A meeting of the McAlester Regional Health Center Authority was held at 04:00 PM on Wednesday, September 02, 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 08:30 AM on August 31, 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 ~ Jason Gibson

OTHER ATTENDEES: Laurie Reed, St Francis ~ Belinda Hill, Warren Clinic

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

Consent Agenda:

1. MRHCA Board of Trustees Minutes for August 05, 2026
2. Credentialing and Privileging Appointments as follows:

Consideration & Approval of Appointment: (Provisional)

1. Paul Rajan, MD ~ Internal Medicine/Critical Care ~ One year
2. Luchette Esteves, APRN ~ Nurse Practitioner ~ One year

Consideration & Approval of Reappointment: (Active)

1. Fred Crapse, DO ~ General Surgery ~ Two years
2 Brian Blick, MD ~ Anesthesiology ~ Two years
3 Mark Anderson, MD ~ Cardiology/Telemedicine ~ Two years

Consideration & Approval of Reappointment: (Active Affiliate)

1. Janna McIntosh, DDS ~ Dentistry ~ Two years
2. Clark Grillliot, DDS ~ Dentistry ~ Two years

3. Midazolam Drip Titration Protocol
4. Preoperative Testing Protocol/guide

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

Consideration and discussion to approve the amended McAlester Medical Services, LLC (MMS) Operating Agreement & Resolution: Ms. Powell reported that the current MMS Operating Agreement identifies Managers who are no longer employed by MRHC. The amended Operating Agreement will update the designated Managers as follows: Julie Powell will replace T. Shawn Howard, Destanie Wilson will replace Cheryl Perry, and James Bland will remain. Ms. Powell further requested authorization to sign, on behalf of the MRHC Board of Trustees, all documents pertaining to McAlester Medical Services, LLC. A **motion** was made (Browne) and seconded (Wansick) to approve the amended McAlester Medical Services (MMS) Operating Agreement and Resolution to give Julie Powell signature authority to sign all MMS documents on behalf of the Board as presented. The vote was taken as follows: **Aye:** John Browne, Janet Wansick, Christopher Beene, MD, Brent Grilliot, Damon Mascoto, Marti Fields, Johnny Zellmer, MD, and James Bland. **Nay:** None. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None. Chairman Bland declared the **motion** carried.

Consideration and discussion to approve a Pyxis/CareFusion renewal agreement and allow Julie Powell to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board: Mr. Jason Gibson presented a three-year renewal agreement for the Automated Medication Dispensing System known as Pyxis. He reported that Pyxis/Carefusion recently upgraded their equipment and software, which will be much more expensive than the current fees. Mr. Gibson negotiated a three-year extension of the current agreement with only a minimal upcharge of $163 per month. He reported that after the three-year extension ends in 2030, MRHC will have to upgrade to the new Pyxis/CareFusion System. A **motion** was made (Zellmer) and seconded (Wansick) to approve the Pyxis/CareFusion three-year extension and authorize Julie Powell to execute the renewal agreement as presented. The vote was taken as follows: **Aye:** John Browne, Janet Wansick, Christopher Beene, MD, Brent Grilliot, Damon Mascoto, Marti Fields, Johnny Zellmer, MD, and James Bland. **Nay:** None. **Absent:** None. **Abstain:** None. Chairman Bland declared the **motion** carried.

Finance Committee:

