

A meeting of the McAlester Regional Health Center Authority was held at 04:00 PM on Wednesday, August 05, 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 10:45 AM on August 03, 2026.

TRUSTEES PRESENT: Marti Fields ~ Johnny Zellmer, MD ~ Brent Grilliot ~ Damon Mascoto ~ James Bland ~ John Browne ~ Christopher Beene, MD, Janet Wansick

TRUSTEES ABSENT: None

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

OTHER ATTENDEES: Laurie Reed, St Francis

CALL TO ORDER: Mr. James Bland called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

Consent Agenda:

1. MRHCA Board of Trustees Minutes for July 01, 2026
2. Credentialing and Privileging Appointments as follows:

Consideration and Approval of Appointment for Provisional:

1. Cuong Doan, DO ~ Family Medicine ~ One year
2. Charles Harris, DO ~ Emergency Medicine ~ One year
3. Tegan Maxson, DO ~ Emergency Medicine ~ One year

Consideration and Approval of Reappointment (Active)

1. David Auld ~ Internal Med/Critical Care/ Peds/PM&R ~ Two years
2. Matthew Graves, MD ~ OB/GYN ~ Two years
3. Kamron Torbati, MD ~ OB/GYN ~ Two years
4. Lynn Preston, DO ~ Cardiology ~ Two-years

Consideration and Approval of Reappointment (Allied Health)

1. Phillip Vilar, CRNA ~ CRNA ~ Two years
2. Stephen Freeborn, CRNA ~ Two years

Consideration and Approval of Advancement (Active)

1. Landon Stallings, DO ~ Orthopedic Surgery ~ One year

Resignations (Acknowledge & Accept):

1. Rylan Russell, DO ~ Emergency Medicine ~ 06/22/26
2. Laura Black-Wicks, DO ~ Family Medicine ~ 06/26/26
3. Martin Cooper, MD ~ Family Medicine/Hospitalist ~ 07/02/26
4. Andrew Hale, DO ~ Tele Cardiology ~ 06/30/26
5. Arash Karnama, DO ~ Tele Cardiology ~ 06/30/26
6. Steven Kim, DO ~ Tele Cardiology ~ 06/30/26
7. Gershon Koshy, DO ~ Tele Cardiology ~ 06/30/26
8. Daniel Wildes, DO ~ Tele Cardiology ~ 06/30/26
9. David M. Wilkett, DO ~ Tele Cardiology ~ 06/30/26

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

Election of Officers: Chairman Bland reported that there were two nominations on the table for Vice Chairman carried over from the last meeting. The nominees include Marti Fields and Janet Wansick. Chairman Bland surveyed the Board for other nominations for Vice Chairman. With no other nominations presented, He closed the nominations.

A vote was taken for the nominee, Janet Wansick, for the officer position of Vice-Chairman. The vote was taken as follows: **Aye:** Christopher Beene, MD, John Browne, Damon Mascoto, Marti Fields, Janet Wansick, and James Bland. **Nay:** Brent Grilliot, Johnny Zellmer, MD. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None.

A vote was taken for the nominee, **Marti Fields**, for the officer position of **Vice-Chairman**. The vote was taken as follows: **Aye:** Brent Grilliot, Johnny Zellmer, MD. **Nay:** Christopher Beene, MD, Damon Mascoto, Marti Fields, Janet Wansick, John Browne, and James Bland. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None.

Chairman Bland reported that Janet Wansick received the majority of the votes and was elected Vice Chairman of the MRHCA Board of Trustees.

Chairman Bland opened the floor for nominations for the officer position of **Secretary**. A nomination was received for Christopher Beene, MD.

A vote was taken for the nominee, **Christopher Beene, MD**, for the officer position of **Secretary**. The vote was taken as follows: **Aye:** Janet Wansick, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, John Browne, Damon Mascoto, Brent Grilliot, Christopher Beene, MD, and James Bland. **Nay:** None. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None.

Chairman Bland reported that Christopher Beene, M.D., has received the majority vote and is elected Secretary of the MRHCA Board of Trustees.

Finance Committee:

1. Consideration and discussion of June 2026 Financial Reports: Ms. Destanie Wilson provided an overview of the June 2026 Financial Reports. The June 2026 financial results reflect continued operational challenges despite ongoing expense management and several encouraging operational trends. The largest driver of unfavorable performance continues to be net patient revenue, which is falling short of prior years' and budgeted amounts due to ongoing revenue cycle issues. Year-to-date through June, MRHC has produced a \$1.4M EBIDA loss.

Operational volumes present a mixed picture. Acute inpatient discharges have increased year-over-year, and rehab discharges have remained stable, with no material increase or decrease. The following areas have increased year-over-year in outpatient registrations: Emergency Department, Cath Lab, Therapy, Laboratory, and Endoscopies. Despite those increases, clinic visits, surgical volumes, and radiology volumes all remain below historical levels.

Expense control continues to show positive results with operating expenses reflecting a \$7.7M year-over-year reduction. While expense reductions alone cannot fully offset the impact of reimbursement shortfalls and reduced SHOPP funding, they have substantially narrowed the operating deficit compared to prior years. The continued emphasis on labor productivity, supply chain management, contract review, and prudent financial stewardship positions the hospital to realize greater financial improvement as revenue cycle enhancements come to fruition and patient volumes grow.

While MRHC continues to experience operating losses, several key performance indicators demonstrate meaningful progress and provide evidence that recent operational initiatives are producing positive results. Most notably, the hospital's EBIDA margin improved to -1.55% in FY 26, compared to -4.66% in FY 25, and -6.69% in FY 24. Although still below the organization's positive target, this represents substantial year-over-year improvement in core operating performance.

