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MARIN HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

REGULAR MEETING

Tuesday, July 14, 2026
MarinHealth Medical Center
Conference Center

MINUTES

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call**
   Chair Rienks called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

   Board members present: Chair, Jennifer Rienks, PhD; Vice Chair, Brian Su, MD; Secretary, Samantha Ramirez, BSW; Edward Alfrey, MD; Ann Sparkman, RN/BSN, JD
   Staff present: David Klein, MD, CEO; Colin Leary, General Counsel; Eric Brettner, CFO*;* Tricia Lee, EA

2. **General Public Comment**
   There was no public comment.

3. **Approve Agenda**
   Director Alfrey moved to approve. Director Sparkman seconded.
   Vote: all ayes.

4. **Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 9, 2026**
   Approval of the Regular Meeting of June 9, 2026 Minutes. Director Alfrey moved to approve. Director Su seconded. **Vote: all ayes.**

5. **Consider Process to Fill Vacancy on the Board of Directors Resulting from Director Ramirez's Pending Resignation**
   Mr. Leary reviewed the statutory process for filling the Board vacancy created by Director Ramirez's resignation, including the provisions of Government Code section 1780. The Board discussed the option of making an appointment versus allowing the November election process to fill the seat, the associated timelines, and the importance of encouraging qualified Division 1 residents to file for office.

   Board members discussed outreach efforts, community representation, and the benefits of allowing the election process to proceed.

   Public comment was received.

6. **Update on Age Friendly Health System Recognition**
   Dr. Klein provided an update on MarinHealth's efforts toward Age-Friendly Health System recognition. He reviewed the Institute for Healthcare Improvement's "4Ms" framework—What Matters, Medication, Mentation, and Mobility—and reported that a multidisciplinary workgroup has begun a gap analysis comparing current practices with Age-Friendly standards.

The Board discussed opportunities to expand the initiative throughout the MarinHealth enterprise, medication safety, mobility, fall prevention, perioperative care for older adults, and improving outcomes for elderly patients. The Board expressed support for continuing the initiative.

7. Healthcare Advocacy and Emerging Challenges and Trends

Dr. Klein reported that there were no significant updates since the previous meeting regarding healthcare advocacy or legislative activity.

Director Alfrey briefly noted increasing national attention to electric bike safety and related legislation.

8. Update on ACHD Certification

Dr. Klein reported on progress toward Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD) certification. Staff continues compiling required documentation, including governance, transparency, financial reporting, ethics and harassment prevention training, and website compliance. Most certification requirements have already been completed, with remaining items primarily consisting of documentation and training verification.

9. Committee Reports

A. *Finance & Audit Committee*
Committee did not meet, no report given.

B. *Lease, Building, Education and Outreach Committee*
Committee did not meet, no report given.

C. *Primary Care Task Force*
Chair Rienks reported that the Task Force completed an interview with Katie Wicks and is coordinating additional interviews with community stakeholders regarding primary care access.

10. Reports

A. Hospital CEO's Report:
Dr. Klein reported on healthcare advocacy and legislative activity, annual bond rating reviews, safety and security initiatives, implementation of Assembly Bill 2975 weapon detection requirements, wildfire mitigation efforts, seismic compliance planning, parking expansion, employee transportation initiatives, EV charging infrastructure, construction projects, primary care recruitment, urgent care expansion, MRI upgrades, and other ongoing operational projects.

Mr. Brettner reviewed Moody's revised bond rating methodology and explained its potential impact on future District bond ratings.

B. Chair's and Board Members' Reports:
Chair Rienks recognized Director Samantha Ramirez for her nearly four years of service on the Board and thanked her for her leadership and commitment to the community.

Chair Rienks announced the opening of the candidate filing period for the November election and reported that annual CEO goals had been finalized.

Director Su requested Lease, Building, Education and Outreach Committee consideration of a community anti-gun violence sponsorship request.

Directors Alfrey and Sparkman thanked Director Ramirez for her service.

Director Ramirez reflected on her tenure, encouraged continued community outreach, leadership development, Latino community engagement, and intentional succession planning, and thanked the Board and staff for their support throughout her service.

11. Agenda Suggestions for Future Meetings
Marin County Commission on Aging presentation.

12. Adjournment of Regular Meeting
Chair Rienks adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:45 p.m.