

**GOVE COUNTY MEDICAL CENTER
QUINTER, KANSAS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES
March 27, 2026**

The March meeting of the Gove County Medical Center Board of Trustees (BOT) was held on Friday, March 27, 2026 at 8:00 a.m. in the conference room.

Board Members Present:

Larry Manhart
Terry Ostmeyer
Deana Zerr
Greg Beougher
Dave Polifka

Employees Present:

Amber Yingling
Sonya Cap
Harry Sturgeon
Breann Powers
Andrea Hargitt
Rob LaPierre (out @ 9:34-9:38)
Conner Fiscarelli (out @ 9:25-9:32)
Megan Heier (out @ 9:00-9:20)
Brad Mullins
Liz McDonald
Doreen Wentz

Visitors Present:

Shae Veach, HMC (8:25-9:15)

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Terry Ostmeyer called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

2. RECITE MISSION, VISION AND VALUES:

Chairperson Terry Ostmeyer recited the Mission, Vision, and Values.

3. QUERY FOR ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

Credentialing Items—Megan
Critical Issues Summit Update—Deana
Maintenance Update--Brad

Deana moved and Greg seconded to approve the agenda with added items and it carried 5-0.

4. MINUTES:

The February regular meeting minutes were reviewed. Greg moved and Larry seconded to approve the minutes as presented and it carried 5-0.

The February Management/Corporate Compliance/HIPAA minutes were reviewed. Greg moved and Deana seconded to approve the minutes as presented and it carried 5-0.

5. PRIORITY ITEMS

- HaysMed visit/HaysMed next steps:
 - Shae discussed items underway for the affiliation next week.
 - Conner discussed contracts, etc. He discussed notifying contracts and vendors of the transition.
 - Shae discussed CMS, credentialing, marketing, logos, quality/risk, etc.
 - Conner reports that everyone has been signed up for benefits at this time. Everyone is being registered for the HaysMed network and email.
 - Training for timekeeping will begin next week.
 - We will transition from PolicyStat to PolicyTech with upcoming trainings for policy owners.
 - April 25 will be the Wellness Expo/Open house at the city park from 10 am-Noon. HaysMed will have a booth.
 - Andrea discussed marketing activities for Go-live day.
 - Conner discussed the logo release and shared a handout of the email that went out to staff.
 - Conner discussed the outdoor signage update.

- RHTP MRI Submission—Attachment: Conner discussed the Rural Health Transformation Program. We have two application requests out right now for funds. We are submitting for the MRI this year. He discussed the process and requirements. Conner discussed the possible revenue growth if an MRI is added. We could know if our application is accepted as early as April 17. Board questions were answered. Timeline of the project and location were discussed.

- Annual Fundraiser—pickle ball & park celebration vs golf: The golf committee has expressed that they feel the golf tournament is losing steam and we should consider changing up the event. Conner discussed options the committee has come up with. A Pickle ball tournament and family day to be held in Grainfield was discussed. Conner asked the board's opinion. Liz discussed that GCDC has items we could use. We would be able to use the concession stand. Going forward we could alternate between this and a golf tournament every other year. Terry suggested a "match" opportunity day from the Gove County Foundation. Conner will have someone reach out to them.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

PROVIDING A PERSON-CENTERED EXPERIENCE

- **STANDING ITEMS:**
 - **Harry—Patient Satisfaction Committee Report:** Harry discussed the Press-Ganey surveys. Overall satisfaction is good but there are always areas for improvement.

- **New Business:**

None

CARE YOU CAN TRUST

- **STANDING ITEMS:**
 - **Harry—QAPI minutes—Read and Review:** Harry highlighted points from the QAPI report. No concerns for Quality Improvement projects.
 - **Liz—Safety Committee:** No report available at this time.
 - **Sonya—OB Quality Committee:** The board reviewed the report.
 - **Sonya—Get With the Guidelines:** Sonya stated that we will make “Gold” standard this spring for CHF and CAD. Conner discussed the program. Sonya discussed that it is a good source of new and updated guideline.
 - **Sonya—Level IV Trauma Committee:** We are moving forward. We have advertised the position of a combined EPP/Level IV Trauma nurse.

