

HOPKINS COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
116 Airport Rd, Sulphur Springs, TX 75482

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting March 24, 2026

Board Members Present: Kerry Law, President; Chris Brown, Vice President; Dr. David Black, Secretary; Kristi Shultz; Tammy Wright; Rosario Mejia; Jennifer Claymon, HCHD Board Attorney, attended via phone 512-660-5965.

Others Present: Brent Smith, CEO/COO/Director of EMS; Angelia Waller, Human Resources; Staci Holley, Sr. Accountant; Paul Harvey, CEO/President of Christus Mother Frances Sulphur Springs; Deborah Whitley and Danielle Zimmerman with FORVIS Mazars, Auditors; Tanner Ragan; Sharla Campbell; Faith Huffman, Sulphur Springs News Telegram.

Call to Order Kerry Law called meeting to order at 1802.

1. Invocation Kerry Law gave the invocation.

2. Review & Approve Board Member Attendance / Absence

Joe Bob Burgin was absent due to conflicting previously scheduled engagements. Dr. David Black, Secretary, made a motion to approve both absences, and Rosario Mejia seconded the motion. The motion carries.

3. Public Forum

None

4. Review and Approve FY2025 Final Audit Report – Presented by Forvis-Mazars

Deborah Whitley provided her notice of retirement in May 2027. Danielle Zimmerman provided information on what is going on in the rural healthcare industry, as well as what is coming in relation to the State of Texas grant funding with rural healthcare funding, opioid funding, etc. This creates increased compliance rules, single audits, and reporting on how the funds are to be spent. Danielle also spoke regarding Medicare Advantage, such as an increase in denials, making it harder to collect on claims filed. The use of AI in claims processing is creating more work for the facilities filing the claims, such as additional resources that are being used to get claims paid in all lines of healthcare. Supplemental payment programs are utilized a great deal in our area as well, such as but not limited to UC, ATLAS, CHIRP, HARP, and QIPP. Danielle also provided an overview of the FY2025 Final Audit Report. Tammy Wright made the motion to approve the FY2025 Final Audit Report presented to the board members, and Kristi Shultz seconded the motion. The motion carries.

5. Consent Agenda

Review & Approve Minutes of regular meeting on February 24, 2026.

Motion made by Kristi Shultz to approve the minutes as presented, and the motion was seconded by Rosario Mejia. The motion carries.

6. Review & Approve Financial Statements

Financial statements were presented to the board for January 2026. Motion was made by Chris Brown, Vice President, and seconded by Dr. David Black, Secretary, approving the financials as presented. The motion carries.

7. Nursing Facility Update

- a. **Nursing Facility Dashboard and Reports & QIPP Facility Update –**
No Action Required
- b. **Avir at Mineola – DACA account approval for LOC**

8. Review & Approve HCHD Representative Appointment to TIRZ District

- a. **TRIZ District #1 Appointment**
- b. **TRIZ District #2 Appointment**

Due to Tammy Wright not seeking re-election on May 2, 2026, to her current seat held on the HCHD Board of Directors, a new appointment of an HCHD Board Member to both TRIZ District 1 & 2 seats is required. Kristi Shultz accepted responsibility for both open seats. A motion was made by Chris Brown, Vice President, to accept Kristi Shultz to serve in both TRIZ District 1 & 2 seats, and the motion was seconded by Dr. David Black, Secretary. The motion carries.

9. HCHD District Operational & EMS Update

Discussion and guidance took place between the Board of Directors and legal counsel to the board, Jennifer Claymon, regarding the Canvassing of the May 2, 2026, Hopkins County Hospital District Board of Directors election. To be present at the Canvassing, at least the President and at a minimum of two additional board members are needed, and the last date by which the Canvassing has to have taken place is May 12, 2026. It can be held on the same date as a board meeting, but not during the board meeting if the same date is selected to have both take place. The next regular board meeting was set for May 19, 2026, but it was decided to move that meeting up to May 12, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. and complete the Canvassing at 5:30 p.m. on May 12, 2026, before the board meeting. The canvassing location will be conducted at Hopkins County Hospital District, 116 Airport Rd., Public Conference Room, Sulphur Springs, TX. A motion was made by Kristi Shultz to accept the canvassing to be completed on May 12, 2026, at 5:30 p.m., at Hopkins County Hospital District, 116 Airport Rd., Public Conference Room, Sulphur Springs, TX, prior to the May 12, 2026 Board of Directors meeting to be held at the same location beginning at 6:00 p.m., the motion was seconded by Dr. David Black, Secretary.

Update on regular operational business information was provided by Brent Smith. No action required.

10. Update from Christus by Paul Harvey, President/CEO

No action required.

11. Closed Session

Review and Discuss Item Actions, if any, for Hospital District personnel, salaries, and/or property

12. Return to Regular Session

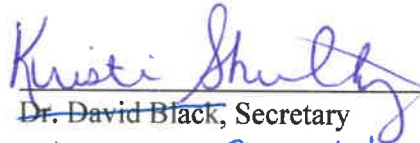
Approve Items Actions, if any, for Hospital District personnel, salaries, and/or property.
No action required.

13. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1930.



Kerry Law, President


~~Dr. David Black, Secretary~~
KRISTI SHULTZ