

## **Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors December 5, 2023**

The Governing Board of Gonzales Healthcare Systems met in a Regular Meeting on December 5, 2023, at 5:15 P.M. at THRIVE Healthplex Conference Room.

Directors Present:

Kenneth Gottwald – President  
Greg Tieken – Vice President  
Stephanie Kodack – Secretary  
Wayne South – Member  
Tim Markham – Member  
Gene Reed – Member  
Kerry Morgan – Member  
Lisa Gindler – Member

Directors Absent:

Sascha Kardosz – Member

Others Present:

Brandon Anzaldúa, CEO  
Billy Bailey, CFO  
Dr. Kathleen Korner, D.O., F.A.C.O.S., Chief of Staff (5:16P)  
Juli Clay  
Amanda Frederick  
Karen Iacuone  
John Pirkle  
Joni Leland  
David Anton, Ovation Healthcare (Virtual)  
Chip Holmes, Ovation Healthcare (Virtual)  
Annette Littleton, Ovation Healthcare (Virtual)  
Aaron Milligan, Durbin & Company  
Natalie Patterson, Durbin & Company  
Deena Cobler

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The meeting was called to order at 5:15 P.M. by Kenneth Gottwald - President.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Gene Reed.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Invocation was given by Tim Markham.

**INVOCATION**

There was no one present for Public Comment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Ovation Healthcare Monthly Report** as presented by Chip Holmes:  
Chip shared that the Medical Staff Steering Committee survey results have been received and that we had a sixty percent response rate. He stated the Medical Staff Development Plan would be complete by January 2024 for the planned May 2024 Retreat. Chip shared that Karen Iacuone continues to implement policies and procedures for the Quality Program. Chip introduced Dr. Kristine Wolff, Head of Clinical for Ovation Healthcare. He stated she is working with Karen Iacuone on quality for GHS and will be onsite in early 2024. Chip also reminded the Board of the Ovation Leadership Conference coming in February 2024 in Austin, Texas. He invited the Board to register to attend. No action taken.

**OVATION HEALTHCARE REPORT**

**Audit and Cost Report presented by Durbin & Company.**

Aaron Milligan presented the Audit and Cost Report. Aaron stated the current year Financial Audit Results yielded an unmodified or clean opinion. He stated there were no matters reportable in the internal control over financial reporting in accordance with GAS. Aaron also stated there were no matters reportable in the internal control over compliance findings required by the Uniform Guidance.

**AUDIT AND COST REPORT**

A motion was made and **approved** to accept the Audit and Cost Report. (Motion by Greg Tieken, second by Tim Markham) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion.

**APPROVE AUDIT AND COST REPORT**

Jeff Markham, Assistant Administrator, presented the Cardiac Rehab Presentation. Jeff reviewed the positive effect a GHS Cardiac Rehab program could have on the community. Jeff will continue to work through the process of implementing this program including spacing, administration and equipment needs. No action taken.

**CARDIAC REHAB PRESENTATION**

David Anton presented the Construction Project Update. David stated the construction project would be pausing to publicly post general contractor bids per state and federal guidelines. He stated this would take about thirty to forty-five days. David went over the construction invoices for approval.

**CONSTRUCTION UPDATE**

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Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Invoices for the construction project. (Motion by Stephanie Kodak, second by Lisa Gindler) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion.

**APPROVE  
CONSTRUCTION  
INVOICES**

**Consent Agenda:**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Kenneth Gottwald, President, asked if any items need to be pulled for discussion. No items were requested to be pulled.

Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of the Public Hearing and Regular Meetings on November 7, 2023.
- Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting on November 27, 2023
- Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on November 27, 2023.
- Minutes of the Gonzales Healthcare Systems Foundation Regular Meeting on October 18, 2023.
- Public Funds Investment Policy
- Resolving Conflicts of Care and Grievances Policy
- Cerner Project Manager Extension
- UBEO Printing Solutions Proposal
- Trauma IV Survey Agreement
- Obstetrics Lighting Proposal
- Nursing Home QIPP Reports

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. (Motion by Gene Reed, seconded by Stephanie Kodack) There were eight for and no votes against the motion.

**APPROVE CONSENT  
AGENDA**

**FINANCIAL REPORT AS PRESENTED BY BILLY BAILEY:**

Motion was moved and **approved** to accept the Financial Report for October 2023 as presented with the following documents:

**APPROVE FINANCIAL  
REPORT**

- Balance Sheet
- Cash Flow Sheet
- Current Month and YTD Income Statement Compared to Last Year
- Currently Month and YTD Income Statement Compared to Budget
- Departmental Charge/Expense Report
- Departmental Charge/Supply Expense Report
- Receivable, Payor Mix and Collections
- Cash Comparison
- Trend Report

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- Capital Expenditure Report
- Investment Schedule
- Tax Report
- THRIVE Healthplex
- Foundation

(Motion by Tim Markham and seconded by Stephanie Kodak) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion.

