

Marion County Hospital District

The regular scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors of the Marion County Hospital District was held on **Thursday the 12th day of February 2026 at 6:00 P.M.** in the meeting room of the office of the Hospital District at 1113-B North Walcott Street in Jefferson, Texas.

Board Members Present: Chair: Karen Kent; Vice-Chair: Vivian Foster; Board Treasurer: Paulette Cooper; Board Secretary: Susan Anderson; Board Director: Michelle Ready

Board Members Absent: Board Director: Glen Farris; Board Director: Scott Nash

Staff in Attendance: Office Administrator: Alicia Belt; Office Clerk: Debbie Graves

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chair, Karen Kent and a quorum established.
2. Public Comments: No public comments were made.
3. Motion by Vivian Foster to approve as written January 8, 2026 Regular Board Meeting Minutes and January 29, 2026 Special Called Meeting Minutes. Second by Paulette Cooper. All in favor. Motion carried.
4. Motion by Vivian Foster to approve payroll from January, 15 - 31, 2026 and February 1 – 15, 2026 as presented. Second by Susan Anderson. All in favor. Motion carried.
5. A discussion was held regarding the Lease Agreement for Suite B. It was noted that a new Section 3.4 should be added to specify that any early termination of the lease would result in forfeiture of the deposit paid for the office space.

Because approval has not yet been received from the Hospital District's attorney, no action was taken at this time.

6. Motion by Vivian Foster to accepted updated By Laws as presented. It was noted that the By-Laws are to be filed with the Secretary of State. Second by Paulette Cooper. All in favor. Motion carried.

In addition, the Board discussed the possibility of also filing the By-Laws with the County Clerk's office. The Chair will determine whether this additional filing is required and will provide an update to the Board at the next regular meeting.

7. Office Administrator presented the flowchart/bar graph that was requested at last month's meeting. This report gave status on each month of the year for 2025 and how many Indigent Health clients for each month. In addition, a report was presented that dated by to 2016 per year of how many clients per year were enrolled in program.

Marion County Hospital District

8. Consider Financial Reports. Board reviewed financial reports. There were no changes or corrections noted to reports. It was stated for the record that all banking/CD accounts have current board signers. In addition, the accounts at ETPCU have been closed and money has been deposited into VeraBank. Motion by Paulette Cooper to approve all reports and file for audit. Second by Michelle Ready. All in favor. Motion carried.
9. Office Administrator informed the Board of the following items:
 - A. Collaboration with MCHARC – Office Administrator attended a TEAMS meeting on 2/9/2026 where discussion was had regarding Community Healthcore moving into Suite B as early as March 2026.
 - B. The Federal Poverty Level Guidelines were updated and increased on January 20, 2026 and presented to the board. A Proposal was presented to ask for the board to approve an increase the Hospital District's percentage to 200-250% of the Federal Poverty Level guidelines in order to qualify applicants who exceed current limit and be able to help more Marion County residents.

Motion by Vivian Foster to increase eligibility requirement to 250% of the Federal Poverty Level Guidelines. Second by Paulette Cooper. All in favor. Motion carried.

- C. No action required on hot water for Suite B. It was discovered that water had just been turned off from hot water heater and it was rectified. Also new faucets were installed in both bathrooms.
- D. Motion by Michelle Ready to have electric account switched to MCHD for Suite A and C. Second by Vivian Foster. All in favor. Motion carried.

10. Committee Reports

A. Building and Maintenance

1. An update on parking lot entrance and lights will be discussed at next board meeting.
2. Renovation update for Suite A space. Office Administrator was instructed to add all invoicing and copies of checks to the board packets for them to review. She was also instructed to get confirmation on a warranty from contractor for the wall texture and what would happen if any chipping or cracking takes place.

Motion by Susan Anderson to proceed with painting Suite A walls with the olive color and trim with the parchment color; entrance and hallway with parchment walls and olive trim. In addition, the countertops will be Off-White River Stone Quartz as presented in packet. Second by Vivian Foster. All in favor. Motion carried.

Marion County Hospital District

- B. Indigent Healthcare Representative – No discussion.
11. CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION. The board entered into closed session at 6:51 pm.
- A. Deliberations concerning personnel matters. (Pursuant to Government Code 551.074).
 - B. Deliberations involving Medical or Psychiatric Records of Individuals, (pursuant to Government code 551.0785).
12. Reconvene in Open Session at 7:01 pm.
- A. Motion by Susan Anderson to accept Indigent Care Case number 1920-04, 2526-09, 2526-10, and 2526-11, for Indigent Care Program as applicants qualify. Second by Vivian Foster. All in favor. Motion carried.
13. Recommendations for Next Month's Agenda.
- A. Follow-up on filing of By-Laws
 - B. Lease Agreement for Suite A
 - C. Update on confirming any warranty on wall coating
 - D. Utility update for Suite A & C
 - E. Update on lights/parking lot entrance/screens
 - F. Update on credit card
14. Motion to adjourn by Michelle Ready. Second by Vivian Foster. All in favor. Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:09 pm

Duration of Meeting: 1 Hours and 8 minutes

 Approved in Open Meeting on March 12, 2026.