

# Kaweah Delta Health Care District Board of Directors Meeting

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## **KAWEAH DELTA HEALTH CARE DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

City of Visalia – City Council Chambers  
707 W. Acequia, Visalia, CA

**Wednesday April 23, 2025 {Regular Meeting}**

### **OPEN MEETING AGENDA {4:00PM}**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Members of the public may comment on agenda items before action is taken and after it is discussed by the Board. Each speaker will be allowed five minutes. Members of the public wishing to address the Board concerning items not on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Board are requested to identify themselves at this time.
- 4. APPROVAL OF THE CLOSED AGENDA – 4:01PM**  
**Public Participation** – Members of the public may comment on agenda items before action is taken and after the item has been discussed by the Board.  
*Action Requested – Approval of the April 23, 2025, closed meeting agenda.*
- 5. ADJOURN**

### **CLOSED MEETING AGENDA {4:01PM}**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**– Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(1)
  - A. Franks v KDHCD Case #VCU290542
  - B. Burns-Nunez v KDHCD Case # VCU293107
  - C. Oney v KDHCD Case # VCU293813

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- D. Parnell v Kaweah Health Case # VCU292139
- E. Newport v KDHCD Case # 1:23-CV-01752-NODJ-SAB
- F. M. Vasquez v KDHCD Case # VCU297964
- G. Pendleton v KDHCD Case #VCU305571
- H. Rhodes v KDHCD Case # VCU306460
- I. Negrete v KDHCD Case #VCU309437
- J. LaRumbe-Torres v KDHCD Case #VCU313564
- K. Smithson v KDHCD Case #VCU313258
- L. Maxey v KDHCD Case #VCU314996
- M. Medina v KDHCD Case #VCU316413
- N. Richardson v KDHCD Case #VCU311369
- O. Ramirez v KDHCD Case VCU311675
- P. Burger v KDHCD Case VCU312863
- Q. Andrade v KDHCD Case VCU317338
- R. Matrinez-Luna v KDHCD Case VCU317930

*Evelyn McEntire, Director of Risk Management and Rachele Berglund, Legal Counsel or Richard Salinas, Legal Counsel*

**3. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(1).**

*Evelyn McEntire, Director of Risk Management and Rachele Berglund, Legal Counsel or Richard Salinas, Legal Counsel*

**4. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION – Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(1). 2 Cases**

*Evelyn McEntire, Director of Risk Management and Rachele Berglund, Legal Counsel or Richard Salinas, Legal Counsel*

**5. QUALITY ASSURANCE pursuant to Health and Safety Code 32155 and 1461, report of quality assurance committee.**

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6. **CREDENTIALING** - Medical Executive Committee (MEC) requests that the appointment, reappointment and other credentialing activity regarding clinical privileges and staff membership recommended by the respective department chiefs, the credentials committee and the MEC be reviewed for approval pursuant to Health and Safety Code 1461 and 32155.  
*Daniel Hightower, MD, Chief of Staff*
7. **QUALITY ASSURANCE** pursuant to Health and Safety Code 32155 and 1461, report of quality assurance committee.  
*Daniel Hightower, MD Chief of Staff*
8. **APPROVAL OF THE CLOSED MEETING MINUTES** – March 26, 2025, closed meeting minutes.
9. **ADJOURN**

## **OPEN MEETING AGENDA {5:00PM}**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**
3. **FLAG SALUTE- DIRECTOR MURRIETA**
4. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** – Members of the public may comment on agenda items before action is taken and after it is discussed by the Board. Each speaker will be allowed five minutes. Members of the public wishing to address the Board concerning items not on the agenda and within the jurisdiction of the Board are requested to identify themselves at this time.
6. **CLOSED SESSION ACTION TAKEN** – Report on action(s) taken in closed session.
7. **OPEN MINUTES** – Request approval of the March 26, 2025, open minutes.  
**Public Participation** – Members of the public may comment on agenda items before action is taken and after the item has been discussed by the Board.  
*Action Requested – Approval of the March 26, 2025, open minutes.*

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### 8. RECOGNITIONS

**8.1.** Presentation of Resolution 2254 to Adela Alvarez in recognition as the Kaweah Health World Class Employee of the month – April 2025 – *Director Murrieta*

**8.2.** Team of the Month – Endoscopy

### 9. INTRODUCTION – New Directors

**9.1.** Ishan Arvin, Interim Mental Health Services Consultant

**10. CREDENTIALS** - Medical Executive Committee requests that the appointment, reappointment and other credentialing activity regarding clinical privileges and staff membership recommended by the respective department chiefs, the credentials committee and the Medical Executive Committee be reviewed for approval.

