

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held on February 18, 2026 at Broadway Plaza in Room A of the Auxiliary Building.

Members Present Included: John Clendenin, Dennis Ernsting, Kay Hapke, Chris Haury, Claudia Kerens, and Kevin Wilson

Members Absent: Tyra Edmundson, Jessica Gentry-Schlimme, and Michael Howell

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. Haury, Vice Chair, 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. Haury agreed to assume the duties of Interim Chair for this meeting. Mr. Ernsting motioned to approve Mr. Haury as Interim Chair. Mr. Clendenin seconded. Motion carried.
Introductions – None	
Public Comment – None	
Education <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital Pricing by Ms. Ernsting. 	
Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval of the January 27, 2026 minutes. 	Mr. Ernsting motioned to approve the January 27, 2026 minutes. Mr. Clendenin seconded. Motion carried.
Financials <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Ernsting shared the treasurer’s report. • Ms. Ernsting shared the financial report for January 2026. 	Mr. Clendenin 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 Convenient Care’s volume over the prior two months, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ January total visits reported as 844. ○ Commercial insurance represented over 40% (January) and about 44% (February-to-date). ○ Mary Zimmer, APRN saw 400+ patients in January. ○ February-to-date volume referenced (467 visits so far), including a day with 53 patients and other days with 41 patients. ○ Predominant illnesses were RSV and Flu A/B, with some COVID referenced. 	
CEO Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ms. Emge shared the CEO report. 	

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<p>Executive Session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ms. Ernsting left the meeting at 6:35 PM. Dr. Beckemeyer left the meeting at 6:35 PM. 	<p>Ms. Kerens motioned to go into Executive Session at 6:35 PM for the purpose of discussing litigation and employee matters. Mr. Wilson seconded. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Regular Session</p>	<p>Mr. Wilson motioned to return to Regular Session at 6:48 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><u>Credentialing Committee</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Medical Staff credentialing applications were 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"> February 19, 2019 August 17, 2021 February 16, 2022 August 16, 2022 February 21, 2023 August 15, 2023 August 19, 2025 January 27, 2026 	<p>Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the January 27, 2026 Executive Session minutes. Mr. Clendenin seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Ms. Kerens motioned to defer the following Executive Session minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 19, 2019 August 15, 2023 August 19, 2025 <p>Mr. Wilson seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Ms. Kerens motioned to release the following Executive Session minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> August 17, 2021 February 16, 2022 August 16, 2022 February 21, 2023 <p>Mr. Wilson seconded. Motion carried.</p>

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<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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Anita Eisenhart, DO – Emergency Medicine ○ Paul Frohnert, MD – Radiology ○ Rugheed Ghadman, MD – Cardiology (Reading Only) <p><u>Approval of Expenditures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Property Insurance: \$115,816 (Zurich) • Health Plan Admin Fee: \$42.19 PMPM (increase \$0.48) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Authorization for administration to select stop-loss coverage upon receipt of final quotes (with later ratification) • 8 Hospital Beds: \$99,216 • 2 ED Stretchers: \$19,175.62 • Water heater (incl. installation): \$26,316 <p><u>Approval of Contracts/Agreements</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ziya Baghmanli, MD – General Surgeon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Annual 3% increase • Carrie Lutman, APRN as discussed in Executive Session • Danielle Preuss, PA-C as discussed in Executive Session 	<p>Ms. Kerens motioned to approve and accept the QAPI Corrective Action Plans. Ms. Hapke seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Mr. Clendenin motioned to approve the Safety Scorecard. Ms. Kerens seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Ms. Hapke motioned to approve the appointment applications listed. Mr. Clendenin seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Mr. Ernsting motioned to approve the expenditures listed. Ms. Kerens 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 • Dennis Ernsting: Yay • Kay Hapke: Yay • Chris Haury: Yay • Claudia Kerens: 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. Kerens motioned to approve contracts/agreements as listed and discussed in executive session. Mr. Clendenin seconded. Motion carried.</p>

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<p><u>Approval of Sexual Assault Transfer Plan</u></p> <p><u>Approval of Updated PTO Accrual</u></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 • Dennis Ernsting: Yay • Kay Hapke: Yay • Chris Haury: Yay • Claudia Kerens: 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> <p>Ms. Kerens motioned to approve the Sexual Assault Transfer Plan as presented. Mr. Wilson seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Ms. Kerens motioned to approve the updated PTO Accrual as presented in the updated PTO policy. Mr. Wilson seconded. Motion carried.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Ms. Kerens motioned to adjourn at 6:54 PM. Mr. Wilson seconded. Motion carried.</p>

Chris Haury, Interim Chairman of the Board

John Clendenin, Secretary of the Board