

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors October 1, 2024

The Governing Board of Gonzales Healthcare Systems met in a Regular Meeting on October 1, 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  
Gene Reed – Member

Directors Absent:

Lisa Gindler – Member  
Kerry Morgan – Member  
Tim Markham – Member  
Sascha Kardosz – Member

Others Present:

Brandon Anzaldua, CEO  
Billy Bailey, CFO  
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)  
Gayle Autry, Chief of Police  
Dennis Jahns, Deputy Chief, Gonzales County Sheriff

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**

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The Invocation was given by Wayne South.

**INVOCATION**

There was no one present for Public Comment.

**PUBLIC  
COMMENT**

Meeting was called into Executive Session at 5:17 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 Wayne South and second by Stephanie Kodack) There were five votes for and no votes against the motion.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION**

The Executive Session was closed at 5:46 PM. (Motion by Wayne South and second by Stephanie Kodack) There were five votes for and no votes against the motion.

**EXECUTIVE  
SESSION  
CLOSED**

The meeting was called into Open Session at 5:46 PM. (Motion by Wayne South and second by Stephanie Kodack) There were five votes for and no votes against the motion.

**OPEN SESSION**

Brandon presented the Construction update. He stated that the front patient hallway has been demolished and is now being reframed. Brandon stated that the new helipad is to be poured October 10. He stated that the water would be shut down on October 5 at 9pm for plumbing work. He stated a team is scheduled to be onsite through the night to ensure there are no disruptions in patient care.

**CONSTRUCTION  
UPDATE**

The Board **approved** the AGCM Invoice. (Motion by Greg Tieken and second by Gene Reed) There were five for and no votes against the motion.

**AGCM  
INVOICE**

The Board **approved** the e4h Invoice. (Motion by Greg Tieken and second by Gene Reed) There were five for and no votes against the motion.

**e4h INVOICE**

The Board **approved** the Terracon Invoice. (Motion by Greg Tieken and second by Stephanie Kodack) There were five votes for and no votes against the motion.

**TERRACON  
INVOICE**

The Board **approved** the RNDI Change Order Invoice. (Motion by Gene Reed and second by Stephanie Kodack) There were five votes for and no votes against the motion.

**RNDI  
CHANGE ORDER**

**Consent Agenda:**

Kenneth Gottwald, President, asked if any items need to be pulled

**CONSENT  
AGENDA**

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for discussion. Greg Tieken pulled the Bylaws of Gonzales Healthcare Systems. He asked about dismissing a Board Member for attendance issues. Juli Clay stated Board Members are elected officials; therefore, they cannot be dismissed. She stated we could ask the hospital attorney if there have been any changes to this legislation.

### Consent Agenda Items:

- Minutes of the Gonzales Healthcare Foundation Meeting, August 21, 2024
- Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting, September 3, 2024
- Minutes of the Special Call Board of Directors, September 10, 2024
- Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting, September 23, 2024
- Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting, September 23, 2024
- Policies:
  - Bylaws of Gonzales Healthcare Systems
  - Charge Formulary
  - Patient Financial Assistance Program – Medically Indigent Program – Presumptive Financial Assistance Program
- Agreements and Renewals
  - Orchard Interface
  - KaTom Restaurant Supply Invoice
  - Dr. Kathleen Koerner Space Lease Agreement
  - Austin Heart Cardiology MSO. LLC Space Lease Agreement
- Nursing Home QIPP Report

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. (Motion by Gene Reed and second by Wayne South) There were five 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 August 2024 as presented with the following documents:

- 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

**APPROVE FINANCIAL  
REPORT**

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- Investment Schedule
- Tax Report
- THRIVE Healthplex
- Foundation

(Motion by Greg Tieken and second by Wayne South) There were five votes for and no votes against the motion.

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

**CEO REPORT**

Brandon shared the CEO Report. He stated that the construction project is on track, the helipad has been poured and the project is on track for Fall 2025 completion. Brandon stated that the new radiology group starts October 15<sup>th</sup>. He also stated Goldfish Group is recruiting for an ObGyn. Brnadon shared that he and Dr. Koerner will be visiting Sam Houston State University's School of Osteopathic Medicine to meet possible future candidates. Brandon shared that after approval last month, strategic planning work is underway with Ovation and assigned leadership. He shared that the Pink Out Luncheon is scheduled for October 24<sup>th</sup> at Thrive Healthplex.

The upcoming events are as follows:

- October 28<sup>th</sup> – Finance, Executive Committee Meetings
- November 5<sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting
- October 8<sup>th</sup> – Ovation Healthcare Board Leadership Webinar
- October 10<sup>th</sup> Flu Shot Clinic GHS, October 4<sup>th</sup> Nixon, October 25<sup>th</sup> Shiner

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

- Department Reports
- GHS Newsletter/October 2024

**APPROVE CEO REPORT**

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

Chip Holmes gave the Ovation Healthcare monthly update. He shared that the EMTALA Survey was complete. He also shared that Karen Iacuone is currently enrolled in the Leadership U program at Ovation Healthcare.

