

Minutes

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Lori Penner
Jeff Yarrow
Richard Cott
Carrie Lane

OTHER PERSONS PRESENT

Austin Gillard, CEO
Angela Kobel, CFO
Frannie Helms, Laboratory Manager
Christi Rice, HR Director
Dr. John Kelley, CMO
CCCHS Students

CALL TO ORDER

Lori Penner called the board meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lori Penner asked if there were any corrections to the board minutes from March 30, 2026. Motion made by Richard Cott, seconded by Jeff Yarrow, to approve the board minutes with corrections. Motion carried 3-0.

AGENDA REVIEW

Nothing to add

OLD BUSINESS

Add: Piano

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Chemistry Analyzer
Frannie Helms went over the various chemistry analyzers on the market. After much deliberation and research, our lab team feels the Abbott Alinity CI is the best fit for our lab. Frannie presented a quote from McKesson for the instrument which includes 5 years of service, a quote for the water system, and a quote for the Cerner interface. The chemistry analyzer quote is \$280,000 (we will see a savings of \$100,000 over five years on the maintenance agreement), the Cerner interface quote is \$21,881.60 (Abbott will pay \$7,500), the water quote is \$11,950.00 (Abbott will pay \$10,000). After discussion, motion made by Richard Cott, seconded by Carrie Lane, to approve the quotes as presented. Motion carried 3-0.
- b. Pain Management Room
Austin Gillard gave an update on the pain management room. The engineering team has removed the sheet rock and will remove the floor this week. Austin Gillard presented a quote for \$14,050 from Sunflower Drywall and Remodeling Services to lead line the room with lead lined wallboard. This is needed to certify the room since we will be operating a c-arm in this location. After discussion, motion made by Carrie Lane, seconded by Richard Cott, to approve the quote as presented. Motion carried 3-0.
- c. Paycor
Christi Rice discussed Paycor and what needs to be cleaned up in the system. We are looking to clean up and optimize the payroll and timekeeping system. Services include a database cleanup, compliance corrections such as proper overtime classification, and reconfiguration of premium pay and shift differentials. Paycor specialists will also review and correct timekeeping and accrual policies to improve payroll accuracy and reduce processing time. Additional support includes assistance with developing standard operating procedures and train-the-trainer sessions for supervisors and approvers. Paycor is requesting \$16,000 for these services. After discussion, motion made by Jeff Yarrow, seconded by Carrie Lane, to approve the quote as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

- d. Surgery Ultrasound
Austin Gillard reviewed our current ultrasound capabilities in surgery. Currently, the ultrasound that is utilized in the surgery department is a refurbished machine from 2019. We are looking to upgrade this ultrasound for nerve blocks prior to a total joint surgery, vascular landmarks when inserting midline catheters, and enhance our safety and accuracy for interventional procedures (joint injections/si joint injections etc.) for pain management approaches. The ultrasound that is requested to be purchased has a much clearer picture and outstanding resolution. The new state-of-the-art technology utilizes WiNeedle which automatically recognizes the needle being introduced into the tissue and makes needle guidance as easy as possible. This cost is \$30,000 for the Wisonic Navi ultrasound. After discussion, motion made by Richard Cott, seconded by Carrie Lane, to approve the quote as presented. Motion carried 3-0.
- e. Piano
Members of the board suggested that Austin Gillard and Dr. Kelley talk with the Hospital Foundation about the lobby piano. Dr. Kelley will talk more with Bryce Dolan.

AUSTIN GILLARD, CEO

- a. Hospital Chillers
On April 20, we will start the replacement of all the cooling coils on the two hospital chillers. Wind baffles will also be installed.
- b. DON & Nursing Update
Jessica Badsky and Austin Gillard have been making progress with our nursing teams. We did post a Director of Nursing position on Friday. Last week, we were able to hire another OB nurse, and full-time CNA for our Monday through Friday position. In total, we will have six new nurses start with CCMC in the next 45 days. We did have to implement a new day and night shift schedule that included an assigned third weekend, along with an updated holiday schedule. We will continue to focus heavily on cross-training over the next several months. We aim to take advantage of every chance available, which may require our team to carry a slightly heavier patient load at times or during parts of a shift to allow these training moments to occur.
- c. Rural Health Transformation Program (RHTP)
- We should know this week if we were awarded the Transformative Capital Investment Grant.
 - On May 15, we will know if we are awarded the Regional Partnership Grant.
 - Julie Crimmins and Janet Fisher will be leading us through the Evidence-Based Program, part of the State's Rural Health Transformation Plan, which will help rural hospitals and clinics build and maintain the infrastructure needed to implement and sustain evidence-based practices and to report on performance measures demonstrating quality of care. The State has contracted with the University of Kansas Health System Care Collaborative to operate/oversee the Program.
 - Austin Gillard is working through an Agreement with The University of Kansas Health System Care Collaborative for the development of a clinically integrated network (CIN). Their vision is: (i) provide high quality care characterized by excellent outcomes and patient experiences; (ii) define and consistently utilize evidence-based care models; (iii) promote access to well-coordinated care across the continuum; (iv) deliver more value through innovative, cost-effective care models; and (v) develop a financially sustainable approach to an evolving delivery and payment system. More to come.
- d. General Update
- Austin Gillard had coffee with Dr. Wolters and his wife last weekend. They purchased a home already in Clay Center and will be moving things here in June. Dr. Kelley is working on the start date for Dr. Wolters at CCMC.
 - Dr. Kelley will be retiring from CCMC at the end of July 2026. Austin Gillard and Dr. Kelley are working on what this transition looks like.
 - Letters will soon go out to Dr. Penner's patients about his December 2026 retirement date.
 - The second annual community baby shower was a huge hit. Thank you to everyone that helped make this possible! We had 32 mothers check in and had nearly 100 in total attendance.
- e. Executive Session
Motion made by Richard Cott, seconded by Jeff Yarrow, for the board to enter executive session for a period of 10 minutes with Austin Gillard from 8:50 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in order to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel, as permitted under K.S.A. 75-4319. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. Next Meeting: April 28 and May 4 at 8:00 p.m.