

4-23-2026 Memorial Regional Health Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by John Ponikvar, Chair at 6:00 p.m.

Attendance

Board of Trustees Members present: Denise Arola, John Ponikvar, Dr. Kelly Hepworth, Steve Hilley, and Amy Updike.

Board of Trustees Member absent: Roger Richmond.

MRH Staff present: Becky Forney, Jennifer Riley, Kristine Cooper, Dr. Jeff Womble, Brittany Johnson, Michael Buda, Dr. Linda Couillard, James Williams, Taylor, Wilson, and Julie Hanna.

Guests present: Brad Dejong and Chris Dillon of Eide Bailly; Randy Looper, of Craig City Council; Michelle Gelroth and Ashley Thomas of the Aspen Valley Hospital.

Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board

There were no requests to address the board.

Employee and Hospital Recognition

There were no employee recognitions for this meeting.

MRH has been named one of the Ten Best Colorado Rural Hospitals by the Colorado Rural Hospital Association. CEO Jennifer Riley presented the Board of Trustees with the plaque commemorating the achievement.

2026 MRH Financial Audit Draft

Representatives of Eide Bailly, LLP presented the 2026 MRH Audit.

Brad DeJong and Chris Dillon presented an overview of the MRH 2026 Audit. They pointed out that there were no findings or audit adjustments. With an overall bottom line of \$2.3 million, the organization is doing well. The usual presentation date is May of each year, but, this year the audit was completed a month early. They thanked the team for being ready.

MOTION 2026 -30: Moved by Dr. Kelly Hepworth, Seconded by Steve Hilley, That the MRH Board of Trustees approve the 2026 Audit. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Agenda Review

The board reviewed the 4-23-2026 MRH Board of Trustees agenda.

MOTION 2026 -31 : Moved by Steve Hilley, seconded by Dr. Kelly Hepworth, That the Board of Trustees approve the agenda as modified by deleting Item 19 - Executive Session. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Partner Updates

Moffat County Commissioners

City Council Representative

Randy Looper spoke to the trustees about recent activities at the city. KC Hume started his job as the new city manager this week. The Just Transition Fund awarded the city \$250,000 grant that will be used to continue moving forward with the Northwest Colorado Innovation Center. Several candidates were interviewed for the executive director position, but so far none have been a good fit. The state legislature has just passed funding for MEDA, the Moffat Economic Development Association, to invest in a financial advisor and accountant for guidance on investing Tri-State money. The swimming pool opens 5-29-2026. Both the city and county have passed bans on all open fires. CNCC dorm construction has been delayed to December. A short term rental ordinance was passed by council requiring registration.

Water restrictions will be put in place for this summer. The city is looking at leasing some water rights from Elkhead Reservoir. The city hired a code enforcement office whose job will be to concentrate on violations for garbage, refuse, weeds, brush, unlawful accumulations, junk vehicles, and moveable building materials. The city is in negotiations with the school district for the purchase of the 8th street townhomes. The River Park is going to be amazing! It is up and will be open shortly after the Grand Opening.

Board of Trustees Facility Visitation Report

John Ponikvar presented details of his visit to IT, and his observations of the self-defense training that was also happening on the day of his visit.

Monthly 2026 Calendar

The May 2026 Calendar was reviewed and accepted by the board.

Consent Agenda - Meeting Minutes

MOTION 2026 -32 : Moved by Amy Updike, Seconded by Denise Arola , That the Board of Trustees approve the 3-26-2026 MRH Board of Trustees Meeting Minutes; accept the 4-8-2026 Quality Steering Committee Meeting Minutes; accept the 4-20-2026 MRH Finance Committee Minutes, as revised; and accept the MRH Foundation Minutes 03-18-26. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

MOTION 2026 - 33: Moved by Amy Updike, seconded by Steve Hilley, That the Board of Trustees approve the MRH Foundation Board Classification 2026. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

MOTION 2026 - 34: Moved by Steve Hilley, seconded by Dr. Kelly Hepworth, That the Board of Trustees approve the MRH Foundation Resolution for Check Signing Policy. Ayes: Steve Hilley, Dr. Kelly Hepworth, John Ponikvar, and Denise Arola. Nays: Amy Updike. Motion carried.

MOTION 2026 - 35: Moved by Amy Updike, seconded by Denise Arola, That the Board of Trustees approve the MRH Foundation Check Signing Policy. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Quality and Patient Safety - Quality Report

Zachary Johnson presented the Quality Report and noted that MRH is in the process of changing from Press Ganey to Ultrex for patient satisfaction reporting.