Overall, June reflects a hospital that continues to make meaningful progress in controlling expenses, improving revenue cycle performance, and strengthening operational efficiency. The primary financial challenge remains insufficient net patient revenue caused by significant contractual adjustments and reimbursement pressures. Continued focus on reimbursement optimization, revenue cycle improvement, and physician and clinic growth will be essential to restoring sustainable operating performance and returning to financial viability. A **motion** was made (Mascoto) and seconded (Beene) to approve the June 2026 Financial Report as presented. The vote was taken as follows: **Aye:** Damon Mascoto, Christopher Beene, MD, Brent Grilliot, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, Janet Wansick, John Browne, and James Bland. **Nay:** None. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None. Chairman Bland declared the **motion** carried.

2. Consideration and discussion to incorporate the Investment Committee Meeting into the Finance Committee Meeting on a bi-annual reporting schedule as needed: Ms. Destanie Wilson reported that the Finance Committee discussed and recommended incorporating the Investment Committee into the Finance Committee on a bi-annual reporting schedule due to low activity on the Investment account. This decision would dissolve the current Investment Committee, and the Investment Manager will report directly to the Finance Committee.

A motion was made (Beene) and seconded (Wansick) to approve incorporating the Investment Committee into the Finance Committee on a bi-annual reporting schedule and dissolving the current Investment Committee as presented. The vote was taken as follows: **Aye:** Christopher Beene, MD, Janet Wansick, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, John Browne, Damon Mascoto, Brent Grilliot, and James Bland. **Nay:** None. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None. Chairman Bland declared the **motion** carried.

Board QI Report: Dr. Johnny Zellmer, Chairman, opened the floor to Whitney Hull. Ms. Hull reported that the Board QI Committee met on June 30, 2026. The Quality Management System Scorecard was reviewed and discussed. Noteworthy accomplishments included Medication Scanning, Effectiveness of Pain Management, and Grievances/Timely Response. Areas identified for continued improvement included Medication Reconciliation, Titration Documentation, and Restraint Documentation.

Ms. Hull also reported that the Quarter 1 2026 Star Rating Scorecard was reviewed and discussed. Noteworthy accomplishments included HCAHPS Scores, Early Management Bundle, Severe Sepsis/Septic Shock, Mortality Rates, and Readmission Rates. Areas identified for continued improvement included Abdominal CT Use of Contrast and the C. diff Protocol.

She provided an update on the recent DNV survey, noting that departmental Quality Boards are current and will continue to be monitored regularly. Corrective actions have been completed and submitted to DNV, and the organization is currently awaiting DNV approval. Monitoring processes remain in place.

Ms. Hull stated that the 2026 Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 Hospice Reports were reviewed and discussed. Noteworthy accomplishments included Infection Identification and Monitoring, and there were no grievances. Areas identified for continued improvement included the Plan of Care related to Spiritual and Social Well-being and continued close monitoring of Length of Stay.

Ms. Hull also reported that the 2026 Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 Home Health Reports were reviewed and discussed. Noteworthy accomplishments included no grievances, Timely Initiation of Care, Emergency Department Utilization, and Acute Hospitalization. Areas identified for continued improvement included Bed Transferring, Falls, and increasing admissions.

Chief of Staff Report: Dr. Jonathan Rohloff reported that the census has been low for a couple of weeks, not only at our facility, but also at other Oklahoma Hospitals. The Hospitalist Group and the Rehab Unit are feeling the impact. Efforts are being made to adjust staff accordingly. Rehab has increased its marketing efforts to attract more patients. The Residents recently completed orientation month with the new Interns, who seem to be enjoying themselves and the opportunities here at MRHC.

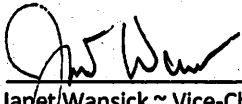
CEO Report: Ms. Julie Powell opened the floor to Ms. Lucy Muller, who provided an update on recruitment. Ms. Muller reported that a new Cardiologist has joined MRHC and is expected to begin on November 2, 2026. Two additional Cardiologists have expressed interest in visiting MRHC for site interviews in mid-August. A Urologist is also interested in joining MRHC and plans to visit for a site interview soon. Additionally, a Hospitalist is scheduled to interview later this month. Recruitment efforts also continue for an Orthopedic Surgeon and a Cardiology Nurse Practitioner.

Ms. Powell reported that she has been working with Ms. Destanie Wilson to modify the Finance Report presentation to include additional graphs for better understanding and presentation of the information. She also reported that a couple of Executive Directors attended a kick-off meeting at the Health Department regarding the Rural Regional Reorientation Grant funding. The meeting emphasized the importance of community collaboration. MRHC applied for the 2026 grant, along with several additional microgrants, but was not awarded funding. However, additional grant opportunities are expected to become available in early 2027, and MRHC plans to apply again. Ms. Powell stated that MRHC is preparing in advance for the upcoming grant cycle.

She explained that grant applications must address one of four domains: access, sustainability, quality, or support. Ms. Powell emphasized that as MRHC continues to strengthen its collaboration with the community, she believes additional grant opportunities will become available.

Adjournment: A motion was made (Wansick) and seconded (Zellmer) to adjourn the meeting at 4:46 PM. The vote was taken as follows: **Aye:** Janet Wansick, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Christopher Beene, MD, Brent Grilliot, John Browne, Damon Mascoto, Marti Fields, and James Bland. **Nay:** None. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None. Chairman Bland declared the motion carried.


James Bland ~ Chairman


Janet Wansick ~ Vice-Chairman

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