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**Minutes of the Public Hearing & Regular Meeting of
the Board of Directors**

The Governing Board of Gonzales Healthcare Systems met in a Public Hearing followed by the Regular Meeting on September 5th, 2023 at 5:15 P.M. at Thrive Healthplex Conference Room.

Directors Present:

Kenneth Gottwald- President
Greg Tieken - Vice President
Stephanie Kodack - Secretary
Tim Markham – Member
Gene Reed – Member
Sascha Kardosz – Member
Kerry Morgan - Member

Directors Absent:

Wayne South – Member
Lisa Gindler – Member (Virtual)

Others Present:

Brandon Anzaldua, CEO
Billy Bailey, CFO
Christina Carlile
Kathleen Koerner, D.O. (5:46P)
Karen Iacuone
Juli Clay
Amanda Frederick
Joni Leland
Chip Holmes - Ovation
David Anton – Ovation
Suzette Duhe – Ovation
Roger Dyer – Heights of Gonzales

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The Public Hearing was called to order at 5:15 P.M. by Kenneth Gottwald – President.

CALL TO ORDER

A Public Hearing was held to Discuss the 2023 Proposed Tax Rate of \$0.3050 for Gonzales Healthcare Systems.

PUBLIC HEARING

There was no one present for public comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion was made and **approved** to adjourn the Public Hearing. (Motion by Greg Tieken, second by Stephanie Kodack.) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

ADJOURN PUBLIC HEARING

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 5:17p by Kenneth Gottwald – President.

REGULAR MEETING

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gene Reed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Invocation was given by Greg Tieken.

INVOCATION

There was no one present for Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Motion was made and **approved** to Adopt the 2023 Tax Rate for Gonzales Healthcare Systems at \$0.3050 as presented. (Motion by Stephanie Kodack, second by Tim Markham) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

ADOPT THE 2023 TAX RATE FOR GHS AT 0.3050

Motion was made and **approved** to Adopt the Resolution Setting the 2023 Maintenance and Operation Tax Rate at \$0.3050 for Gonzales Healthcare Systems as presented. (Motion by Stephanie Kodack, second by Tim Markham) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

ADOPT RESOLUTION SETTING 2023 M&O TAX RATE FOR GHS AT 0.3050

Roger Dyer presented The Heights of Gonzales Biannual QIPP Report. No action was needed on this item.

HEIGHTS OF GONZALES QUIPP REPORT

David Anton, Ovation, presented an update on the Construction Project. David discussed the design build and general contractor engagement process. No action was needed on this item.

CONSTRUCTION PROJECT UPDATE

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Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Asbestos Proposal as presented. (Motion by Greg Tieken, second by Tim Markham) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

**APPROVE ASBESTOS
PROPOSAL**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Construction Invoices as presented. (Motion by Greg Tieken, second by Tim Markham) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

**APPROVE
CONSTRUCTIN
INVOICES**

Motion was made and **approved** the Consent Agenda as presented with the following items:

**APPROVE
CONSENT AGENDA**

- Minutes of the Regular Meeting on August 1, 2023
- Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting on August 28, 2023
- Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on August 28, 2023
- Minutes of the Special Called Meeting on August 28, 2023
- Minutes of the Gonzales Healthcare Systems Foundation Special Called Meeting on July 13, 2023
- Minutes of the Gonzales Healthcare Systems Foundation Regular Meeting on July 26, 2023
- Steris Autoclave Maintenance Renewal
- Stericycle Hazardous Waste Disposal
- Stericycle Regulated Medical Waste Disposal Renewal
- Kirchner Lease Agreement
- Desai Lease Agreement
- Nursing Home QIPP Reports

(Motion by Stephanie Kodack, second by Sascha Kardosz) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

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Motion was made and **approved** to accept the **Financial Report** for July 2023 as presented by Billy Bailey with the following documents:

