

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors September 3, 2024

The Governing Board of Gonzales Healthcare Systems met in a Regular Meeting on September 3, 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  
Sascha Kardosz – Member (5:20 PM)

Directors Absent:

Lisa Gindler – Member  
Kerry Morgan – Member

Others Present:

Brandon Anzaldua, CEO  
Billy Bailey, CFO  
Karen Iacuone, CNO  
Dr. Kathleen Korner, D.O., F.A.C.O.S., Chief of Staff  
Juli Clay, Compliance Director  
Amanda Frederick, Home Health Administrator  
John Pirkle, Infection Control/Quality Director  
Jeff Markham, RHC Director  
Deena Cobler, Executive Assistant  
Chip Holmes, Ovation Healthcare (Virtual)

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

Brandon shared an update on the Strategic Plan. He stated that he would implement an employee engagement trivia game to encourage participation, education, and communication across the health system. He stated that Leadership will continue to create presentations on key goals with the Board Members and these would be presented monthly.

STRATEGIC  
PLAN

Brandon presented the Construction update. He shared that the project has begun with the asbestos abatement beginning in materials management and would continue next with the front hallway patient rooms. He stated parking has been affected and communication with employees has been sent out with maps to help them navigate the construction.

CONSTRUCTION  
UPDATE

The Board approved the AGCM Invoice. (Motion by Stephanie Kodack seconded by Greg Tieken) There were seven for and none against the motion.

AGCM  
INVOICE

The Board approved the e4h Invoice. (Motion by Stephanie Kodack seconded by Greg Tieken) There were seven for and none against the motion.

e4h INVOICE

Brandon presented the AGCM Contract Amendment. He stated that this was to add hours to the project due to a delay in the start date. The Board approved the AGCM contract amendment with six for and one against. (Motion by Stephanie Kodack and second by Tim Markham)

AGCM  
AMENDMENT

Brandon shared the Construction Materials Testing Proposals. He suggested that Raba Krista should be chosen as the vendor for the project. The board approved the Raba Krista proposal.

RABA KRISTA  
APPROVED

Brandon shared the RNDI Amendment for asbestos abatement. The Board approved The RNDI amendment with seven for and none against the motion. (Motion by Stephanie Kodack and second by Tim Markham)

RNDI  
AMENDMENT

The Board approved the Automated Blood Bank Analyzer Proposal. It was noted that there would be an interface brought to the next meeting for approval. (Motion by Stephanie Kodack and second by Wayne South) There were seven for and none against the motion.

AUTOMATED  
BLOOD BANK

The Board approved the Sievers Chair Proposal. Jeff Markham stated that Foundation would be providing funds for the chairs in Sievers Clinic to be replaced. (Motion by Stephanie Kodack and second by Tim Markham) There were seven for and none against the motion.

SIEVERS CHAIRS

Consent Agenda:

CONSENT

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

AGENDA

Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of the Gonzales Healthcare Foundation Meeting, July 17, 2024
- Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting, August 6, 2024
- Minutes of the Special Call Board of Directors, August 22, 2024
- Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, August 26, 2024
- Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting, August 26, 2024
- Policies:
  - Telemedicine Amendment to Medical Staff Bylaws
  - EMTALA Updated Policy
  - 2024 Infection Prevention and Control Plan
- Agreements and Renewals
  - CT Scanner Proposals (Tabled)
  - CRNA Agreement
  - Phreesia Partnership Agreement
  - Goldfish Partners Agreement Update
  - CHIC Renewal Agreement
  - Employee Health Insurance Renewal Proposal
  - LTCM Case Management Agreement
- Nursing Home QIPP Report
- June 2024 Financials (Ratification Only)

Motion was made and approved to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. (Motion by Stephanie Kodack seconded by Tim Markham) 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 July 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.

CEO REPORT AS PRESENTED BY BRANDON ANZALDUA:

CEO REPORT

Brandon shared the CEO Report for September 2024. Brandon stated that The construction project was started and the expected completion date if Fall of 2025. He shared that a Radiologist group has been selected with an October 2024 start date. He said that recruitment firms are contracted searching for OBGYN, Surgeon, Orthopedic, Family Practice, and Internal Medicine. Brandon stated that after approval last month, the strategic planning work is underway with Ovation and assigned leadership and presentations to the board will occur quarterly going forward with the dashboard available monthly. He also shared that the Employee Engagement Survey has been completed and that we performed well against the national average.

The upcoming events are as follows:

- September 23 – Finance, Executive Committee Meetings
- October 1 – Regular Board Meeting
- September 10 – Board Leadership: Medicare and Medicaid Program Update
- September 10 – 12:00 PM Thrive – Public Tax Hearing

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

APPROVE CEO REPORT

- Department Reports
- GHS Newsletter/September 2024
- 2024 GHS Employee Survey

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

Motion was made and approved at 6:25 PM to close the Open Session of the Board of Director’s meeting held on September 3, 2024. (Motion by Stephanie Kodack, second by Gene Reed) There were seven for and no votes against the motion.

CLOSE OPEN SESSION

Meeting was called into Executive Session at 6:28 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 Greg Tieken and 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 8:00 PM on

ADJOURN

September 3, 2024. (Motion by Gene Reed, second by Tim Markham) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

CLOSED  
SESSION

The meeting was called into the Open Session at 8:00 PM on September 3, 2024, (Motion by Tim Markham and seconded by Stephanie Kodack) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

CALL MEETING  
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 Sascha Kardosz second by Stephanie Kodack) 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 Greg Tieken, second by Tim Markham) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.


APPROVE  
COMPLIANCE  
REPORT

Motion was made and approved to accept the Ovation Healthcare contracts. (Motion by Greg Tieken and seconded by Tim Markham). There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

OVATION  
CONTRACTS

Motion was made and approved to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM. (Motion by Wayne South, second Tim Markham) There were seven votes for and no votes against the motion.

ADJOURNMENT



Kenneth Gottwald  
President



Stephanie Kodack  
Secretary