



**Board of Trustees Minutes
Special Meeting
Wednesday, July 29, 2026
10:00 AM**

The Board of Trustees of Kearney County Health Services met at the Minden Opera House, 322 East 5th Street, Minden, NE on Wednesday, July 29, 2026. Notice of the meeting was posted at Kearney County Health Services, Hospital, Minden Medical Clinic, Minden Post Office, Minden First Bank and www.kchs.org under Board of Trustees. A Board Packet with an agenda of the meeting, minutes, and other pertinent information was emailed to each board member prior to the meeting.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman AJ Dahlgren called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM, and calling attention to the Public Meeting Laws that are posted in the meeting room.

Present:

Board Members

AJ Dahlgren, Chairman
Stephen Olson, Secretary
Sam Stadler - *Absent*
Jeff Hanson
Andy Grollmes

KCHS Staff

Luke Poore, CEO
Gavin Blum, CFO

Other Attendees Entered Throughout

MCL Construction	JE Dunn	Sampson
Gary Peters	Joe Jelden	Heath Franzen
Tony Fucciario	Jameson Werner	Brad Myers
Tyler Douglas	Natalie Huntley	Adam Streck
Blake Brumbaugh	Zach Canfield	Shane Rothchild
Rich Woodson	Brian Cruz	Justin Hall
Troy Leiting	Connor Yost	Brayden Kohtz
Jay Potter		Sam LaPuma

Guests - HFG Architecture

Jared Leshar
Devon Brogan
Karis Buendia

II. Public Comments
None

III. New Business
Construction Management Firm Proposals

Luke Poore (CEO) opened the new business with welcoming comments for the Board of Trustees and HFG Architecture sharing the schedule, and plans for the interviews.

Action Taken: At 10:01 AM, a motion was made by Jeff Hanson to enter into Executive Session for Construction Management Firm Interviews and Credentialing.
The motion was seconded.

Voting Aye: Dahlgren, Hanson, Grollmes, Olson
Absent and Not Voting: Stadler
Motion Carried.

IV. Executive Session

At 10:03 AM, the board of trustees welcomed seven members of MCL Construction including Gary Peters, Tony Fucciario, Tyler Douglas, Blake Brumbaugh, Rich Woodson, Troy Leiting, and Jay Potter for the MCL proposal. Members of MCL Construction left the meeting at 11:03 AM following their presentation.

At 11:13 AM, the board of trustees welcomed six members of JE Dunn Construction including Joe Jelden, Jameson Werner, Natalie Huntley, Zach Canfield, Brian Cruz and Connor Yost for the JE Dunn proposal at 11:18 AM. Members of JE Dunn Construction Group left the meeting at 12:20 PM following their presentation.

The group broke for lunch at 12:20 PM.

At 12:53 PM, the board of trustees welcomed seven members from Sampson Construction including Heath Franzen, Brad Myers, Adam Streck, Shane Rothchild, Justin Hall, Brayden Kohtz and Sam LaPuma whom entered the room. Members of Sampson Construction left the meeting at 1:53 PM following their presentation.

End of Executive Session: At 2:53 PM, a motion was made by Stephen Olson to end Executive Session.

Voting Aye: Dahlgren, Hanson, Grollmes, Olson
Absent and Not Voting: Stadler
Motion Carried.

Action Taken: A motion was made by Jeff Hanson to accept the Sampson Construction proposal.
The motion was seconded.

Voting Aye: Hanson, Grollmes, Olson
Absent and Not Voting: Stadler
Abstaining: Dahlgren
Motion Carried.

The below applications were submitted for appointment, reappointment or termination to the KCHS Medical Staff by Janell Shelton (Director of Primary Care).

