

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was held on March 17, 2026 at Broadway Plaza in Room A of the Auxiliary Building.

**Members Present Included:** Tyra Edmundson, Jesica Gentry-Schlimme, Kay Hapke, Chris Haury, Michael Howell, and Claudia Kerens

**Members Absent:** John Clendenin, Dennis Ernsting, and Kevin Wilson

**Non-Members Present:** Dr. Shawn Beckemeyer, MD, Joann Emge, Lisa Ernsting, Paul Mueller, Susan Gutjahr, Travis Boyd, Holli Dethrow, and Alisha Otten

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Mr. Howell.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>Interim Secretary</b> Mr. Howell shared the absence of the Secretary and acknowledged that Ms. Kerens agreed to assume the Secretary’s duties during this meeting.</p>	Ms. Edmundson motioned to approve Ms. Kerens as the interim secretary. Mr. Haury seconded. Motion carried.
<p><b>Introductions</b> – None</p>	
<p><b>Public Comment</b> – None</p>	
<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approval of the February 17, 2026 minutes.</li> </ul>	Ms. Kerens motioned to approve the February 17, 2026 minutes. Ms. Hapke seconded. Motion carried.
<p><b>Financials</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Howell shared the treasurer’s report.</li> <li>• Ms. Ernsting shared the financial report for February 2026.</li> </ul>	Ms. Gentry-Schlimme motioned to approve the treasurer’s report subject to audit. Ms. Kerens seconded. Motion carried.
<p><b>Physician’s Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Beckemeyer shared: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Measles cases totaled 1,362 nationwide as of March 12, 2026, already exceeding half of last year’s total.</li> <li>○ The CDC issued warnings regarding rising polio cases internationally and encouraged travelers to ensure vaccinations are current.</li> <li>○ A new synthetic opioid, cyclorphine, reportedly ten times stronger than fentanyl, is being monitored following overdose reports in multiple states.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p><b>CEO Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Emge shared the CEO report.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Executive Session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Beckemeyer &amp; Ms. Ernsting left the meeting at 6:32 PM.</li> <li>• Mr. Boyd left the meeting at 7:08 PM.</li> </ul>	Ms. Kerens motioned to go into Executive Session at 6:32 PM for the purpose of discussing litigation and employee matters. Ms. Edmundson seconded. Motion carried.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms. Dethrow &amp; Ms. Gutjahr left the meeting at 7:22 PM.</li> </ul>	
<b>Regular Session</b>	Ms. Kerens motioned to return to Regular Session at 7:23 PM. Ms. Edmundson seconded. Motion carried.
<b>Committee Reports</b>  <u>Quality Council</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Quality Council Meeting information was reviewed.</li> </ul> <u>Credentialing Committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Medical Staff credentialing applications were reviewed.</li> </ul> <u>Joint Conference Committee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr. Howell shared information from the Joint Conference meeting.</li> </ul>	See New Business for actions with regard to committee reports.
<b>Unfinished Business</b> – None	
<b>New Business</b>  <u>Executive Session Minutes for Approval/Deferment/Release</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 19, 2019</li> <li>March 18, 2025</li> <li>September 18, 2025</li> <li>February 17, 2026</li> </ul> <u>Approval of QAPI Corrective Action Plans</u>  <u>Approval of Safety Scorecard</u>  <u>Approval of Medical Staff Credentialing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appointments: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lara Dennis, MD – Radiology</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	Ms. Kerens motioned to approve the February 17, 2026 Executive Session minutes. Mr. Haury seconded. Motion carried.  Ms. Kerens motioned to defer the following Executive Session minutes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 19, 2019</li> <li>March 18, 2025</li> <li>September 18, 2025</li> </ul> Mr. Haury seconded. Motion carried.  Mr. Haury motioned to approve and accept the QAPI Corrective Action Plans. Ms. Hapke seconded. Motion carried.  Ms. Edmundson motioned to approve the Safety Scorecard. Ms. Kerens seconded. Motion carried.  Ms. Hapke motioned to approve the appointment application listed. Mr. Haury seconded. Motion carried.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requests for Clinical Privileges               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Malia Rodgers – Certified Surgical First Assistant</li> </ol> </li>   <li>• Addendum to Surgeon Privileges – Anesthesia Supervision               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Giuseppe Aliperti, MD</li> <li>2. Ziya Baghmanli, MD</li> <li>3. Margret DeGuzman, MD</li> <li>4. Maxwell Hayden, DPM</li> <li>5. Murray McGrady, MD</li> <li>6. Kostantinos Psihramis, MD</li> <li>7. David Zhu, MD</li> </ol> </li>   <li>• Withdrawal of Privileges:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Robert Bell, MD – Orthopedic Surgery – Effective: 03/01/2026</li> <li>2. Kourtney Hughey, APRN – OB/Gyn – Effective: 01/06/2026</li> <li>3. Kristopher Torossian, MD – Emergency Medicine – Effective: 03/02/2026</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p><u>Approval of Expenditures</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MRI Service Agreement               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cost: \$115,206.41/year</li> <li>○ Term: 4 years</li> <li>○ Total Cost: \$460,813.64</li> </ul> </li> <li>• OR Bed               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cost: \$38,237.41</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Phase II Hospital Flooring               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cost: \$38,237.41</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Mowing Bids               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Bladez Lawncare: \$22,920.00</li> </ul> </li> <li>• SoftChoice – Computer Arms for Med. Surg. Rooms x16 (enclosed)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cost: \$26,905.45</li> </ul> </li> <li>• TruBridge – Cloud Backup to Replace Full Tape Backups               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cost: \$40,800.00/year</li> <li>○ Term: 2 years</li> </ul> </li> <li>• HVAC System – Lab (enclosed)               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cost: \$32,509.00</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<p>Ms. Hapke motioned to approve the request for clinical privileges listed. Mr. Haury seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Ms. Hapke motioned to approve the addendums to surgeon privileges listed. Mr. Haury seconded. Motion carried.</p> <p>Ms. Gentry-Schlimme motioned to approve the expenditures as listed. Ms. Edmundson seconded.</p>

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<p><u>Approval of Compliance Program Manual</u></p>	<p>Roll Call was applied for the expenditure(s) as motioned for approval above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tyra Edmundson: Yay</li> <li>• Jessica Gentry-Schlimme: Yay</li> <li>• Kay Hapke: Yay</li> <li>• Chris Haury: Yay</li> <li>• Michael Howell: Yay</li> <li>• Claudia Kerens: Yay</li> </ul> <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 the Compliance Program Manual as presented. Ms. Edmundson seconded. Motion carried.</p>
<p><b>Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Mr. Haury motioned to adjourn at 7:43 PM. Ms. Edmundson seconded. Motion carried.</p>

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Michael Howell, Chairman of the Board

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Claudia Kerens, Interim Secretary of the Board