**CEO REPORT AS PRESENTED BY BRANDON ANZALDUA:**

**APPROVE CEO REPORT**

Brandon shared that they continue to work through issues with the Cerner implementation, specifically charge services and clinic front end processes. He stated the solution to help with digital registration demo occurring soon and they are working on sales orders for Redoc, Dictation for Radiology, and CMS required reporting interface. Brandon shared that GHS received a grant from LCRA (Lower Colorado River Authority) for a Cardiac Compression System that will be utilized in the Emergency Department. He stated that GHS is applying for a LED light conversion grant of up to \$300,000 and if awarded would start updating light in the summer of 2024. Brandon stated he is currently recruiting for Radiology and Obstetrics and Gynecology physicians. He shared the timeline of the 2024 Strategic Plan. He stated results are coming back from meetings with Medical Staff Development Committee and Senior Leadership and the key stakeholder interviews to occur in February with plan working through the Spring and finalized in early summer 2024. Brandon shared that STRAC held a meeting at the Thrive Complex on Friday December 1, 2023. He shared that the spa would be holding a Spatacular Event on December 7, 2023. Brandon reminded the Board that January meetings would be as follows:

Executive and Finance: January 2, 2023, 11:30 – 2:00 PM

January Board of Directors Meeting: January 9, 2023, at 5:15pm

Motion was moved and **approved** to accept the CEO Report as presented with the following documents:

- Auxiliary Annual Report
- Department Reports
- GHS Newsletter/December 2023

(Motion by Tim Markham, second by Lisa Gindler) There were eight for and no votes against the motion.

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Motion was made and **approved** to close the Open Session of Board of Director's meeting held on December 5, 2023. **CLOSED OPEN SESSION**

Meeting was called into Executive Session at 6:45 PM, 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 Reed, second by Wayne South) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Motion was made and **approved** to adjourn Executive Session at 7:28 PM on December 5, 2023. (Motion by Kerry Morgan, second by Greg Tieken) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion. **ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was called into Open Session at 7:30 PM on December 5, 2023. (Motion by Lisa Gindler and seconded by Time Markham) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion. **CALL MEETING INTO OPEN SESSION**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Medical Staff Report as presented in Executive Session. (Motion by Lisa Gindler, second by Greg Tieken) There were eight 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 Lisa Gindler, second by Tim Markham) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion. **APPROVE PI/PATIENT**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Compliance Report as presented in Executive Session. (Motion by Greg Tieken, second by Stephanie Kodak) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion. **APPROVE COMPLIANCE REPORT**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Radiology Partners Schedule 1 List of Physicians Credentialing Privileges. (Motioned by Stephanie Kodack, second by Tim Markham) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion. **CREDENTIALING RADIOLOGY PARTNERS**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept Obstetrics Credentialing Privileges for Kristen Thompson, R.N. (Motioned by Stephanie Kodack, second by Greg Tieken) There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion. **APPROVE KRISTEN THOMPSON - OBSTETRICS**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept Obstetrics Credentialing Privileges **APPROVE ABBIE**

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for Abbie Gandy, R.N. (Motioned by Stephanie Kodack, second by Lisa Gindler) **GANDY - OBSTETRICS**  
There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion.

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Physicians Contract for Dr. **APPROVE PHYSICIAN**  
Kathleen Koerner (Motioned by Lisa Gindler, second by Wayne South) There **CONTRACT - KOERNER**  
were eight votes for and no votes against the motion.

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the CRNA Contract for Carpenter **APPROVE CRNA**  
Anesthesia Services PLLC. (Motioned by Stephanie Kodack, second by Lisa Gindler) **CONTRACT –**  
There were eight votes for and no votes against the motion. **CARPENTER**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Henderson Anesthesia PLLC **APPROVE CRNA**  
(Motioned by Greg Tieken, second by Stephanie Kodack) There were eight votes **CONTRACT -**  
for and no votes against the motion. **HENDERSON**

Motion was made and **approved** to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. (Motion **ADJOURNMENT**  
by Wayne South, second Lisa Gindler) There were seven votes for and no votes  
against the motion.



Kenneth Gottwald  
President



Stephanie Kodack  
Secretary