

**SPARTA COMMUNITY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held on January 27, 2026 at Broadway Plaza in Room A of the Auxiliary Building.

Members Present Included: John Clendenin, Tyra Edmundson, Dennis Ernsting, Jessica Gentry-Schlimme, Kay Hapke, Chris Haury, Michael Howell (Remote), and Kevin Wilson

Members Absent: Claudia Kerens,

Non-Members Present: Dr. Shawn Beckemeyer, MD, Joann Emge, Lisa Ernsting, Paul Mueller, and Alisha Otten

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Mr. Ernsting, Treasurer, due to the absence of the elected Chair, Mr. Howell.

Item	Action
Interim Chair	Due to the in-person absence of the elected Chair, Mr. Howell, the Board acknowledged that Mr. Ernsting agreed to assume the duties of Interim Chair for this meeting. Mr. Haury motioned to approve Mr. Ernsting as Interim Chair. Ms. Gentry-Schlimme seconded. Motion carried.
Virtual Attendance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Howell joined virtually at 6:00 PM 	Mr. Haury motioned to approve Mr. Howell’s remote attendance. Ms. Gentry-Schlimme seconded. Motion carried.
Introductions – None	
Public Comment – None	
Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislative Updates – Lisa Ernsting, CFO 	
Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of the December 16, 2025 minutes. 	Ms. Gentry-Schlimme motioned to approve the December 16, 2025 minutes. Mr. Wilson seconded. Motion carried.
Financials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ernsting shared the treasurer’s report. • Ms. Ernsting shared the financial report for December 2025. 	Mr. Willson motioned to approve the treasurer’s report subject to audit. Ms. Hapke seconded. Motion carried.
Physician’s Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dr. Beckemeyer shared a Public-health snapshot: ○ Measles resurgence nationally (risk to elimination status); ○ Shingles vaccination associated with reduced dementia risk ○ Heavy alcohol use is associated with elevated colorectal cancer risk. 	

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<p>CEO Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Emge shared the CEO report. 	<p>QHC / Southwestern Community Health (SCH-C) Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Following receipt of the FQHC LAL survey and changes in federal funding outlook, leadership recommended withdrawing the application (entity autonomy and structural concerns cited by surveyors; unfavorable reimbursement for a “standalone clinic” model). Board accepted management’s recommendation to not submit a corrective action plan and withdraw the application now, with the option to revisit in the future if conditions change.
<p>Executive Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Ernsting left the meeting at 6:40 PM. Dr. Beckemeyer left the meeting at 6:40 PM. 	<p>Mr. Wilson motioned to go into Executive Session at 6:40 PM for the purpose of discussing litigation and employee matters. Ms. Edmundson seconded. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Regular Session</p>	<p>Ms. Gentry-Schlimme motioned to return to Regular Session at 6:49 PM. Mr. Clendenin seconded. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Committee Reports</p> <p><u>Finance Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mr. Ernsting shared information from the Finance Committee Meeting. <p><u>Quality Council</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Quality Council Meeting information was reviewed. 	<p>See New Business for actions with regard to committee reports.</p>
<p>Unfinished Business – None</p>	
<p>New Business</p> <p><u>Executive Session Minutes for Approval/Deferment/Release</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July 1, 2025 December 16, 2025 <p><u>Approval of QAPI Corrective Action Plans</u></p>	<p>Ms. Gentry-Schlimme motioned to approve the December 16, 2025 Executive Session minutes. M. Hapke seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Mr. Wilson motioned to defer the July 1, 2025 Executive Session minutes. Mr. Haury seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Ms. Hapke motioned to approve and accept the QAPI Corrective Action Plans. Mr. Wilson seconded. Motion carried.</p>

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<p><u>Approval of Safety Scorecard</u></p> <p><u>Approval of Expenditures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TruBridge (CPSI) – Interactive reports & dashboards: \$23,400. • Electromek – GE C-Arm (refurbished): \$71,800. • IRCCO (ACO) annual fee: \$35,000. • Pure Storage (IT support): \$78,812 for 34 months. • Medical Vacuum System (suction pumps): \$55,018.75 equipment + \$15,000 installation = \$70,018.75 (emergency replacement). <p><u>Approval of Contracts/Agreements</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. PSN (specialty network – rheumatology): daily fee increase 2. Dr. Psihramis (urology): daily fee increase 	<p>Ms. Edmundson motioned to approve the Safety Scorecard. Ms. Gentry-Schlimme seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Mr. Clendenin motioned to approve the Expenditures as listed and presented. Ms. Gentry-Schlimme seconded.</p> <p>Roll Call was applied for the expenditure(s) as motioned for approval above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Clendenin: Yay • Tyra Edmundson: Yay • Dennis Ernsting: Yay • Jessica Gentry-Schlimme: Yay • Kay Hapke: Yay • Chris Haury: Yay • Kevin Wilson: Yay <p>All present members of the Board of Directors were in consensus to approve the expenditure(s) as motioned for approval above. Motion(s) carried.</p> <p>Ms. Gentry-Schlimme motioned to approve Contracts/Agreements as listed and presented. Ms. Hapke seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Roll Call was applied for the contact(s)/agreement(s) as motioned for approval above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Clendenin: Yay • Tyra Edmundson: Yay • Dennis Ernsting: Yay • Jessica Gentry-Schlimme: Yay • Kay Hapke: Yay • Chris Haury: Yay • Kevin Wilson: Yay <p>All present members of the Board of Directors were in consensus to approve the contract(s)/agreement(s) as motioned for approval above. Motion(s) carried.</p>

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<u>Approval of Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee Minutes</u>	Mr. Clendenin motioned to approve the Pharmacy & Therapeutics Committee Minutes for fourth calendar quarter of 2025. Mr. Haury seconded. Motion carried.
<u>Approval of 2026 Contracted Services</u>	Mr. Clendenin motioned to approve the 2026 Contracted Services. Ms. Edmundson seconded. Motion carried.
<u>Approval of Medical Staff Bylaws Amendment</u>	Mr. Haury motioned to approve the Medical Staff Bylaws Amendment as presented. Mr. Wilson seconded. Motion carried.
<u>Approval of Directors</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Director of Safety Committee: Dale Worthington 2. Director of Performance Improvement / Quality: Sue Odle 3. Infection Control Coordinator: Sue Odle 4. Risk Management Associate: Holli Dethrow 5. HIPAA Security Officer: Travis Boyd 6. HIPAA Privacy Officer: Susan Gutjahr 7. Chief Nursing Executive: Lori Clinton 8. Antibiotic Stewardship Directors: Russell Coulter, MD & Quenci Peper, PharmD 	Mr. Haury motioned to approve the Directors listed. Ms. Hapke seconded. Motion carried.
Adjournment	Ms. Edmundson motioned to adjourn at 6:56 PM. Ms. Hapke seconded. Motion carried.

Dennis Ernsting, Interim Chairman of the Board

John Clendenin, Secretary of the Board