



**Minutes of Regular Scheduled Board Meeting
Dawson County Hospital District
June 24, 2025**

Members Present: David Sanderson, Board President Mike Johnson, Board Member
Leslie Hawkins, Board Member

Members Absent: Steven Hatchett, Board Vice-President (via conference call) (voting);
and Nicky Chapman, Board Secretary (voting)

Guests Present: Renae Thomas, President for Thomas & Thomas Financial Management
Services (via conference call); Mary Elizabeth Davis, Reporter for
Lamesa Press Reporter; and Carter Schildknecht, resident of
Dawson County

Staff Present: Freddy Olivarez, Chief Executive Officer; Jo Beth Smith,
Chief Operating Officer; Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer;
Diane Sherrill, Director of Nursing and Registered Nurse;
Cynthia Maria Vasquez, Human Resources Director;
Tiffany Crawford, Business Office Director, and
Sara Del Busto, Recording Secretary

1. **Call to Order:** David Sanderson, Board President, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m., with the above-mentioned members, staff, and guest present.
2. **Invocation:** The invocation was given by David Sanderson, Board President.
3. **Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge of allegiance was given by David Sanderson, Board President.
4. **Public Comment Session:** The Board of Directors entered Public Comment Session pursuant to the provisions of the Texas Open Meetings Act Government Code Section 551.001(4)(B) at 8:32 a.m.
 - A. The Board of Directors received no public comments.
 - B. David Sanderson, Board President, adjourned the Public Comment Session at 8:32 a.m.

5. Old Business:

A. Receive Information on Property Tax Valuations Including Appraisal and Taxation of Oil and Gas Interests – David Sanderson, President of the Board; and Pritchard & Abbott, Incorporated.

David Sanderson presented a deferment of the information on property tax valuations including appraisal and taxation of oil and gas interests. David Sanderson presented to the board Pritchard & Abbott is actively in the appraisal review board and protests processes.

6. Consent Agenda:

A. Approval of Minutes: Action will be taken to approve the minutes of the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting held May 27, 2025.

B. Medical Staff Report:

1. Receive report from Medical Staff representative.

2. Take action on any credentialing recommendations.

C. Report of Officers and Committees:

1. Receive and take action on the payments for the month of May 2025 Accounts Payable – Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer.

Motion made by Leslie Hawkins to accept the Consent Agenda, and seconded by Mike Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

7. Administrative Report:

A. Freddy Olivarez, Chief Executive Officer – Freddy Olivarez, Chief Executive Officer presented to the board the following:

1. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the annual Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) training and Cybersecurity training and forms for completion;
2. Freddy Olivarez announced to the board Medical Arts partnered with the Dawson County Library to help with their Messy Art Festival held on Saturday May 31, 2025. The hospital had three volunteers that helped man the canvas art booth;
3. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board Medical Arts partnered with Vitalant to host a successful blood drive on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 in the hospital community room. There was a good turnout with additional walk ins donations received;
4. Freddy Olivarez announced to the board Medical Arts sponsored pretzels snacks and brochures to include in the gift bags for customer appreciation day for the local Security Finance;
5. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board that Medical Arts Senior Leaders volunteered at the Dawson County Senior Citizens Center to deliver meals to local senior citizens as part of the Meals on Wheels program on Friday, May 30, 2025 and Monday, June 9, 2025. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board senior leaders volunteered at the Lamesa Food Bank on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at First Baptist Church;
6. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the Medical Arts Hospital has received two positive Google reviews with a current 4.4 rating;

7. Freddy Olivarez announced to the board the employee morale is conducting a fundraiser of pie in the face of Administration senior leaders;
8. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the Medical Arts Hospital Auxiliary is conducting two basket raffles to help with their efforts to support our local healthcare at home. Tickets may be purchased from members of the hospital Auxiliary or at Medical Arts Hospital from Auxiliary member, Ani Garcia. The drawing will be held on Tuesday, July 8, 2025 at Medical Arts Hospital;
9. Freddy Olivarez announced to the board the Medical Arts Health Clinic will be closed Friday, July 4, 2025 in observance of the Independence Day holiday;
10. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board Medical Arts is next scheduled to volunteer at Lamesa Movieland Theater on Wednesday, July 31, 2025. Volunteers will work the concession stand and clean the theaters after the movies. Interested volunteers may contact Sara Del Busto or Administration;
11. Freddy Olivarez announced to the board the upcoming Medical Arts movie night summer party;
12. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board attendance at Texas Healthcare Trustees (THT) healthcare governance conference. Freddy Olivarez expressed appreciation to board members in attendance at the conference. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the conference was good with valuable networking opportunities;
13. Freddy Olivarez announced to the board great work on grant opportunities by Jo Beth Smith and Sara Del Busto. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the Weaver Foundation awarded funds to support a new nurse call system and intravenous pumps. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the Capital Improvement Grant awarded funds to support new ultrasound equipment and emergency room stretchers. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the Maternal Care grant awarded funds to support emergency room obstetrics with new equipment. Diane Sherrill presented to the board we have a successful hospital Auxiliary group that obtained donations for television replacements on the Med Surg floor. Diane Sherrill expressed appreciation for the volunteer group going out on behalf of the hospital district to obtain donations. Freddy Olivarez and the board expressed appreciation and excitement for the active Auxiliary group. Freddy Olivarez expressed appreciation to Jo Beth Smith, Sara Del Busto, Diane Sherrill, and Cody Taggart for their contributions to these projects and grant funding opportunities.

