



ARTESIAN VALLEY
H E A L T H S Y S T E M

Board Meeting Minutes

August 27, 2026

4:30 p.m.

Frame Room

Board Members Present: Sheila Brown, Chair; Shelly Axtell, Member; Shirley Goldsberry, Member; Angela Howard, Member

Board Members Absent: Brad Friesen, Vice Chair

Others Present: Dawn Unruh, CEO; Stephanie Saucedo, CFO; Michele Dewell, Quality; Crystal Torres-Pereda, Marketing; Tara Grant, Corporate Compliance; Melissa Parker, Student

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:34 p.m.

a. Approval of Agenda

- i. Sheila requested to remove COLA from executive session and replace it with corporate compliance. Shelly made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Shirley seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

b. Scheduled Public Comment

- i. There were no scheduled public comments.

II. Board Education

a. Conrade Insurance

- i. Darrell Conrade and Casie Powell with Conrade Insurance Group presented an insurance review to the Board. Discussion followed.

III. Rural Health Transformation Program/Evidence Based Practice Program (RHTP/EBPP)

a. Emerging Technology Grant

- i. Dawn announced that we were awarded a \$141,000 Emerging Technology Grant. Dawn reviewed the grant application and discussed the project and technology included in the funding request.

b. Evidence-Based Practice Program

- i. Michele reported that RHTP EBPP hospital updates were included in the QAPI minutes. The hospital was live with the program in July. Michele and Amy continue to identify and distribute educational materials to nursing staff and providers regarding the specific information being requested through the program. Michele provided examples and additional details. The clinics are still in the beginning stages of implementation, and no clinic information has been entered into the program at this time. Discussion followed.

IV. Executive Session

a. Corporate Compliance

- i. At 5:15 p.m., Shirley made a motion for the Board of Directors, CEO, and Corporate Compliance Officer to recess into executive session for 15 minutes pursuant to K.S.A 75-4319 for the need to discuss corporate compliance matters. Angela seconded the motion. The board will resume open session in the frame room at 5:30 p.m. The motion passed 3-0.
- ii. At 5:30 p.m., the board resumed open session in the frame room. No action was taken.

b. Non-Elected Personnel

- i. At 5:30 p.m., Angela made a motion for the Board of Directors and CEO to recess into executive session for 15 minutes pursuant to K.S.A 75-4319 for the need to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. Shelly seconded the motion. The board will resume open session in the frame room at 5:45 p.m. The motion passed 3-0.
- ii. At 5:45 p.m., the board resumed open session. Angela made a motion for the Board of Directors and CEO to recess back into executive session for an additional 15 minutes pursuant to K.S.A 75-4319 for the need to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. Shelly seconded the motion. The board will resume open session in the frame room at 6:00 p.m. The motion passed 3-0.
- iii. At 6:00 p.m., the board resumed open session. Angela made a motion for the Board of Directors and CEO to recess back into executive session for an additional 15 minutes pursuant to K.S.A 75-4319 for the need to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. Shelly seconded the

motion. The board will resume open session in the frame room at 6:15 p.m. The motion passed 3-0.

- iv. At 6:15 p.m., the board resumed open session. Angela made a motion for the Board of Directors and CEO to recess back into executive session for an additional 10 minutes pursuant to K.S.A 75-4319 for the need to discuss personnel matters of nonelected personnel. Shelly seconded the motion. The board will resume open session in the frame room at 6:25 p.m. The motion passed 3-0.
- v. At 6:25 p.m., the board resumed open session in the frame room. No action was taken.

V. Reports

a. Administration

- i. Dawn reported that additional assistance was needed for clinic operations. The Business Office/Clinic Manager position was opened internally, interviews were conducted, and Stacey Knowles was selected. Dawn Ross continues to oversee clinic operations.
- ii. The Board asked questions regarding Mobile Tone and the Rural Hospital CEO Scholarship awarded to Dawn through the National Rural Health Association. Discussion followed.
- iii. Dawn reported that the organization's average daily census has been declining. Discussion followed.

b. Financial

- i. Stephanie reviewed the financial documents included in the Board packet. Discussion followed.
- ii. Stephanie noted that she has added a clinic breakdown graph to the financial reports. This graph will be provided to the Board monthly.
- iii. Stephanie discussed a savings account at Integrity Bank. Shelly made a motion to close the savings account at Integrity Bank and transfer the funds to the hospital's operating account. Shirley seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

c. Quality & Risk Management

- i. August 2026 QAPI minutes were reviewed. There was a discussion.
- ii. Michele reviewed the Risk Management Q2 2026 Summary. She reported that Risk Management assigns education annually to all AVHS staff through Care Learning and SQSS.

Shelly made a motion to approve the reports as presented. Angela seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

VI. Consent Agenda Approval

- a. **July Board Minutes**
- b. **July Medical Staff Minutes**
- c. **August QAPI Minutes**

Shirley moved to approve the consent agenda. Shelly seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

VII. Credentialing

- a. Angela made a motion to approve the providers' privileges below as requested. Shirley seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.
 - i. Lottie Gleason-Garcia, APRN, AVHS Provider – Reappointment
 - ii. Dr. Narkiewicz-Jodko, Inspire Radiology – Reappointment
 - iii. Dr. Obembe, Inspire Radiology – Reappointment
 - iv. Dr. McDougal, Inspire Radiology – Reappointment
 - v. Dr. Waddell, Inspire Radiology – Reappointment
 - vi. Dr. Stroh, Inspire Radiology – Reappointment
 - vii. Dr. Bennett, Inspire Radiology – Reappointment
 - viii. Dr. Letham, Inspire Radiology – Reappointment

VIII. New Business

a. Investments

- i. Stephanie reviewed two CDs in detail and reported that both would mature. She reviewed available options with the Board regarding the maturing investments. The Board discussed the options. Shelly made a motion to reinvest the CDs with interest maturing on September 3rd and September 4th in 2026 into a 12-month term each. Shirley seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

IX. Old Business

- a. None

X. Board Relevant Upcoming Meetings/Conferences

- a. **KHA Convention – September – KC**

XI. Call for Next Meeting Agenda Items

- a. None

XII. Adjournment

- a. The next regular board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 24, 2026.

- b. At 7:29 pm, Shelly made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shirley seconded the motion. The motion carried 3-0.

Crystal D. Pereda
Recorder

Shel Brown
Board Chair

9/24/26
Date