- Balance Sheet
- Cash Flow Sheet
- Current Month and YTD Income Statement Compared to Last Year
- Current Month and YTD Income Statement Compared to Budget
- Departmental Charge/Expense Report
- Departmental Charge/Supply Expense Report
- Receivable, Payor Mix and Collections
- Cash Comparison
- Trent Report
- Capital Expenditure Report
- Investment
- Schedule
- Tax Report Accounts
- Thrive Healthplex
- Foundation

(Motion by Gene Reed, second by Sascha Kardosz)
There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

**APPROVE FINANCIAL
REPORT**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the **CEO Report** as presented by Brandon Anzaldua with the following items:

- Department Reports
- GHS Newsletter September 2023
- Cerner Update

Brandon reported recruiting efforts are ongoing for Radiologists as well as sourcing for an OB/Gyn. The Strategic Plan is moving forward with the Physician committee selected with the assistance of Dr. Koerner. The Employee Survey results have been received and reviewed; Brandon's organizational focus will be on people and patients.

(Motion by Gene Reed, second by Greg Tieken) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

**APPROVE CEO
REPORT**

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Ovation Healthcare Update presented by Chip Holmes: Chip stated they are purposely adjusting their roles to support our CEO, Brandon and CFO, Billy. Chip introduced Suzette, VP of Finance, who will be available to support Billy. Karen Iacuone will have continued support with the Quality Plan. Chip reminded members of the upcoming Ovation education opportunities specifically the CNO Symposium and Quality boot camp. The Ovation Annual meeting will be held in February 2024 in Austin. No action was needed on this item.

**OVATION
HEALTHCARE
UPDATE**

Motion was made and **approved** to adjourn Open Session of the Regular Called Meeting on September 5, 2023. Meeting was called into Executive Session at 6:30P Pursuant to the Provisions of Chapter 551 of the Texas Government Code; Section 551.071, Section 551.072, Section 551.073, Section 551.074, Section 551.076, Section 551.085, and Section 161.032 under the Texas Health & Safety Code. (Motion by Gene Tieken, second by Stephanie Kodack) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

**ADJOURN OPEN
SESSION – CALL INTO
EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made and **approved** to adjourn Executive Session on September 5, 2023 at 7:10P and back into Open Session. (Motion by Gene Tieken, second Stephanie Kodack) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

**ADJOURN EXECUTIVE
SESSION – CALL IN
TO OPEN SESSION**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Medical Staff Report as presented in Executive Session. (Motion by Stephanie Kodack, second by Greg Tieken) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

**APPROVE MEDICAL
STAFF REPORT**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Performance Improvement and Patient Safety Report as presented in Executive Session. (Motion by Stephanie Kodack, second by Sascha Kardosz) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

**APPROVE PI AND
PATIENT SAFETY
REPORT**

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Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Credentialing Application for Azalea Saemi, M.D., Courtesy Staff for Emergency Medicine Privileges as presented in Executive Session. (Motion by Stephanie Kodack, second by Sascha Kardosz) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

**APPROVE
EMERGENCY
MEDICINE PRIVILIGES-
A. SAEMI, M.D**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Rad Partners Schedule 1 List of Physicians as presented in Executive Session. (Motion by Stephanie Kodack, second by Greg Tieken) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

**APPROVE RAD
PARTNERS SCH. 1
LIST OF PHYSICIANS**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Compliance Report as presented in Executive Session. (Motion by Greg Tieken, second by Gene Reed) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

**APPROVE
COMPLIANCE
REPORT**

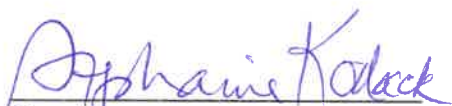
Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Medical Director Contract as presented in Executive Session. (Motion by Sascha Kardosz, second by Gene Reed) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

**APPROVE MEDICAL
DIRECTOR CONTRACT
– DR. MEREDITH**

Motion was made and **approved** to adjourn the meeting. (Motion by Gene Reed, second by Greg Tieken) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

ADJOURNMENT


**Kenneth Gottwald
President**


**Stephanie Kodack
Secretary**