

Kennewick Public Hospital District
Thursday, May 28, 2026 | Hybrid Meeting
5:00 PM
MINUTES

Attendance: Mark Brault, Marv Kinney, Rick Reil, Spencer Harris, Shannon Phipps, Wanda Briggs, Gary Long, Lee Kerr, Heidi Ellerd, Erica Davis, Salem Thompson

I. Regular District Business:

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA INCLUDING MINUTES FROM THE MARCH 26, 2026 REGULAR MEETING. ALL IN FAVOR. NO DISCUSSION. MOTION CARRIED.

B. Declare any known or perceived Conflicts Of Interest – None declared.

C. Public Comment - NONE

II. REPORTS/BUSINESS:

A. Lee Kerr – Superintendent, General Update

Lee reported on the recovery center's recent addition of housing and adolescent behavioral health elements to their programming, which will help address unmet needs in our community.

Wanda asked about Franklin County's participation in the recovery center. Lee stated that recent newspaper articles are the only sources currently available on the topic. Wanda further asked about Benton Franklin Health Department's participation. Again, Lee could not confirm their participation in the recovery center. A discussion followed on the Mental Health Safety Tax.

Lee stated that KPHD does not have the funds to replace Franklin County's would be participation but would like to see KPHD have a larger role in the future of the center if that is possible.

B. Legal Report - Heidi Ellerd, Legal Counsel – Nothing new to report.

C. Administrative Report, Salem Thompson - Nothing new to report.

D. Committee Reports/Recommendations

1. Finance Committee – Spencer Harris/ERICA Davis

a. Overview of March and April 2026 Financials – Erica Davis provided an overview of the information.

b. Acceptance of March and April 2026 Financial statements

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 2026 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS PRESENTED. ALL IN FAVOR. NO DISCUSSION. MOTION CARRIED.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE APRIL 2026 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS PRESENTED. ALL IN FAVOR. NO DISCUSSION. MOTION CARRIED.

c. Treasurer's Report – Spencer Harris

Spencer reported that the contribution for the betterments of the recovery center will be paid once Benton County provides an invoice.

Erica Davis reported that the District's annual report was filed.

2. Governance Committee Updates – Mark Brault

a. General update – Discussion below

- b. Southridge Revitalization Area assessment – This is not a new item per se, it is funds that are moved within Benton County's authority. It effectively reduces property tax revenue by a small amount, which results in a lower amount due on the Community Care Agreement payments.

- c. Conflict of Interest Policy – Mark provided an overview of the updates to the policy which aligns with the current statute.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY AS PRESENTED. ALL IN FAVOR. NO DISCUSSION. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Planning Committee – Wanda Briggs provided an overview of the following items.

a. CBC (Columbia Basin College) Donation for two items:

Scholarship for Substance Abuse Disorder Professional Students (\$10,000, Ten (10) Scholarships at \$1000 each) and Surgical Technology Mannequin (\$15,000)

Wanda stated that providing these items to CBC will greatly benefit both the local workforce supporting the recovery center and other local efforts addressing the rise in substance use disorder and provide a lasting impact through the surgical mannequin. These items were discussed at the committee levels, and all were in favor of approving the donation.

IT WAS MOVED AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE DONATION OF \$25,000 TO COLUMBIA BASIN COLLEGE TO FUND THE FOLLOWING: TEN (10) \$1000 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR THE SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE PROGRAM, AND \$15,000 TO PURCHASE A SURGICAL TECHNOLOGY MANNEQUIN. ALL IN FAVOR. NO DISCUSSION. MOTION CARRIED.

- b. General update – Planning did not have a meeting this month. We would still appreciate support from Lee in obtaining a meeting with Trios on joint communications efforts.

4. Adult Day Services – Wanda Briggs

a. General update

At the last ADS board meeting, new officers were elected, and I am currently serving as President. Rick Reil, who has served willingly and provided leadership on the board and as president has rolled off the board after 30+ years. While we know Rick is still around for expert advice and support, we express this evening our deep gratitude for his service. All agreed. Wanda provided a card and gift to Rick Reil as a personal thanks.

III. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

IV. Upcoming items – NONE

V. BOARD MEETINGS/EVENTS/EDUCATION

Next Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting – Thursday, June 25, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m.

Close of Meeting 5:40 pm