MRH Financial Reports

March 2026 MRH Financial Report. Brittany Johnson presented the March 2026 Financial Report. Highlighted items included ongoing efforts to clean up CPSI, MRH is continuing to see high employee benefits, and there are six travelers with job assignments at MRH.

Income Statement: Gross patient revenue for the month of March was at \$14.3m (Column A, Line 4) compared to a budget of \$14.2m. Prior year gross revenue was \$12.2m. Net Patient Revenue was \$6.6m (Column A, Line 10) for March on a budget of \$7.2m.

Expenses: Total expenses for the month were at \$6.6m (column A, line 34) with a budget of \$7.2m. Employee health insurance was at \$719k with the 2026 monthly average at \$503k. The net profit for March was \$171k on a budget of \$138k.

Balance Sheet Total operating cash and investments for the month are at \$15m. The EPIC designated fund total is \$2.25m (line 15). Hoping for Cost Report receivable for 2026.

Days in AR: Days in AR is at 70 days for March.

Days Cash on Hand:

Total days cash on hand is at 106 days in March, which is higher than February at 100.5 days. One day of cash equals \$209,423.

Revenue Cycle Dashboard for June 2026 through March 2026. Brittany Johnson reviewed this dashboard with the committee indicating that the goal for clean claim rate is 90% and we are presently at 81.51%. Claim denial rate is at 21.4%, slightly down due to issues with payers. Aging Summary, which is mainly self pay, shows slight improvement. Recently added as a goal is Financial Assistance Metrics showing the patient account of approvals and adjustments.

Projects and Capital Purchases as recommended by the Finance Committee

Procurement - MOB Cameras. James Williams, IT Director, presented this procurement for Verkada Camers for the MOB. All cameras in the hospital have been updated in the last two years to cloud based Verkada cameras. MOB still has older, original cameras that are on non-supported software. This project will update the MOB and will make our camera system consistent throughout campus and off-site clinics by adding four more cameras for Rapid Care Clinic and the Specialty Clinic. Budgeted at \$22,500, the purchase cost is \$27,408.50 making this request over budget by \$4,908.66. There is an additional cost of \$23,622.66 to be paid annually for a 5-year camera license, subscription, and multi-sensor increases.

MOTION 2026 -36 : Moved by Steve Hillel, Seconded by Dr. Kelly Hepworth, That the Board of Trustees approve the Verkada Cameras request at a cost of \$27,408.58. Ayes: Steve Hillel, Dr. Kelly Hepworth, John Ponikvar, and Denise Arola. Nays: Amy Updike. Motion carried.

Consent Agenda - Medical Staff Privileges

Dr. Jeffrey Womble presented the Medical Staff Privileges.

MOTION 2026 -37: Moved by Amy Updike, seconded by Denise Arola, That the following privileges be approved as reviewed and recommended by the Credentials Committee and approved by the Medical Executive Committee:

The following files are presented to the Board of Trustees for Provisional Staff appointment:

- Steven Tandberg, MD – Radiology. The committees reviewed and approved the application and file for Dr. Tandberg, and they recommend his initial appointment to the Provisional Staff of The Memorial Hospital at Craig for a term of one (1) year.
- Abdelrahman Abdelaziz, MD – Tele-Psychiatry (Proxy). The committees reviewed and approved the application and file for Dr. Abdelaziz, and recommend his initial appointment to the Provisional Staff of The Memorial Hospital at Craig for a term of one (1) year.
- Jacob Gilchrist, MD – Tele-Radiology (Proxy). The committees reviewed and approved the application and file for Dr. Gilchrist, and they recommend his initial appointment to the

Provisional Staff of The Memorial Hospital at Craig for a term of one (1) year.

➤ Mudassar Kamran, MD – Tele-Radiology (Proxy). The committees reviewed and approved the application and file for Dr. Kamran, and they recommend his initial appointment to the Provisional Staff of The Memorial Hospital at Craig for a term of one (1) year.

➤ Derik Kenworthy, MD – Tele-Radiology (Proxy). The committees reviewed and approved the application and file for Dr. Kenworthy, and they recommend his initial appointment to the Provisional Staff of The Memorial Hospital at Craig for a term of one (1) year.

➤ Nicholas Manasewitsch, MD – Tele-Radiology (Proxy). The committees reviewed and approved the application and file for Dr. Manasewitsch, and they recommend his initial appointment to the Provisional Staff of The Memorial Hospital at Craig for a term of one (1) year.

