and Lasco for Package 2 for \$48,641. McIntosh previously provided a budget figure of \$160,000 for the project, and they were not able to adequately explain the increase. The recommendation from Hix and the Bid Review Committee is to reject these proposals and republish the RFP in hopes of more participation. A motion was made (Wansick) and seconded (Mascoto) to reject the Bids from McIntosh for Package 1 at \$634,792 and Lasco for Package 2 at \$48,641 as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Janet Wansick, Damon Mascoto, Brent Grilloit, Marti Fields, and James Bland. Nay: None. Absent: Christopher Beene, MD, Johnny Zellmer, MD. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried.

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

A motion was made in public session at 12:21 PM by (Wansick) and seconded by (Fields) to enter Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Janet Wansick, Marti Fields, Brent Grilloit, Damon Mascoto, and James Bland. Nay: None. Absent: Johnny Zellmer, MD, Christopher Beene, MD. 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."

A. Discussion regarding legal action involving a legal claim with Medxcel.

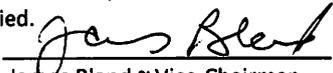
A motion was made at 12:34 PM by (Wansick) and seconded by (Fields) to come out of the Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Janet Wansick, Marti Fields, Damon Mascoto, Brent Grilloit, and James Bland. Nay: None. Absent: Johnny Zellmer, MD, Christopher Beene, MD. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried.

**ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

A motion was made (Mascoto) and seconded (Grilloit) to authorize Julie Powell to execute documents on behalf of the Board regarding a legal claim with Medxcel as discussed in executive session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Damon Mascoto, Brent Grilloit, Marti Fields, Janet Wansick, and James Bland. Nay: None. Absent: Christopher Beene, MD, Johnny Zellmer, MD. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried.

**Adjournment:** A motion was made (Wansick) and seconded (Mascoto) to adjourn the meeting at 12:35 PM. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Janet Wansick, Damon Mascoto, Marti Fields, Brent Grilloit, and James Bland. Nay: None. Absent: Christopher Beene, MD, Johnny Zellmer, MD. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried.

  
Christopher Beene, MD ~ Chairman  
/sds

  
James Bland ~ Vice-Chairman