

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held on December 16, 2025 at Broadway Plaza in Room A of the Auxiliary Building.

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

Members Absent: Dennis Ernsting and 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 5:59 PM by Mr. Howell.

Item	Action
Public Comment – None	
Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understanding the Monthly Stats Report – Lisa Ernsting 	
Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of the November 18, 2025 minutes. 	Ms. Gentry-Schlimme motioned to approve the November 18, 2025 minutes. Ms. Edmundson seconded. Motion carried.
Financials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Howell shared the treasurer’s report. • Ms. Ernsting shared the financial report for November 2025. 	Mr. Clendenin motioned to approve the treasurer’s report subject to audit. Mr. Wilson seconded. Motion carried.
Physician’s Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Beckemeyer shared: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ National flu positivity rate is around 8.1%, with influenza A H3N2 being the most common strain (86% of cases tested). ○ 3.2% of healthcare visits last week were for respiratory illness; about 6,884 national admissions for influenza. ○ One pediatric flu-related death has been reported this season. ○ CDC estimates: nearly 3 million cases, 30,000 hospitalizations, 1,200 deaths so far this season. ○ Flu vaccine effectiveness: estimated 70–75% for children, 30–40% for adults, but adults are being kept out of the hospital. ○ Measles activity has not increased recently. 	
CEO Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Emge shared the CEO report. 	
Executive Session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Ernsting left the meeting at 6:52 PM. • Mr. Mueller left the meeting at 6:52 PM. • Dr. Beckemeyer left the meeting at 6:52 PM. 	Ms. Hapke motioned to go into Executive Session at 6:52 PM for the purpose of discussing litigation and employee matters. Ms. Edmundson seconded. Motion carried.

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<p>Regular Session</p>	<p>Ms. Gentry-Schlimme motioned to return to Regular Session at 7:05 PM. Ms. Hapke seconded. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Committee Reports</p> <p><u>Finance Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Howell 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><u>Credentialing Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Medical Staff credentialing applications were reviewed. <p><u>Joint Conference Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Howell shared information from the Joint Conference meeting. 	<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"> • December 18, 2018 • June 20, 2023 • June 24, 2025 • November 18, 2025 <p><u>Approval of QAPI Corrective Action Plans</u></p> <p><u>Approval of Safety Scorecard</u></p> <p><u>Approval of Medical Staff Credentialing</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointments: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Williams Hearn, DO – Radiology 2. Kourtney Hughey, APRN – OB/Gyn 3. Muhammad Sheikh, MD – Cardiology 	<p>Ms. Edmundson motioned to approve the November 18, 2025 Executive Session minutes. Mr. Wilson seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Ms. Edmundson motioned to defer the following Executive Session minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • December 18, 2018 • June 20, 2023 • June 24, 2025 <p>Mr. Wilson seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Mr. Wilson motioned to approve and accept the QAPI Corrective Action Plans. Mr. Clendenin seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the Safety Scorecard. Mr. Clendenin seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Ms. Hapke motioned to approve the appointment application(s) listed. Mr. Clendenin seconded. Motion carried.</p>

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<p><u>Approval of Policies</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Staff On Call Policy • Medical Chaperone Policy • Immigration Policy • Annual Approval of Dietary Manual <p><u>Approval of Employee Appreciation Bonus</u></p> <p><u>Approval of 2026 Board of Directors Meeting Dates</u></p>	<p>Ms. Gentry-Schlimme motioned to approve the policies listed. Mr. Haury seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the employee appreciation bonus. Ms. Edmundson seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Ms. Edmundson motioned to approve the 2026 Board of Directors meeting dates as presented. Ms. Hapke seconded. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Ms. Hapke motioned to adjourn at 7:20 PM. Ms. Edmundson seconded. Motion carried.</p>

Michael Howell, Chairman of the Board

John Clendenin, Secretary of the Board