➤ Lawrence Pan, MD – Tele-Radiology (Proxy). The committees reviewed and approved the application and file for Dr. Pan, and they recommend his initial appointment to the Provisional Staff of The Memorial Hospital at Craig for a term of one (1) year.

The following files are presented to the Board of Trustees for Advancement of privileges:

➤ Raphael Zohn, MD – Tele-Radiology (proxy). The committees reviewed and approved the application and file for Dr. Zohn, and they recommend his advancement to the Tele-Medicine Staff of The Memorial Hospital at Craig for a term of three (3) years.

The following files are presented to the Board of Trustees for Advancement of privileges:

➤ Trey Gorham, CRNA NSPM-C – Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist, Chronic Pain Management. The committees reviewed and approved the application and file for Mr. Gorham, and they recommend his reappointment to the Non-Physician Staff of The Memorial Hospital at Craig for a term of two (2) years.

➤ Igor Zaytsev, MD – Tele-Radiology (proxy). The committees reviewed and approved the application and file for Dr. Zaytsev, and they recommend his reappointment to the Tele-Medicine Staff of The Memorial Hospital at Craig for a term of three (3) years.

Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Reports

There were no Reports.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business.

Board of Trustees Operations Policy

Jennifer Riley presented the Board of Trustees Operations Policy updated to reflect the Medical Staff Recruiting and Retention Guidelines previously approved by the Board of Trustees at their last meeting.

MOTION 2026 -38 : Moved by Amy Updike , Seconded by Denise Arola , That the Board of Trustees approve the Board of Trustees Operations Policy as updated. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Carepoint Contract

Carepoint ED Contract Renewal Information. Presented by Jennifer Riley, this is a renewal contract for the MRH ED Physician Hospitalist Group for May 1, 2026 through April 30, 2030. Jennifer Riley has reviewed and renegotiated the contract. Carepoint has been providing ED services since 2020. This has been a good contract for MRH. All physicians are board certified, and great with patients. She attributes part of our increasing good patient perceptions to interactions in ED. Compared with the cost of employing ED physicians, this continues to be a better situation for MRH. The contract has been reviewed by legal. Dr. Womble noted that these ED providers are part of the medical staff, and are very engaged in the hospital operations.

MOTION 2026 -39: Moved by Amy Updike, Seconded by Denise Arola, That the Board of Trustees approve the Carepoint ED Four Year Contract. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Ovation Contract

Brittany Johnson presented this contract which provides: Payer contract negotiation assistance. It is not budgeted and the cost is \$44,000 annually with a budget offset of \$75,382 for Finthrive automation that will not be implemented. Brittany received recommendations from our neighboring hospitals: Pioneers and Rifle.

MOTION 2026-40: Moved by Amy Updike, Seconded by Denise Arola, That the Board of Trustees approve the Ovation Contract at a cost of \$44,000 annually. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Executive Session

At 7:15 p.m. The board adjourned to Executive Session.

MOTION 2026-41: Moved by Steve Hilley, Seconded by Dr. Kelly Hepworth, That the Board of Trustees adjourn to Executive Session for matters required to be kept confidential pursuant to the Colorado Open Meetings Law, C.R.S. § 24-6-402(4)(c) subject to the

Colorado Professional Review Act, C.R.S. § 12-36.5-104(15). – 2026 - Q1 – Risk Management Summary Report. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

New Business.

The board returned to regular session at 7:20 p.m.

2026 Q1 Risk Management Report

MOTION 2026 - 42: Moved by Amy Updike, Seconded by Dr. Kelly Hepworth, That the Board of Trustees approve the 2026 Q1-Risk Management Summary Report. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

EPIC Contract with Aspen Hospital

Jennifer Riley presented the contract that has been updated with the most recent numbers. Because of the size and scope of the contract, there remain some additional one time costs and unknowns yet to be determined. At the afternoon session the board heard from several managers of their experiences with the present EPIC instance, and what the proposed transition would do to resolve many issues. Additional revisions to the contract will be made with the legal department for proposed finalization by May 1.

MOTION 2026 - 43: Moved by Amy Updike , Seconded by Steve Hilley, That the Board of Trustees approve CEO Jennifer Riley to finalize the negotiations and enter into an agreement with Aspen Valley Health for Epic Community Connect. . Ayes, all. Motion carried.

Adjourn

MOTION 2026 - 44: Moved by Steve Hilley, Seconded by Dr. Kelly Hepworth, That the Board of Trustees adjourn the meeting. Ayes, all. Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Julie Hanna, Executive Assistant and Recorder