

The Deaf Smith County Hospital District Board of Directors met in a regular monthly meeting on Monday November 10, 2022 at 12:00 pm in the Board Room of Hereford Regional Medical Center.

Directors present: Tanner Black, Kevin Bunch, Mike Schueler and Chris Woodard.

Other attendees: Jeff Barnhart, CEO; Paul Gafford, CFO; Candice Smith, CNO; Jodi Jordan, Admin Asst.; Daniel Esquivel

1. Call to Order, Pledge and Invocation

Mike Schueler, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m. Mr. Schueler led the Pledge of Allegiance and offered the Invocation.

2. Public Comment

No public comments.

3. Approval of Minutes

Mr. Woodard made a motion to approve the October 6, 2022 board minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Black. Motion carried.

4. Chairman's Report

Certificates of Election and Statement of Officers

Mike Schueler certified the Election and handed out the Statement of Officer. Tanner Black, Kevin Bunch, Daniel Esquivel and Chris Woodard signed the statement.

Administration of the Oath of Office to Tanner Black, Kevin Bunch, Daniel Esquivel and Chris Woodard.

The board welcomed the new board member. Jodi Jordan, a Texas Notary Public, administered the Oath of Office to Tanner Black, Kevin Bunch, Daniel Esquivel and Chris Woodard.

Election of Board Officers for 2022-2023

Mr. Woodard made a motion to reappoint officers for 2022-2023. President – Mike Schueler, Vice President – Chris Woodard, Secretary – Becky Bridwell. The motion was seconded by Mr. Black. Mr. Woodard made a motion to leave all committee assignments the same as 2021-2022. Daniel Esquivel will replace Cynthia Cooper. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bunch. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Chief Financial Officers Report

Presentation of financial statements for August 31, 2022.

Mr. Gafford presented the financial statements and statistical reports related to income, expenses, and budgeted operations for the periods ending August 31, 2022. For the month of August, the district had a net gain of \$742,391 for the month, which was above budget and higher than prior year. Mr. Black made a motion to accept August financials as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Esquivel. Motion carried.

6. Chief Executive Officers Report

Recruitment Update

Mr. Barnhart gave a brief update to the board on the recruitment of providers for the clinic. We have two recruitment agencies working with us. We also have Texas Tech Medical School coming in and it could be a possibility to recruit from them.

Facility Project Update

Mr. Barnhart gave an update on the corridor project. The project is complete except for the tenting of the windows. He's received explanations from both Wiley Hicks and Rees. Also, we made our last payment to Wiley Hicks today. We need to work the landscapers to complete the landscape.

THA Pioneer Award

Mr. Barnhart has been nominated for THA Pioneer Award. The ceremony will be held in February 2023.

Executive Session

At 12:45 pm, Mr. Schueler announced that a closed meeting would be held pursuant to Tex. Gov Code 161.032, Tex. Gov Code 551.071 and Health and Safety Code 161.032. At 1:04 pm, Mr. Woodard made a motion to reconvened in open session. Motion was seconded by Mr. Black. The following action was taken:

Mr. Black made a motion to reappoint, appoint and voluntary resignation the following providers:

Initial Appointment: Provisional Status

DaSilva, Stewart, DO – Emergency Medicine
Mendez, Espiridion, DO – Emergency Medicine
Murtagh, James, DO – Emergency Medicine

Voluntary Resignations

CONCORD GROUP CONTRACT CANCELLED

Anderson, Caleb, DO – Emergency Medicine
Bassett, Perry, MD – Emergency Medicine
Burk, Kenneth, DO – Emergency Medicine
Ekpenyong, Effiok, MD – Emergency Medicine
Haacke, David, DO – Emergency Medicine
Ireland, Ashley, MD – Emergency Medicine
Khong, Any, MD – Emergency Medicine
Lewis, Chad, MD – Emergency Medicine
O'Dell, Montana, MD – Emergency Medicine

Allied Health Initial or Reappointment

Reappointment

Culp, Kylie, NP – Nurse Practitioner

Voluntary Resignations

Bhakta, Pranav, PA – Physician Assistant – HPRA
Spence, Gabriel, CRNA
Ward, Christopher, CRNA

Mr. Bunch seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

7. Adjournment

Mr. Woodard made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Black seconded. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:05 pm.



Mike Schuler, Board Chairman