1. Consideration and discussion of July 2026 Financial Reports: Ms. Destanie Wilson provided an overview of the July 2026 Financial Reports, noting that July marked the beginning of a new fiscal year. She reported that month-to-date revenue reflected a decrease in Federal SHOPP funding. OHA is actively exploring ways to offset the resulting budget shortfall and return additional dollars to hospitals. Ms. Wilson reported continued year-over-year growth across the active clinics. Outpatient laboratory and radiology procedures are increasing, due in part to referrals from OU Stephenson Cancer Center. Outpatient Adult and Pediatric Therapy services are also experiencing year-over-year growth. MRHC has had success with the Outpatient Infusion Group and is exploring opportunities to expand the types of medications available through the hospital. Home Health volumes increased, while Hospice volumes decreased as part of a strategic initiative to align services with new Medicare regulations. The Wellness Center also experienced a significant increase in membership. Ms. Wilson stated that staffing levels continue to be closely monitored and that overall staffing numbers are decreasing. Agency staffing numbers are also declining, with only 10 agency staff projected by the end of October—a level not seen since before the COVID-19 pandemic. Supply expenses continue to decrease, particularly through the use of bulk purchasing. Ms. Wilson noted that the Leadership Team is working diligently to reduce expenses wherever possible. Ms. Wilson also shared several initiatives that are successfully improving the Revenue Cycle and contributing to continued volume growth. A **motion** was made (Grilliot) and seconded (Beene) to approve the July 2026 Financial Report as presented. The vote was taken as follows: **Aye**: Brent Grilliot, Christopher Beene, MD, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Damon Mascoto, 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 dissolve the Investment Committee and rescind the Investment Committee Policy & Charter: Ms. Destanie Wilson reported that at the last Finance and Board Meetings, a decision was made to incorporate the Investment Committee into the Finance Committee on a biannual reporting schedule. She added that, because of this decision, the Investment Committee needs to be dissolved, and the Investment Committee Policy and Charter need to be rescinded. A **motion** was made (Wansick) and seconded (Brown) to dissolve the Investment Committee and rescind the Investment Committee Policy and Charter as presented. The vote was taken as follows: **Aye**: Janet Wansick, John Browne, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Marti Fields, Christopher Beene, MD, 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 August 25, 2026. She reviewed the Quality Management System data and highlighted noteworthy efforts in medication scanning, restraint documentation, effectiveness of the pain management system, and the percentage of medical necessity screenings completed within 24 hours. Ms. Hull noted that areas identified for continued improvement include policies that were past due for review; however, these have since been addressed. During the second quarter of 2026, most domains showed a decrease, with the exception of "cleanliness of rooms," which remained above the established goal. All other domains dipped only slightly below goal, and responses remained positive. Ms. Hull clarified that only scores of 9 or 10 are counted in the survey results. She added that grievances did not increase from Q1 to Q2. Ms. Hull also reported that all DNV corrective actions are on track according to the established plans, and the hospital is awaiting a date to submit objective evidence of compliance.

Chief of Staff Report: Dr. Jonathan Rohloff reported that the new Resident Interns are in their third month of training and are doing well as they gain front-line experience. He noted that they have been receiving positive feedback.
The Hospitalist Group will be losing a couple of providers who are relocating closer to their hometowns. However, Dr. Tyler McKeever has accepted a position on the Hospitalist Staff and is expected to join the Group in July 2027. Additionally, a second Nocturnist Hospitalist has completed an interview and is currently in contractual negotiations to join MRHC. Other recruitment activity includes the employment of Dr. Ynus Moosa, an Interventional Cardiologist, who will join MRHC in November 2026. A Cardiology Nurse Practitioner is completing her Board Certification and will transition to Dr. Moosa's clinic upon his arrival. Additional cardiologist interviews are scheduled as MRHC works to recruit one more cardiologist to join the clinic and work alongside Dr. Moosa. Dr. Moosa is also interested in establishing a Cardiac Rehabilitation program as an addition to the current Rehabilitation Program. The Cardiac Rehab service would utilize the existing staff. For eligible patients transitioning from an inpatient stay into the 14-day program, the service could potentially help reduce the 30-day readmission rate. Dr. Rohloff mentioned that additional telemetry equipment will be needed on the Rehab Unit to support Cardiac Rehab if the program moves forward. A Family Practice Physician is scheduled for an on-site visit in mid-September and is interested in opening a clinic at MRHC. Dr. Rohloff also noted that, since the recruitment ban has been lifted, providers have been reaching out to express interest in joining MRHC. He also shared that the relationship with the new ER Group is really strong and doing well.

CEO Report: Ms. Julie Powell reported that LifeCare, an organization comprised of nine rural hospitals, was awarded $33.8 million for the first budget year of a five-year Rural Transformation Grant. LifeCare is hiring additional resources to assist the nine member hospitals with various initiatives designed to benefit and support each organization. Ms. Powell stated that the CEOs from each hospital meet monthly to strategically plan and determine how the grant funds will be distributed.

Ms. Destanie Wilson reported that the Foundation Board approved the purchase of new Pulmonary Function Equipment to replace equipment that had reached the end of its useful life. The new equipment will allow Pulmonary Function Testing services to return to the community. Ms. Powell noted that this service line is projected to be profitable while also addressing an important need within the community. She added that all service lines are being strategically evaluated to ensure they provide both value to the community and financial sustainability. Ms. Powell shared that as MRHC moves through these strategic initiatives and service lines, the Business and Service Line Development Committee and Strategic Planning Committee will be utilized to appropriately funnel ideas before going to the full Board.

Adjournment: A **motion** was made (Beene) and seconded (Zellmer) to adjourn the meeting at 4:43 PM. The vote was taken as follows: **Aye**: Christopher Beene, MD, Johnny Zellmer, MD, Brent Grilliot, John Browne, Damon Mascoto, Marti Fields, Janet Wansick, 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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