

**Morton County Health System  
Board of Trustees Meeting  
Minutes of April 22, 2025**

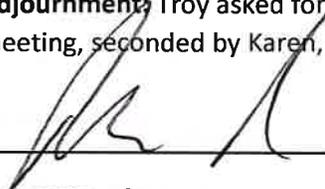
1. **Call to Order:** Troy Barnett, Chairman of the board, called the meeting to order at 12:00 pm.

**Attendees:**

Lisa Swenson, CEO  
Karen Gates, Vice Chairman  
Ron Rich, Secretary/Treasurer  
Ronn Martin, Board Member  
Jennifer Pearlstein, Administrative Assistant/minutes  
Nate Andersen, ACP Health via zoom  
Marco Medina, IT  
Rita Granados, Pharmacy  
Audra Gonzalez, CNO via zoom  
Dr. Andy Wilson, ACP Health via zoom  
Braden Anderson, CFO via zoom  
Dr. Brett Burnett, CMO via zoom

2. **Approve Agenda:** Troy asked for motion to approve the agenda for the meeting. Ron R made a motion to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Ronn M, motion carried.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Board members read the March 18, 2025, regular meeting minutes. Troy asked for a motion to approve the minutes as written. Karen made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ron R, motion carried.
4. **CEO Report Lisa:** Lisa presented a power point presentation. ER visits continue to increase. We have a goal of 5 per day. We will be cancelling Azalea at the end of April. Marketing the clinic has been a priority. Lisa let everyone know that there will be a meeting at the next commissioners meeting regarding the use of the old care center for a Women's Veterans Affairs Center. The generator at the AL is being wired in should be done in the next few weeks. Construction has started at the back ER entrance, the glass doors took approximately 7 months to come in, this is a part of the Moran Grant that did the front entrance.
5. **CFO Report Braden:** Braden presented a power point presentation going over financials. Closing Oct, Nov, and Dec. The 2024 audit will be May 5<sup>th</sup> -9<sup>th</sup>. The cost report is due May 24<sup>th</sup>. Working on getting all the access we need for Multiview. Preparing the 2025 departmental budgets. Optimizing the month end reconciliation processes.
6. **CNO Report Audra:** Esi Houtz received an award from ACP Health, called the "Dream Team Award" for her outstanding care with an elderly patient during the inclement weather. New CNA joining our team. Transfers are decreasing. All the patients that are being transferred are for higher levels of care.
7. **Other Business: Windows 11** – per Marco we will phase in with windows free upgrade program. Devices that are not compatible with windows 11 will be replaced as needed. He is waiting till the last minute to make sure more programs become compatible. Marco spoke with the board more about this.  
**Grants:** Braden is working on drawing down the funds for the grants.  
**Board Reports:** Karen requested Monthly reports be uploaded to the 2025 Board Folder. Lisa will look forward to getting this done.

8. **Public Comments:** Nothing currently.
9. **New Business:** Karen inquired about the patient portal for hospital/clinic be moved from Azalea to Cerner.  
Karen inquired about the patients that a former provider was seeing and if they are now established with a different provider.
10. **New Business: Credentialing Beam:** Troy asked for a motion to appoint Dr. Ajani Mason, Dr. Folashade Bernard, and Dr. Busala Oke to an initial medical staff appointment with full privileges. Ronn M made a motion to appoint Dr. Ajani Mason, Dr. Folashade Bernard, and Dr. Busala Oke, seconded by Ron R, motion carried. **Credentialing Pathology:** Troy asked for a motion to appoint Dr. Mark Laudenschlager, Dr. Joel Alderson, Dr. Neeraja Yerrapotu, and Dr. Suneetha Chintalapati to an initial medical staff appointment with consulting privileges. Ronn M made a motion to appoint Dr. Mark Laudenschlager, Dr. Joel Alderson, Dr. Neeraja Yerrapotu, and Dr. Suneetha Chintalapati, seconded by Ron R, motion carried.
11. **Executive Session:** Troy asked for a motion to enter executive session at 12:34 pm with Lisa and Braden for Personnel for 30 minutes. Karen made a motion to enter executive session, seconded by Ron R, motion passed. Executive session ended at 12:51 pm with no action taken.
12. **Adjournment:** Troy asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ron R made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Karen, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 12:52 pm

  
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Ron Rich, Secretary/Treasurer

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