**OVATION UPDATE**

Motion was made and **approved** at 6:28 PM to close the Open Session of the Board of Director's meeting held on October 1, 2024. (Motion by Stephanie Kodack and second by Gene Reed) There were five 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,

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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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 five votes for and no votes against the motion.

Motion was made and **approved** to adjourn Executive Session at 7:43 PM on October 1, 2024. (Motion by Gene Reed and second by Stephanie Kodack) There were five votes for and no votes against the motion.

**ADJOURN  
CLOSED  
SESSION**

The meeting was called into the Open Session at 7:43 PM on October 1, 2024, (Motion by Gene Reed and second by Stephanie Kodack) There were five 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 and second by Greg Tieken) There were five votes for and no votes against the motion.

**APPROVE  
MEDICAL  
STAFF REPORT**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Credentialing Application for Douglas Best, MD. Courtesy Staff, Radiology Privileges, presented in Executive Session, (Motion by Stephanie Kodack, second by Gene Reed) There were five votes for and no votes against the motion.

**DOUGLAS  
BEST M.D.  
CREDENTIALING**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Credentialing Application for Gautham Kandukuri, M.D., Courtesy Staff, Radiology Privileges, presented in Executive Session, (Motion by Stephanie Kodack, second by Gene Reed) There were five votes for and no votes against the motion.

**GAUTHAM  
KANDUKURI  
M.D.**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Credentialing Application for Alyson Kirchner, M.D., Courtesy Staff, Obstetrics Privileges, presented in Executive Session, (Motion by Stephanie Kodack, second by Gene Reed) There were five votes for and no votes against the motion.

**ALYSON  
KIRCHNER  
M.D.**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Credentialing Application for Gautham Kandukuri, M.D., Courtesy Staff, Radiology Privileges, presented in Executive Session, (Motion by Stephanie Kodack, second by Gene Reed) There were five votes for and no votes against the motion.

**GAUTHAM  
KANDUKURI  
M.D.**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Credentialing Application for Hassan Massouh, M.D., Courtesy Staff, Radiology Privileges, presented in Executive Session, (Motion by Stephanie Kodack, second by Gene Reed) There were five votes for and no votes against the motion.

**HASSAN  
MASSOUH  
M.D.**

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Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Credentialing Application for Olufolajimi Obembe, M.D., Courtesy Staff, Radiology Privileges, presented in Executive Session, (Motion by Stephanie Kodack, second by Gene Reed) There were five votes for and no votes against the motion.

**OLUFOLAJIMI  
OBEMBE  
M.D.**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Credentialing Application for Gurjeet Singh, M.D., Courtesy Staff, Neurology Telemedicine Privileges, presented in Executive Session, (Motion by Stephanie Kodack, second by Gene Reed) There were five votes for and no votes against the motion.

**GURJEET  
SINGH  
M.D.**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Credentialing Application For Brandon Stroh, M.D., Courtesy Staff, Radiology Privileges, presented in Executive Session, (Motion by Stephanie Kodack, second by Gene Reed) There were five votes for and no votes against the motion.

**BRANDON  
STROH  
M.D.**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Performance Improvement and Patient Safety Report as presented in Executive Session. (Motion by Greg Tieken and second by Gene Reed) There were five votes for and no votes against the motion.

**APPROVE  
PI/PATIENT**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Quality Improvement and Safety Plan 2025 as presented in Executive Session. (Motion by Stephanie Kodack and second by Greg Tieken) There were five votes for and no votes against the motion.

**QUALITY  
SAFETY PLAN  
2025**

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

**APPROVE  
COMPLIANCE  
REPORT**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Home Health Annual Performance Improvement Report as presented in Executive Session. (Motion by Gene Reed and Second by Greg Tieken) There were five votes for and no votes against the motion.

**HOME HEALTH  
PERFORMANCE  
IMPROVEMENT**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the Docs 4 Kids Service Amendment. (Motion by Stephanie Kodack and second by Gene Reed). There were five votes for and no votes against the motion.

**DOCS 4 KIDS  
AMENDMENT**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the MVH Medical Group Service Amendment. (Motion by Stephanie Kodack and second by Gene Reed). There were five votes for and no votes against the motion.

**MVH MEDICAL  
AMENDMENT**

Motion was made and **approved** to accept the John Thomas, M.D. Service

**JOHN THOMAS**

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Amendment (Motion by Stephanie Kodack and second by Gene Reed). There were five votes for and no votes against the motion.


AMENDMENT

Motion was made and **approved** to accept Christopher Walker, M.D Service Amendment. (Motion by Stephanie Kodack and second by Gene Reed). There were five votes for and no votes against the motion.

CHRISTOPHER  
WALKER  
AMENDMENT

Motion was made and **approved** to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 PM. (Motion by Wayne South, second Gene Reed) There were five votes for and no votes against the motion.

ADJOURNMENT



Kenneth Gottwald  
President



Stephanie Kodack  
Secretary