

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors March 5, 2024

The Governing Board of Gonzales Healthcare Systems met in a Regular Meeting on March 5, 2024, 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
Lisa Gindler – Member (5:23)

Directors Absent:

Sascha Kardosz – Member
Kerry Morgan – Member

Others Present:

Brandon Anzaldua, CEO
Billy Bailey, CFO
Dr. Kathleen Korner, D.O., F.A.C.O.S., Chief of Staff
Juli Clay
Amanda Frederick
Karen Iacuone
John Pirkle
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 Kenneth Gottwald.

INVOCATION

There was no one present for Public Comment.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brandon Anzaldua presented the Construction update. He stated that the Request for a Proposal was posted in the Gonzales Inquirer on February 29, 2024, and will appear two more times. He stated the Bids will be due on April 10, 2024, at 2:00 PM. Brandon stated that the architectural firm is working on corrections that the Owner's Representative suggested during their visit and evaluation of the construction project. He stated the HVAC will not be located on the roof but will not be corrected in the drawings but will be changed once a contractor has been selected. Brandon stated that an asbestos abatement will be required per the Owners Representative. It was suggested that a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors may be required in the month of May to approve the contractor.

**CONSTRUCTION
UPDATE**

Dr Gottwald asked for the AGCM and E4h Invoices Approved to be approved. (Motion by Greg Tieken, seconded by Stephanie Kodack) There were six for and no votes against the motion.

**APPROVE
CONSTRUCTION
INVOICES**

The Order of Election for May 5, 2024, was approved by the Board. The May 2024 Election will be canceled due to all candidates being unopposed. (Motion by Tim Markham and seconded by Wayne South) There were seven for and no votes against the motion.

**APPROVE
ORDER OF ELECTION**

Brandon stated the Lighting Systems TIPS Grant was approved for \$297,000. He stated we are waiting on the final document from the state. (Motion by Lisa Gindler and seconded by Tim Markham.) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

**APPROVE
TIPS LIGHTING
PROPOSAL**

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 February 6, 2024
- Minutes of the Building Committee on February 23, 2024
- Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting on February 26, 2024

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- Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting on February 26, 2024
- Minutes of the GHS Foundation January 17, 2024
- Policies:
 - Financial Policy and Healthcare Transparency
 - Purchasing Authority and Control
 - No Surprises Act Good Faith Estimate
 - Facility Alert - Fire
- Agreements:
 - RQI Program Renewal
 - Press Ganey Renewal
 - Lab Micro Service Contracts
 - HPG Proposal
 - Patient Point – Reputation Management
- Nursing Home QIPP Report

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. (Motion by Lisa Gindler, seconded by Gene Reed) There were seven votes 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 January 2024 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
- Capital Expenditure Report
- Investment Schedule
- Tax Report
- THRIVE Healthplex
- Foundation

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

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CEO REPORT AS PRESENTED BY BRANDON ANZALDUA:

CEO REPORT

Brandon shared that forty-nine employees would be receiving Longevity Awards in May 2024. He stated that he is continuing to recruit for physicians including Obstetrics, Family Practice and Radiology. He shared that he is working with four recruiting firms. Brandon stated Cyber Security Training is being held for all employees and is due by March 31, 2024. He shared that the Key Stakeholder Interviews for the Strategic Plan are continuing and that on February 27th Ovation Healthcare was onsite conducting interviews of Physicians and Staff. Brandon shared that the Leadership Retreat to complete the Strategic Plan would be held June 5-6, 2024, at Disciple Oaks. He also shared that wait times for phone calls at Sievers Clinic are down to three minutes on average. Brandon stated that his team is continuing to plan for the Cattle Country Concert in April. He shared that the Culture of Safety Employment Engagement Survey is being finalized and the results will be shared in the coming month.

The upcoming events are as follows:

- March 25, 2024, Finance and Executive Meetings
- April 2, 2024, Regular Board meeting
- March 13-14 Gina Lehman, Ovation Healthcare, Patient Experience Assessment
- April 12-14 Cattle Country Event
- April 27, 2024, Roaring Twenties Foundation Gala

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

APPROVE CEO REPORT

- Department Reports
- GHS Newsletter/March 2024

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

Ovation Healthcare Monthly Report as presented by Chip Holmes:

OVATION UPDATE

Chip shared that there has been 266 responses to the Community Needs Survey. He asked for the Board to continue sharing this information and creating social media posts sharing the link. Chip also shared that he would like to meet further regarding issues with E4h missing details on the surgical unit construction project. The Board thanked Chip for the excellent Leadership Conference they attended in February. Dr. Kodack stated that the sessions contained good quality information. Chip introduced Gina Lehman who would be conducting a Patient Satisfaction Assessment March 13th and 14th 2024, at GHS. Gina shared her appreciation for GHS being the first hospital to undergo this assessment. Greg Tieken requested for Board Members to all purchase GHS

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logo shirts for the Board to wear to events.

Motion was made and **approved** at 6:15 PM to close the Open Session of the Board of Director’s meeting held on March 5, 2024. (Motion by Greg Tieken, second by Tim Markham) There were seven for and no votes against the motion.

CLOSE OPEN SESSION

Meeting was called into Executive Session at 6:22 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 Lisa Gindler, second by Gene Reed) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made and **approved** to adjourn Executive Session at 7:33 PM on March 5, 2024. (Motion by Lisa Gindler, second by Kerry Morgan) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

ADJOURN CLOSED SESSION

The meeting was called into Open Session at 7:34 PM on March 5, 2024, (Motion by Tima Markham and seconded by Stephanie Kodack) There were seven 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 Tim Markham, second by Gene Reed) 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 Greg Tieken second by Gene Reed) There were seven 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 Lisa Gindler, 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 Credentialing for Roger Willis, M.D. as presented in Executive Session. (Motion by Tim Markham and second by Gene Reed) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

APPROVE ROGER WILLIS, M.D.

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

APPROVE RAD PARTNERS SCHEDULE A

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Motion was made and **approved** to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 PM. (Motion by Wayne South, second Greg Tieken) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

ADJOURNMENT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth Gottwald", written over a horizontal line.

Kenneth Gottwald
President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephanie Kodack", written over a horizontal line.

Stephanie Kodack
Secretary