

**NOLAN COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FEBRUARY 23, 2026**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Dorthey Blueford, Thomas Parks, Ken Becker, Rodney Foster, Erica Castro, Carla Howard/Recorder

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jose Villafranca

OTHERS PRESENT: Doug Dippel, Jeff Kaller, Jewel Parker, Keri Halford, Mike Procopio, Dr. Eaker, Paula Kisinger-Chief Appraisal Office

Rodney Foster, Vice Chairman called the regular meeting of the Nolan County Hospital Board of Directors to order on behalf of Jose Villafranca, Chairman at 5:10 p.m. in the Hospital Classroom. Mr. Foster announced that a quorum was present, that the meeting had been duly called and that notice of the meeting had been posted for time and manner as required by law.

PREVIOUS MINUTES

The minutes of the January Board meeting were reviewed. **Motion was made by Dorthey Blueford to approve the minutes of the January 2026 meeting and was seconded by Thomas Parks; motion carried.**

The minutes from the Finance Committee meeting that was held on Thursday 25, 2025. **Motion was made by Thomas Parks to approve the minutes from September 25, 2025, Finance Committee meeting and was seconded by Dorthey Blueford; motion carried.**

The minutes from the Jt. Conference Committee meeting were held on Thursday 25, 2025, **Motion was made by Dorthey Blueford to approve the minutes from the September 25, 2025, Jt. Conference Committee meeting and was seconded by Erica Castro; motion carried.**

The Board deferred the recognition of Steve Holcomb until the March Board meeting.

Mr. Foster stated that at last month's meeting, Jose Villafranca and Rodney Foster were approved as Chairman and Vice Chairman in Executive Session.

Motion was made by Ken Becker to approve Jose Villafranca as Board Chairman and Rodney Foster as Vice Chairman and was seconded by Dorthey Blueford; motion carried.

CITIZEN INPUT

Mr. Foster stated there was no citizen input.

Mr. Foster introduced Paula Kisinger, Chief Appraisal for Nolan County Appraisal District, to the Board. Ms. Kisinger stated she wanted to visit the hospital Board to introduce herself and to let everyone know she is always available for any questions. She and the Board had a brief discussion.

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CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER REPORT

Dr. Eaker stated there will be a going-away party on Thursday, 26th in the ED Classroom for Dr. Mathew from 2-4pm.

Dr. Eaker stated they will have advanced practitioners that will be in the role of a hospitalist, rounding on inpatients during the next 6 months.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Dippel gave an update on physician recruiting. He reminded the Board that Dr. Lora will be here in late June or July, Dr. Asghar will be here in September, and Dr. Rivera in December. Dr. Acevedo, ENT did his 1st case last month and Dr. Fowler, ENT will be here next Wednesday.

Mr. Dippel stated the MRI machine is up and running and will be marketing the MRI, OB, ER and a campaign for our nurse mid-wife.

Mr. Dippel gave a grant update. Courtney Garcia, grant writer, is working on 4 different grants. These meetings will become subsection of the Board of Directors meeting, unless there is a reason to convene separately.

Mr. Dippel stated he and the Board had discussed removing the Finance and Jt. Conference Committee meeting schedule from the Board By-Laws. They agreed to reinstate the Building & Grounds Committee, due to additional building and restructuring of some areas. Mr. Dippel stated the Building & Grounds require two members to represent Building and Grounds. Ken Becker and Thomas Parks agreed to be on the committee. Mr. Dippel stated he would revise the Board By-Laws and present it at the March Board meeting.

The Annual Human Resources Report has been deferred until next month's Board meeting.

FINANCE

Mr. Kaller presented a slide presentation for the December 2025 financials.

Total Patient Revenue was \$8,826,961 over prior month

Total Operating Revenue was \$3,045,199 versus budget \$3,137,925

Total Operating Expenses were 4,467,148 over prior year, \$4,382,802

Property Tax for December was \$884,551

Total Operating Income (Loss) was (\$567,558) versus budget of (\$390,487)

Mr. Kaller discussed the balance sheet and the cash flow report with the Board.

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Mr. Kaller stated he had hired Tobi Haddock as revenue cycle director.

Motion was made by Ken Becker to approve December 2025 financial statements and was seconded by Dorthey Blueford; motion carried.

Motion was made by Dorthey Blueford to approve the December 2025 accounts payable and payroll and was seconded by Thomas Parks; motion carried.

Motion was made by Erica Castro to approve December 2025 bad debt write off list in the amount of \$387,092.77 and was seconded by Dorthey Blueford; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion was made at 6:15 p.m. by Ken Becker to enter into Executive Session as authorized by Government Code Section §161.032 of the Texas Health and Safety Code and seconded by Dorthey Blueford for the purpose of discussing the following matters, to wit:

- A. Credentialing Files
- B. Quality Report
 - 1. Quality Management Oversight-Standing Items (Informational)
- C. Core Privileges-Neurophysiological Monitoring
- D. Special Privileges-Surgical Implantation of an Upper Airway Stimulation Device.
- E. Patient Experience Report

And consider entering into Executive Session as authorized by Government Code Section §551.074 ET. Seq. Texas Government Code for the purpose of discussing the following matter:

- A. Personnel Matter
- B. Open discussion regarding filling of board member position
- C. Business Office restructuring plan

Motion was made by Ken Becker at 6:30 p.m. to reconvene to the regular session and was seconded by Dorthey Blueford; motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Erica Castro to approve the Credentialing Files and was seconded by Dorthey Blueford; motion carried.

Motion was made by Dorthey Blueford to approve the Core Privileges-Neurophysiological Monitoring and was seconded by Thomas Parks; motion carried.

Motion was made by Erica Castro to approve the Special Privileges-Surgical Implantation of an Upper Airway Stimulation Device and was seconded by Thomas Parks; motion carried.

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Motion was made by Dorthey Blueford to approve the Patient Experience Report and was seconded by Thomas Parks; motion carried.

Mr. Kaller presented the Indigent Healthcare Policy in English and Spanish and stated there were no changes.

Motion was made by Ken Becker to approve the Indigent Healthcare in English and Spanish and was seconded by Thomas Parks; motion carried.

Mr. Kaller presented the Charity Healthcare Policy in English & Spanish and stated there were no changes.

Motion was made by Thomas Parks to approve the Charity Healthcare in English and Spanish and was seconded by Dorthey Blueford; motion carried.

Mr. Dippel handouts an updated Organizational Chart.

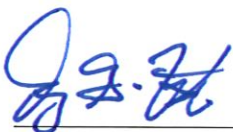
Motion was made by Erica Castro to approve the Organizational Chart and was seconded by Dorthey Blueford; motion carried.

Mr. Dippel stated the Board- By-Laws policy was deferred until next month's Board.

Motion was made by Ken Becker to defer the Board -By-Laws policy until March's Board meeting and was seconded by Erica Castro; motion carried.

Mr. Dippel reported on the renovation of Building B, Suite 4. Building B suite will be renovated to move Hendrick providers to a new location. They are working on finding space to house the three new physicians that are coming.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.



Rodney Foster, Vice Chairman