



MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

MEETING MINUTES

BOARD MEETING

September 6, 2023

Trinity Public Utilities District

Weaverville CA

DISTRICT BOARD MEMBERS

JENNIFER FLINT  
Member

PAUL CATANESE  
Vice President

DERO FORSLUND  
President

PAUL HAUSER  
Treasurer

SHEREE BEANS  
Clerk

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Note: These minutes contain a description for each item to be considered. Supporting documentation is available in the public packet at the Board meeting or at the Administrative Office at Trinity Hospital.

District Board Members Present:

Dero Forslund, President  
Paul Catanese, Vice President  
Paul Hauser, Treasurer  
Sheree Beans, Clerk  
Jennifer Flint

District Board Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Aaron Rogers, CEO  
Jennifer Van Matre, Chief Financial Officer  
Belen Manybanseng, Chief Nursing Officer  
Elizabeth McGruder, Chief Human Resources Officer  
Scott Simpson, Quality Coordinator  
Kelly Simpson, Director of Revenue  
Nikki Mitchell, Accounting Manager  
Vicki Williams, Director of Ancillary Services  
Rebecca Glandon, Executive Assistant

8:30 AM CALLS MEETING TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION

Report from Closed Session on August 2, 2023

Closed Session August 2, 2023

The Board entered into closed session at 09:35 am on the following:

- CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION  
Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2)
- MEDICAL STAFF PRIVILEGES  
Government Code Section 54962; Health and Safety Code  
Section 1461

Appointments

James Taggart, MD  
Philip Eisinger, MD

Marcin Kopec, MD  
Edward Laine, MD

Reappointments  
Eric Gerdes, DO

Additional Privileges  
Amber Flowers, FNP

**Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene in Public Session**

The Board came out of Closed Session at 9:50 am and immediately reconvened in Open Session.

President Forslund reported that information was reviewed regarding anticipated litigation.

President Forslund reported that the Board reviewed the recommended actions on Medical Staff Privileges.

On motion of Director Hauser seconded by Director Flint approves the following reappointments and resignations upon the recommendation from the Medical Staff.

Appointments  
James Taggart, MD  
Philip Eisinger, MD  
Marcin Kopec, MD  
Edward Laine, MD

Reappointments  
Eric Gerdes, DO

Additional Privileges  
Amber Flowers, FNP

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Dero Forslund, Paul Hauser, Jennifer Flint;  
Noes: None  
Absent: Paul Catanese, Sheree Beans  
Abstain: None

**Public Input** – None

**Reports**

Medical Staff Report

Received written/verbal report from Daniel Harwood, MD/Donald Krouse, MD on the current issues regarding Medical Staff.

Chief Executive Officer

Received written/verbal report from Aaron Rogers, CEO on the current operations of the hospital.

Chief Financial Officer

Received written/verbal report from Jennifer Van Matre, Chief Financial Officer, on the current financial status and current status of revenue cycle management and accounts receivable.

Chief Nursing Officer

Received written report from Belen Manybanseng, RN, CNO on the current status of the nursing

departments.

Quality Improvement

Received written/verbal report from Scott Simpson, Quality Coordinator, on the current status of the quality program.

Information Technology

Received written/verbal report from Jake Odom, Chief Information Officer on the current status of the Information Technology Department.

**Consent Agenda**

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda, are considered by the Board to be routine, and will be enacted by one motion in the form listed below. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request for discussion is made prior to the time the Board votes on the motion to approve.

On motion of Director Hauser seconded by Director Flint approves the following consent items:

- a. Minutes From August 2, 2023
- b. Policies

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Dero Forslund; Paul Catanese; Paul Hauser; Jennifer Flint; Sheree Beans  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**Discussion Items**

- a. Update on Pending Capital Projects

Aaron Rogers reported on the following:

Boiler Project – No changes at this time.

Seismic Project- No changes at this time.

Radiology Project- We have replaced the Architect/Engineer and have hired a group from Redding. We expect the project to be finalized with HCAI within 4-6 weeks.

- b. An update was provided by CEO Aaron Rogers regarding the Ambulance Services Department. Aaron is meeting with Patricia Wyckoff and Kathy Ratliff next Tuesday to review the current contracts held by Trinity Life Support Service District.

**Action Items**

- a. Items removed from the Consent Agenda  
None
  
- b. Approve purchase of two Trilogy ventilators for \$31,938.56

On motion of Director Hauser seconded by Director Catanese approves purchase of two Trilogy ventilators for \$31,938.56.

The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Dero Forslund; Paul Catanese; Paul Hauser; Sheree Beans; Jennifer Flint  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

**Board Reports**

None

**Close Public Session**

The Board closed the public session at 9:17 am.

**Closed Session**

The Board entered into closed session at 09:17 am on the following:

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Government Code Section 54956.9 (d) (2)
  
- MEDICAL STAFF PRIVILEGES  
Government Code Section 54962; Health and Safety Code  
Section 1461

**Appointments**

Aldric Shim, MD  
Salar Hakham, MD  
Victor Shi, MD

**Reappointments**

Allen Mendez, MD  
Barbara Wertz, CRNA  
Carmen DiBendetto

- PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
Government Code Section 54957(b)  
Chief Executive Officer

**Adjourn Closed Session and Reconvene in Public Session**

The Board came out of Closed Session at 10:09 am and immediately reconvened in Open Session.

President Forslund reported that information was reviewed regarding anticipated litigation.

President Forslund reported that the Board reviewed the recommended actions on Medical Staff Privileges. For each applicant the following information has been reviewed and/or verified: Privilege List, NPDB Report, and AMA Profile, peer references and verifications of staff privileges at other facility and ongoing professional practice evaluations. Items verified were Liability Insurance Coverage, Licenses, Certifications, and the Medicare exclusion list was checked.

On a motion of Director Hauser seconded by Director Flint approves the following appointments/reappointments/additional privileges to the Medical Staff.

Appointments

Aldric Shim, MD  
Salar Hakham, MD  
Victor Shi, MD

Reappointments

Allen Mendez, MD  
Barbara Wertz, CRNA  
Carmen DiBendetto

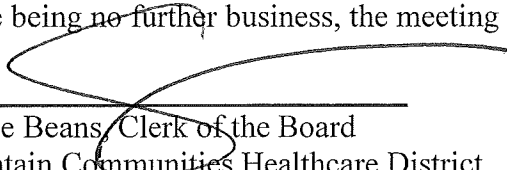
The motion passed with the following voice vote:

Ayes: Dero Forslund; Paul Catanese; Paul Hauser; Sheree Beans; Jennifer Flint  
Noes: None  
Absent: None  
Abstain: None

President Forslund reported that the Board completed the evaluation for the Chief Executive Officer.

Adjourn

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am.

  
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Sheree Beans, Clerk of the Board  
Mountain Communities Healthcare District