

A meeting of the McAlester Regional Health Center Authority was held at 04:00 PM on Wednesday, February 04, 2026, 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 10:30 AM on February 03, 2026.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Christopher Beene, MD ~ Marti Fields ~ Johnny Zellmer, MD ~ Brent Grilliot (arrived at 4:02 PM) ~ Janet Wansick ~ James Bland ~ Damon Mascoto.

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

HOSPITAL STAFF: Julie Powell ~ Sonya Stone ~ Scott Yoder ~ Lucy Muller ~ Destanie Wilson ~ Whitney Hull ~ Dr. Jonathan Rohloff ~ Steve Wanty

OTHER ATTENDEES: Laurie Reed, St. Francis

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 January 07, 2026
2. Credentialing and Privileging Appointments:

Consideration and Approval of Appointment for Provisional:

- a. Eric Turner, CRNA ~ CRNA ~ One year
- b. Haley Sims, PA-C ~ Physician Assistant ~ One year

Consideration and Approval of Advancement: (Active)

- a. Jennifer Kim, DO ~ Family Medicine ~ One year
- b. Thomas Rashid, MD ~ Urology/USO ~ One year

Consideration and Approval of Reappointment (Active)

- a. M. Naveed Ahmed, MD ~ Cardiology/Telemedicine/OHH ~ Two years
- b. Lorie Peters, DO ~ Family Medicine ~ Two years

Consideration and Approval of Reappointment: (Allied Health)

- a. Kaitlin Vaughn, APRN ~ Nurse Practitioner ~ Two years
- b. On-the-Job Training Program for X-Ray Techs
- c. Grant of Bike Trail Easement

Consideration and Approval of Provisional Telemedicine Distant Site Credentialing by Proxy:

- a. Lynn Ivey, MD ~ Telemedicine/Radiology ~ One year
- b. Adam Wallace, MD ~ Telemedicine/Radiology ~ One year

Consideration and Approval of Resignations (Acknowledge & Accept)

- a. Mario Topolko, MD ~ Internal Med/Hospitalist ~ 12/01/25

3. On-The-Job Training Program for X-Ray Techs
4. Grant of Bike Trail Easement (Removed from Consent Agenda for Discussion)

A motion was made (Fields) and seconded (Wansick) to remove item #4 from the Consent Agenda for discussion. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Marti Fields, Janet Wansick, James Bland, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Damon Mascoto, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: Brent Grilliot. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried.

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

Discussion regarding Grant of Trail Easement: Ms. Julie Powell reported working with Blake Lynch, a representative of Southeast Oklahoma Trail Club. They have asked for an easement on properties owned by MRHC to build a biking trail. The project will be divided into two phases. There is no associated cost to MRHC, and if they build structures, such as a bridge, they will need approval from MRHC. There is a 90-day termination clause in the agreement in the event MRHC wants to expand on the properties. She stated that Phase 1 will be located on the east side of Strong Blvd. behind Warren Clinic. Phase 2 will be located on the West side of Strong Blvd. Ms. Powell reported she and Mr. Lynch toured the proposed area around the hospital to ensure the trail did not impede egresses, helipad, or cause patient and life safety challenges, which it did not. Ms. Powell addressed questions from the Board.

A motion was made (Wansick) and seconded (Zellmer) to approve the Grant of Trail Easement and approve Julie Powell to sign on behalf of the Board for both Phase 1 and Phase 2 as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Janet Wansick, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, Damon Mascoto, Brent Grilliot, James Bland, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried.

Consideration and discussion of December 2025 Financial Reports: Ms. Destanie Wilson provided an overview of the December 2025 Financial Reports. She reported that December delivered the strongest operating margin of the year, marking a meaningful improvement over the prior month and demonstrating positive momentum in overall financial performance. While opportunities for further improvement remain, particularly in the revenue cycle, MRHC is actively addressing them with disciplined focus. Ms. Wilson shared in detail the corrective actions in place to drive revenue growth in an effort to keep the Board informed. She reported that patient volumes are reflecting a mixed but stable picture with continued opportunity for growth moving forward. Expense management continues to show tangible results. Overall, December reflects encouraging financial and operational progress, setting a stronger foundation as MRHC moves into the second half of the fiscal year with a focus on growth, efficiency, and financial sustainability. Ms. Powell gave recognition to Dr. Sims and Dr. Rohloff for their leadership in helping to improve the documentation process, which is a component of revenue growth. Ms. Powell also reported that meetings have occurred with Currance, the MRHC billing company, regarding the need for additional resources to meet the needs of this facility. She added that based on these conversations, Currance has agreed to add the additional experienced resources at no charge to the hospital. Discussion occurred regarding the future of AI in healthcare and the specifics of chart documentation as it relates to reimbursement.