APPLICANT	SPECIALITY	FACILITY	STAFF CATEGORY		
Christopher Birkestrand, DDS	Dentistry	Minden Dental Clinic	Affiliate	change to	Consulting, due to Bylaws changing
Shahroz Aziz, MD	Radiology	Grand Island Radiology	Consulting	change to	Real Radiology
Arron Benner, MD	Radiology	Kearney Radiology	Consulting	change to	Real Radiology
Steven Black, MD	Radiology	Plains Radiology	Consulting	change to	Real Radiology
Michael Landis, MD	Radiology	Plains Radiology	Consulting	change to	Real Radiology
Trevor Lewis, MD	Radiology	Grand Island Radiology	Consulting	change to	Real Radiology
Steven McCormack, MD	Radiology	Plains Radiology	Consulting	change to	Real Radiology
Randall Snyder, MD	Radiology	Great Plains Radiology	Consulting	change to	Real Radiology
Buddy Thompson, MD	Radiology	Plains Radiology	Consulting	change to	Real Radiology
Joseph Vavricek, MD	Radiology	Grand Island Radiology	Consulting	change to	Real Radiology
Brian Zhu, MD	Radiology	Kearney Radiology	Consulting	change to	Real Radiology

APPLICANT	SPECIALITY	FACILITY	STAFF CATEGORY	FIRST APPOINTMENT	RE-APPOINTMENT	NOTES
Kristina Draper, CRNA	Anesthesia	Kearney Anesthesia Services	Affiliate	2/24/2016	9/1/2026	
Sri Harsha Kanuri, MD	Pain Medicine	Grand Island Pain Relief	Consulting	6/24/2026	8/1/2026	
John Creasy, MD	Radiology	Real Radiology	Consulting	5/27/2026	8/1/2026	
Marse McCann-Carpenter, DDS	Dentistry	McCann-Carpenter Dental	Consulting	10/1/1999	8/1/2026	
Katherine Andrews, LIMHP	Mental Health	KCHS-SLS	Affiliate	2/24/2021	8/1/2026	
Abby Gallagher, APRN	Pulmonology	Hastings Pulmonary	Affiliate	6/29/2016	8/1/2026	
Danail Muhammad, DO	Radiology	Real Radiology	Consulting	7/29/2026		
Pravardhan, Birthi, MD	Pain Medicine	Grand Island Pain Relief	Consulting			Not rec credentialing just adding privileges

APPLICANT	SPECIALITY	FACILITY			PRIVILEGES TERMED	REASON
Marcus Kirkpatrick, MD	Radiology	Plains Radiology			7/8/2026	KCHS no longer contracted with Plains
Richard Jerde, MD	Radiology	Plains Radiology			7/8/2026	KCHS no longer contracted with Plains
Gregory Gordon, MD	Radiology	Plains Radiology			7/8/2026	KCHS no longer contracted with Plains
David Hadford, MD	Radiology	Plains Radiology			7/8/2026	KCHS no longer contracted with Plains
Scott Lowe, MD	Radiology	Plains Radiology			7/8/2026	KCHS no longer contracted with Plains
Alyssia Plouzek, MD	Radiology	Plains Radiology			7/8/2026	KCHS no longer contracted with Plains
Cody Evans, MD	Radiology	Plains Radiology			7/8/2026	KCHS no longer contracted with Plains
Nathan Murdoch, MD	Radiology	Plains Radiology			7/8/2026	KCHS no longer contracted with Plains
Jacob Fleecs, MD	Radiology	Plains Radiology			7/8/2026	KCHS no longer contracted with Plains
Ning Zhang, MD	Radiology	Plains Radiology			7/8/2026	KCHS no longer contracted with Plains
Amanda Dimmitt, MD	Radiology	Plains Radiology			7/8/2026	KCHS no longer contracted with Plains
Daniel Novinski, MD	Radiology	Plains Radiology			7/8/2026	KCHS no longer contracted with Plains
Jodie Scheele, PA-C Ramakrishna Gorantla, MBBS	Radiology Cardiology	Plains Radiology CHI Health			7/8/2026 7/11/2026	KCHS no longer contracted with Plains No longer with CHI

Action Taken: A motion was made by Andy Grollmes to approve the Credentialing Report. The motion was seconded.

Voting Aye: Hanson, Grollmes, Olson, Dahlgren

Absent and Not Voting: Stadler

Motion Carried.

I. Other Comments/Communications

The group discussed public updates to be given. Land is under a purchase agreement contract, pending a successful site survey. The next regular meeting will be Wednesday, August 5, 2026 at Noon, in the Functional Health Meeting Room.

II. Adjournment

The meeting Adjourned at 3:05 PM.

AJ Dahlgren, Chairman

Stephen Olson, Secretary