

# Kaweah Delta Health Care District Board of Directors Meeting

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## **KAWEAH DELTA HEALTH CARE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

City of Visalia – City Council Chambers  
707 W. Acequia, Visalia, CA

**Wednesday February 26, 2025 {Regular Meeting}**

### **OPEN MEETING AGENDA {4:00PM}**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Members of the public may comment on agenda items before action is taken and after it is discussed by the Board. Each speaker will be allowed five minutes. Members of the public wishing to address the Board concerning items not on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Board are requested to identify themselves at this time.
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE CLOSED AGENDA – 4:01PM**  
**Public Participation** – Members of the public may comment on agenda items before action is taken and after the item has been discussed by the Board.  
*Action Requested – Approval of the February 26, 2025, closed meeting agenda.*
- 5. ADJOURN**

### **CLOSED MEETING AGENDA {4:01PM}**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION** – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(2). 9 Cases  
*Ben Cripps, Chief Compliance Officer and Rachele Berglund, Legal Counsel*

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### **3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION – Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(1).**

- A. Martinez (Santillian) v KDHCD Case # VCU279163
- B. Franks v KDHCD Case #VCU290542
- C. Burns-Nunez v KDHCD Case # VCU293107
- D. Oney v KDHCD Case # VCU293813
- E. Parnell v Kaweah Health Case # VCU292139
- F. Newport v KDHCD Case # 1:23-CV-01752-NODJ-SAB
- G. M. Vasquez v KDHCD Case # VCU297964
- H. Apkarian-Souza v KDHCD Case # VCU303650
- I. Pendleton v KDHCD Case #VCU305571
- J. Rhodes v KDHCD Case # VCU306460
- K. Negrete v KDHCD Case #VCU309437
- L. LaRumbe-Torres v KDHCD Case #VCU313564
- M. Smithson v KDHCD Case #VCU313258
- N. Maxey v KDHCD Case #VCU314996
- O. Medina v KDHCD Case #VCU316413
- P. Richardson v KDHCD Case #VCU311369
- Q. Burger v. KDHCD Case #VCU312863
- R. Andrade v. KDHCD Case #VCU317338

*Evelyn McEntire, Director of Risk Management and Rachele Berglund, Legal Counsel*

### **4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(2). 1 Case** *Rachele Berglund, Legal Counsel*

### **5. CREDENTIALING - Medical Executive Committee (MEC) requests that the appointment, reappointment and other credentialing activity regarding clinical privileges and staff membership recommended by the respective department chiefs, the credentials**

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committee and the MEC be reviewed for approval pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1461 and 32155.

*Daniel Hightower, MD, Chief of Staff*

6. **QUALITY ASSURANCE** pursuant to Health and Safety Code 32155 and 1461, report of quality assurance committee.

*Daniel Hightower, MD Chief of Staff*

7. **APPROVAL OF THE CLOSED MEETING MINUTES** – January 22, 2025, closed meeting minutes.
8. **ADJOURN**

## **OPEN MEETING AGENDA {4:30PM}**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **FLAG SALUTE- DIRECTOR LEVITAN**
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Members of the public may comment on agenda items before action is taken and after it is discussed by the Board. Each speaker will be allowed five minutes. Members of the public wishing to address the Board concerning items not on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Board are requested to identify themselves at this time.
6. **CLOSED SESSION ACTION TAKEN** – Report on action(s) taken in closed session.
7. **OPEN MINUTES** – Request approval of the January 22, 2025, open minutes.

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*Action Requested – Approval of the January 22, 2025, open minutes.*

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## 8. RECOGNITIONS

- 8.1. Presentation of Resolution 2250 to Angel Pena in recognition as the Kaweah Health World Class Employee of the month – February 2025 – *Director Levitan*
- 8.2. Presentation of Resolution 2251 to Margaret Galvin in recognition of her service and retirement at Kaweah Health. – *Director Levitan*
- 8.3. Presentation of Resolution 2252 to Leslie Kline in recognition of her service and retirement at Kaweah Health. – *Director Levitan*
- 8.4. Team of the Month –Staffing Facilitator Team

## 9. INTRODUCTIONS

- 9.1. New Director – Rhonda Quinones
- 9.2. New Interim Chief - Schlene Peet

- 10. **CREDENTIALS** - Medical Executive Committee requests that the appointment, reappointment and other credentialing activity regarding clinical privileges and staff membership recommended by the respective department chiefs, the credentials committee and the Medical Executive Committee be reviewed for approval.

*Daniel Hightower, MD, Chief of Staff*

**Public Participation** – Members of the public may comment on agenda items before action is taken and after the item has been discussed by the Board.

*Action Requested – Approval of the February 26, 2025, medical staff credentials report.*

- 11. **CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT** – Report relative to current Medical Staff events and issues.

*Daniel Hightower, MD, Chief of Staff*

- 12. **CONSENT CALENDAR** - All matters under the Consent Calendar will be approved by one motion, unless a Board member requests separate action on a specific item.

**Public Participation** – Members of the public may comment on agenda items before action is taken and after the item has been discussed by the Board.

*Action Requested – Approval of the February 26, 2025, Consent Calendar.*

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## 12.1. REPORTS

- A. Physician Recruitment
- B. Strategic Plan
- C. Throughput
- D. Compliance Quarterly Report
- E. Hospice/Open Arms House

## 12.2. POLICIES

### A. Administrative Policies

- A.1. AP41- Quality Improvement Plan- Reviewed
- A.2. AP175- Patient Safety Plan- Reviewed

### B. Environment of Care

- B.1. EOC 3000- Security Management Plan - Revised
- B.2. EOC 4007- Compressed Gas and Oxygen Use – Revised
- B.3. EOC 6001- Medical Equipment Management Policy – Revised
- B.4. EOC 6003- Medical Equipment Health Care Device Modification Policy- Reviewed
- B.5. EOC 6015- Hospital Electrical Safety Policy for Personal Use – Revised
- B.6. EOC 7001- Utilities Management Plan- Revised
- B.7. EOC 7401- Utilities Management Program- Revised
- B.8. DM 2225- Lockdown Security of Entry Doors- Revised

## 12.3. LEGAL

- A. Priscilla Wilson Claim for Damages – rejection of Claim on its merits

## 13. STRATEGIC PLANNING INITIATIVE – Physician Alignment – Detailed review of Strategic Plan Initiative.

*Ryan Gates, Chief Ambulatory Officer & JC Palermo, Director of Physician Recruitment*

## 14. FINANCIALS – Review of the most current fiscal year financial results.

*Malinda Tupper – Chief Financial Officer*

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## 15. REPORTS

**15.1. Chief Executive Officer Report** - Report on current events and issues.

*Gary Herbst, Chief Executive Officer*

**15.2. Board President** - Report on current events and issues.

*Mike Olmos, Board President*

## CLOSED MEETING AGENDA IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE OPEN SESSION

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

**2. CEO EVALUATION** – Discussion with the Board and the Chief Executive Officer relative to the evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Government Code 54957(b)(1).

*Gary Herbst, Chief Executive Officer and Rachele Berglund, Legal Counsel*

### 3. ADJOURN

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