A motion was made (Bland) and seconded (Mascoto) to approve the December 2025 Financial Report as presented. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: James Bland, Damon Mascoto, Brent Grilliot, 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 to approve the Bid Package related to HVAC replacement at the Cancer Center: Mr. Steve Wanty reported that in November 2025, an RFP was sent out that did not generate favorable results. The costs associated with that RFP totaled \$634,792. That RFP was rejected by the Board and republished by Hix Industries on December 12, 2025, and December 16, 2025. The republished RFP was divided into three bid packages. Bid Package #1 for HVAC, Bid Package #2 for Electric, and Bid Package #3 for Drywall and Ceiling. This strategy generated better responses. The public bid opening conducted by representatives from Hix Industries was held on January 13, 2026, at 1:00 PM at MRHC. Hix Industries, as the construction manager, reviewed and recommended awarding Bid Packet #1 to A.S.A.P Heat and Air for the proposed amount of \$215,089 and, Bid Packet #2 to Genesis 1:3 Electric for the proposed amount of \$32,800, and Bid Package #3 to Standard Construction Services for \$21,200. The total cost of the project is \$269,089. The Bid Review Committee accepted the results of the review and agreed with the recommendations. Following the discussion and review of the Bid recommendations, a motion was made (Mascoto) and seconded (Bland) to approve the Bid Packages #1, 2, and 3 as presented at a total cost of \$ 269,089. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Damon Mascoto, James Bland, Janet Wansick, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, Brent Grilliot, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the motion carried.

Chief of Staff Report: Dr. Rohloff reported working closely with IT and other providers to ensure Emergency Room and Inpatient documentation is correct and there are no duplications. He reported that hospital admissions and discharges have been consistent and heavy at times. The patient satisfaction has been good based on nursing and his own interactions. He reported the patient census was higher but is decreasing. The hospital is accepting more Medicaid and straight Medicare but is having difficulty receiving payments from the Advantage Programs. Ms. Powell mentioned that the Advantage Programs will be a topic of discussion over the next couple of weeks to target a plan. We need to determine if that is a population of patients we can continue to serve due to low reimbursement. Dr. Rohloff reported that the Residency Match is coming up soon to determine the next round of 1st year Residents. The Residents worked with Dr. Wicks in a cadaver lab, which provided a good educational experience. Dr. Rohloff reported that the holidays and recent inclement weather resulted in longer lengths of stay and delayed discharges. Ms. Powell gave recognition to Dr. Sims and Dr. Rohloff for their leadership in helping to improve the documentation process, which is a component of revenue growth.

CEO Report: Ms. Powell reported that the Urology Specialist of Oklahoma (USO) agreement was up for renewal. The renewal negotiations resulted in a decrease in the number of days the USO MDs and DOs are in clinic from 4 days to 2. MRHC is working with USO independently to hire a Nurse Practitioner (NP) to place in that clinic to have 4-5 days of coverage a week. USO has agreed to train the NP and then step down to 1-2 days a week, depending on the surgery volume. Ms. Powell reported that MRHC is currently under contract with Rad Partners/Eagle Med Partners, a Radiology Group. MRHC sent a letter to terminate that partnership, effective in May. Also, in May, MRHC will be entering into a partnership with Diagnostic Imaging Associates (DIA) to manage the Radiology Services. Ms. Powell reported that the MRHC Service Lines are being evaluated to enhance providers within those domains and increase volumes. MRHC has entered into a preliminary NDA with an entity for infusion services. This entity believes there is an opportunity to grow the volume and bill for the services more efficiently. Ms. Powell stated there is a huge need in the community for infusion services. This is a great opportunity, especially since MRHC's relationship with the OU Stephenson Cancer Center is moving forward. Quarterly meetings have been established with the OU Stephenson Cancer Center to make sure we remain good partners and to stay on top of the downstream volumes. Ms. Hull reported that the meetings will begin in April 2026 in

order to have a full quarter of data. She stated that OU Stephenson reported larger-than-expected volumes since the opening. Ms. Hull reported that the McAlester Bone and Joint Clinic provides athletic training services to area school sporting events. In 2025, two individuals provided services to 345 sports events, leading to 221 sports-related orthopedic referrals, 40 surgical cases, and a 72% increase in MRIs compared to 2024. Dr. Landon Stallings has also been impactful in the growth of the program by providing his participation and sports medicine knowledge. Ms. Lucy Muller reported for the second year in a row, the Residency Program received zero deficiencies from the Osteopathic Review Committee. Ms. Muller also shared that the MRHC Foundation Board will host a Gala on May 1, 2026, themed "Dancing with the McAlester Stars". The Gala will benefit the MRHC Foundation.

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

A **motion** was made in public session at 04:57 PM by (Zellmer) and seconded by (Wansick) to enter Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Johnny Zellmer, MD, Janet Wansick, Brent Grilliot, James Bland, Damon Mascoto, Marti Fields, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the **motion** carried.

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."

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

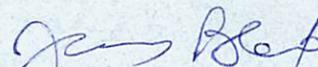
A **motion** was made at 06:35 PM by (Bland) and seconded by (Wansick) to come out of the Executive Session. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: James Bland, Janet Wansick, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, Damon Mascoto, Brent Grilliot, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the **motion** carried.

ACTION FOLLOWING EXECUTIVE SESSION: NONE

Adjournment: A **motion** was made (Zellmer) and seconded (Fields) to adjourn the meeting at 06:37 PM. The vote was taken as follows: Aye: Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, James Bland, Brent Grilliot, Damon Mascoto, Janet Wansick, and Christopher Beene, MD. Nay: None. Absent: None. Abstain: None. Chairman Beene declared the **motion** carried.



Christopher Beene, MD ~ Chairman



James Bland ~ Vice-Chairman

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