

**Morton County Health System
Board of Trustees Meeting
Minutes of February 18, 2025**

1. **Call to Order:** Troy Barnett, Chairman of the board, called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

Attendees:

Lisa Swenson, CEO
Karen Gates, Vice Chairman via zoom
Ron Rich, Secretary/Treasurer
Ronn Martin, Board Member
Jennifer Pearlstein, Administrative Assistant/minutes
Michele Ruest, Controller
Audra Gonzalez, CNO
Braden Anderson, CFO via zoom
Sharmilla Hall, Lab Director
Dr. Andy Wilson, ACP Health via zoom
Dr. Brett Burnett, CMO via zoom

2. **Approve Agenda:** Troy asked for motion to approve the agenda for the meeting. Ron R made a motion to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Karen, motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Board members read the January 21, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Troy asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ron R made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ronn M, motion carried.

Board members read the January 28, 2025, special board meeting minutes. Troy asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Ron R made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Karen, motion carried.

4. **CEO Report Lisa:** Lisa presented a power point presentation. Cerner conversion is going good small issues. Beam Healthcare robot going great Audra will expand on that. We are working on marketing the clinic and increasing patient encounters. Expanding services to include calcium scoring. Replacing a circulating pump that is about 15 years old. The new patient call system will be installed next week at the AL. Cornerstone PT contract will end in April, currently discussing with other PTs in the area. Our SWB program must have PT.
5. **CFO Report Braden:** Braden presented a power point presentation going over financials. Developed financials for department directors. Working on closing the past months, we have closed July and very close to closing August. The cost report is due in May. Working on some issues with Azalea and transition of information.
6. **CNO Report Audra:** The beam robot has been in use and working out very well. Lots of positive feedback from patients. IP bed days are up. Still working out the small kinks in Cerner. New CNA started and will be working the night shift.

7. Other Business:

Credentialing: Troy asked for a motion to appoint Dr. Oluwabukola Shoaga & Dr. Marlise Davidson-Fielder to an initial medical staff appointment with full privileges. Ron R made a motion to appoint Dr. Oluwabukola Shoaga & Dr. Marlise Davidson-Fielder, seconded by Ronn M, motion carried.

8. Risk Management: Troy asked if the January report of falls and the complaint have been investigated. Sharmilla let the board know the complaint was not logged correctly and it was an internal process issue. The falls at the AL are being investigated. The risk management plan has been approved by the state. There were 4 falls at the AL in February.

9. Infection Prevention: 2024 statistics have been sent to pharmacist for review. January 1 unit of blood was given with no reaction, 1 pap, and 0 path.

10. Public Comments: Nothing currently.

11. Executive Session: Troy asked for a motion to enter executive session at 12:37 pm with Lisa and Braden for Personnel for 20 minutes. Ron R made a motion to enter executive session, seconded by Karen, motion passed. Executive session ended at 12:48 pm with no action taken.

12. Adjournment: Troy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron R made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ronn M, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:49 pm



Ron Rich, Secretary/Treasurer

3-18-25
Date