- **New Business:**

None

BE THE DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

- **STANDING ITEMS:**
 - **Andrea—Community Outreach Committee Update:** The wellness Expo will be on April 25 from 10 am to Noon at the city park. GCMC has 6 teams for Walk Kansas this year. The Community Baby Shower will again be held in May. At that time, we will launch the GCMC Care Closet. Andrea discussed.
 - **Harry—Review PFAC:** There was no report available.

- **New Business:**

None

BE A GREAT PLACE TO WORK

- **STANDING ITEMS:**
 - **Personnel Reports:** The board reviewed the report. We have hired a new Radiology Technician to start after graduation in May. Discussion about radiology staff being trained in both radiology and sono.
 - **Recruitment and Retention:** There was no report available.
 - **Wellness Committee:** This committee will begin working with the Community

Outreach Committee.

- **Celebrations and Events:** Doctors' Day will be celebrated March 30 with a French toast bar in dietary from 7:30-8:30 am. Hospital week is coming up in May.
- **Rache'—Awards/Recognition Committee:** There was no report available.
- **Sonya—Employee Engagement Committee:** Planning will begin in August for an employee satisfaction survey. It will release around Thanksgiving time. We should have results by the first of the year. Conner discussed improvements made since our last survey. This will be a much better and easier process than the last time.

- **New Business:**

None

TODAY'S SUCCESS FOR TOMORROW'S FUTURE

- **STANDING ITEMS:**

- **Rob—Financial Report and Stats:** Rob went over financials for February. Board questions were answered. We will have audit next week.
- **Wade—Marketing Committee:** The board reviewed the grant worksheet.
- **Natasha—Revenue Cycle Minutes:** No report available.

- **NEW BUSINESS:**

None

INVEST IN OUT LEADERS:

- **STANDING ITEMS**

- **Sonya—Leadership Training Updates:** The board reviewed the report in the binder.

- **NEW BUSINESS**

None

5. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE:

- Senior Life Solutions—Temporary Privileges
 - Rakesh Amin, MD
 - Gurkiran Gill, MD
 - Steven Kory, MD
 - Christopher Wright, DO

Deana moved and Greg seconded to approve the Senior Life Solutions temporary privileges as presented and it carried 5-0.

- New Provider—Temporary Privileges
 - Jason Okuhara, DO—cardiology
 - Craig Copelin, CRNA--HPM

Greg moved and Deana seconded to approve the new provider temporary privileges as presented and it carried 5-0.

6. POLICY AND PROCEDURES:

- Wildfire 30-500
- Back End Collections FI-002
- Emergency Patient Decontamination (Code Orange), Procedure For 10-509
- Evacuation or Shelter I Place, Protocol for 10-520
- Fire Watch 10-603
- Inclement Weather (Blizzard, Ice Storm, Heavy Snow & Temp Extremes) 10-904
- Emergency Volunteer Management 10-503
- Amounts Generally Billed Policy FI-011
- Charity Care Policy (Financial Assistance)
- Collections Placement
- Patient Billing and Collection Policy

Larry moved and Deana seconded to approve the policies as presented and it carried 5-0.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- Credentialing Items—Megan: Megan discussed the credentialing application and re-application process. The by-laws have been updated to reflect the application process. She explained that appointments made last for a year. Emergency privileges were discussed. The CEO and Chief of Medical Staff can approve in the event of emergencies. Megan is working to convert what we currently have to the new online approval system. Deana moved and Larry seconded to approve the by-law changes and it carried 5-0.
- Critical Issues Summit Update—Deana: This was briefly discussed, but due to limited time, Deana will send out an email to the board members with her comments.
- Maintenance Update—Brad:
 - The pool wall is up. The pool will open April 7.
 - The former dentist office walls have been repaired and painted.
 - We will begin flooring in the clinic business office after April 15.

- The secondary training room is still in progress.
- Grass and Rocks have been sprayed for weeds.
- The business office remodel is complete with the exception of replacing a few chairs.

7. EXECUTIVE SESSION:

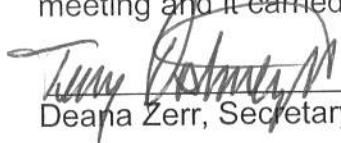
There was no executive session.

8. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be Friday, April 24, 2026 at 8:00 am in the Conference Room.

9. ADJOURN:

There was no further business to discuss. Larry moved and Deana seconded to adjourn the meeting and it carried 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 10:54 am.


Deana Zerr, Secretary