8. Report of Officers and Committees:

A. Receive and take action on the Financial Reports for the month of May 2025 – Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer.

Colby Reeves presented the May 2025 financial reports to the board. Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer, facilitated discussion with Renae Thomas, President for Thomas & Thomas Financial Management Services; and the Board of Directors on financials, adjustments, employee retention tax credit (ERTC) funds and recoupments, and investment recommendations. After discussion was held a motion made by Mike Johnson to accept the financial reports for May 2025, and seconded by Leslie Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously.

9. New Business:

A. Election of Governing Body Officers for the 2025 - 2026 Fiscal Year for Chairman, Vice Chairman, and Secretary – David Sanderson, President of the Board.

David Sanderson presented the election of governing body officers for the 2025-2026 fiscal year for President, Vice President, and Secretary. David Sanderson announced the current governing body officers. David Sanderson presented to the board the formal process for election of governing body officers. David Sanderson opened the election of governing body officers for the 2025-2026 fiscal year beginning with election of the Board Chairman. The board held open discussion in favor of keeping the same officer positions. Leslie Hawkins presented a motion to keep the current governing officers the same with David Sanderson as Chairman, Steven Hatchett as Vice Chairman, and Nicky Chapman as Secretary, and seconded by Mike Johnson. No further nominations or motions were received. Motion was carried unanimously.

B. Receive and Take Action on the Establishment of a TexPool Investment Account – Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer

Colby Reeves presented to the board a resolution authorizing participation in the TexPool investment pools and designating authorized representatives for establishment of a TexPool investment account. Colby Reeves, Chief Financial Officer, facilitated discussion with Freddy Olivarez, Chief Executive Officer; Renae Thomas, President for Thomas & Thomas Financial Management Services; and the Board of Directors on investment liquidity, interest, recoupment of interest funds, and penalties. After discussion, motion was made by Mike Johnson that we establish a TexPool account, and seconded by Leslie Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Receive for Possible Action on Resolution approving distribution of Opioid Settlement Funding in accordance with 34 TAC 16.222 and Senate Bill (SB) 1827, 87th Legislature – Freddy Olivarez, Chief Executive Officer.

David Sanderson presented to the board opioid settlement funding expenditures will be done slightly different. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board the changes advised by the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council: delegation to one officer, settlement between hospitals and pharmacies, money towards opioid education, and dynamic approach. Freddy Olivarez, Chief Executive Officer, facilitated discussion with Renae Thomas, President for Thomas & Thomas Financial Management Services; and the Board of Directors on fund distribution schedule, utilization of funds directed towards opioid education, interest, and qualification of recoupment of funds. Freddy Olivarez presented to the board a resolution approving distribution of Opioid Settlement Funding. After discussion, motion was made by Leslie Hawkins to accept the opioid settlement resolution, and seconded by Mike Johnson. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Receive for Review/Completion Statement of Confidentiality, Conflict of Interest Questionnaire and Disclosure Forms – Sara Del Busto, Recording Secretary.

David Sanderson presented to the board the Statement of Confidentiality, Conflict of Interest Questionnaire and Disclosure Forms. David Sanderson presented to the board an explanation of the Conflict of Interest Questionnaire and Disclosure Forms. No action was taken by the board.

10. Executive Session: Enter into Executive Session pursuant to Texas Health & Safety Code Section: 161.032/compliance reports; and Texas Government Code Sections: 551.074/personnel matters; 551.071/consultation with attorney regarding legal issues related to personnel.

A. The Board of Directors of Dawson County Hospital District now convenes in Closed Session the date is June 24, 2025 and the time is 9:02 a.m.

B. Enter into Executive Session pursuant to the above cited authorities:

1. **Personnel Matters** – Freddy Olivarez, Chief Executive Officer.

2. **Consultation with Attorney** – Craig Carter, Attorney of Jackson & Carter, PLLC.

C. The Board of Directors of Dawson County Hospital District now adjourns its Closed Session and will return to Open Session. The date is June 24, 2025 and the time is 9:47 a.m.

11. Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Mike Johnson, and seconded by Leslie Hawkins. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. David Sanderson, President of the Board, adjourned the meeting at 9:47 a.m.