*Daniel Hightower, MD, Chief of Staff*

**Public Participation** – Members of the public may comment on agenda items before action is taken and after the item has been discussed by the Board.

*Action Requested – Approval of the April 23, 2025, medical staff credentials report.*

**11. CHIEF OF STAFF REPORT** – Report relative to current Medical Staff events and issues.

*Daniel Hightower, MD, Chief of Staff*

**12. CONSENT CALENDAR** - All matters under the Consent Calendar will be approved by one motion, unless a Board member requests separate action on a specific item.

**Public Participation** – Members of the public may comment on agenda items before action is taken and after the item has been discussed by the Board.

*Action Requested – Approval of the April 23, 2025, Consent Calendar.*

### 12.1. REPORTS

- A. Physician Recruitment
- B. FY25 Strategic Plan
- C. Quarterly Risk Management Report
- D. Orthopedic Services
- E. Outpatient Lab and Pathology
- F. Sequoia Surgery Center

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### G. Maternal Child Health

#### **12.3. LEGAL**

- A. Resolution No. 1458, a resolution of the Board of the Directors of Kaweah Delta Health Care District amending and restating the employer-employee relations resolution 1458 of Kaweah Delta Health Care District.
- B. Rejection of Claim of Sebastian Tinoco, a minor, by and through his Guardian ad Litem, Guadalupe Tinoco; and Guadalupe Tinoco vs. Kaweah Delta Health Care, Inc., on its merits.
- C. Rejection of Claim of Sebastian Tinoco, a minor, by and through his Guardian ad Litem, Guadalupe Tinoco; and Guadalupe Tinoco vs. Kaweah Delta Health Care District Guild on its merits.
- D. Notice of Granting Application for Leave to Present Late Claim and Notice of Rejection of Claim of Daleyza Isquierdo, Erika Mez, David Isquierdo.

#### **12.4. GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION**

- A. Approval of the Kaweah Delta Health Care District dba Kaweah Health Graduate Medical Education diplomas certifying that the Kaweah Delta Health Care District duties for each residency has been fulfilled.

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## **Anesthesiology**

Chan, Jessica M  
Nguyen-Ho, Calvin  
Riccomini, Scott Patrick  
Washburn, Nicholas Richard

## **Emergency Medicine**

Bennion, Ryan  
Do, Christine  
Hallsson, Kristel  
Hopelian, Niaree  
Ishiki, Matthew  
Jefic, Mitra  
Kahn, Elise  
Klahr, Max Kohlmann  
Lewis, Joseph William  
Li, Alvin Ting-Fung  
Meassick, Katerina  
Quince, Elisa Marie  
Vazquez, Christian Guerra

## **Family Medicine**

Bonilla, Roberto Carlos  
Caballes, P. Jared  
Calderon Leon, Yesenia  
Gaccione, Charles  
Hanalla, Andrew Moses  
Kuehne, Eric Peter  
Tran, Quan My

## **Psychiatry**

Gill, Saina  
Khalil, Daniel George  
Sudan, Madhuri  
Lay, Synthia  
Godfrey, Jesse

## **Surgery**

Khouri, Amanda  
Nguyen, Benjamin Pham  
Perez Rodriguez, Ferdinand  
Guillen, Felipe

## **Transitional Year**

Alazzawi, Abdullah H  
Ghorashi, Nima Seyed  
Lim, Jihoon  
Mar, Curtis Takashi  
Palaganas, Eli  
Plampton, Katherine  
Seuferling, Joseph E  
Tran, Anne Hoa  
Vorobchevici, Andreea  
Wong, Sterling Rebecca

## **Child and Adolescent Psychiatry**

Khroud, Navneet Kaur  
Randhawa, Karanbir S

- 13. ANNUAL INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD** – Graduate Medical Education annual institutional review and Institutional Statement of Commitment to Graduate Medical Education.

*Amy Shaver, Director of Graduate Medical Education & Paul Stefanacci, MD, Chief Quality & Medical Officer*

- 14. STRATEGIC PLANNING INITIATIVE – Strategic Growth and Innovation** – Detailed review of Strategic Plan Initiative.

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*Kevin Bartel, Director of Surgical Service Lines and Jag Batth, Chief Operating Officer*

- 15. STROKE PROGRAM QUALITY REPORT** – A review of Joint Commission re-accreditation/certification survey results and action plans.  
*Sean Oldroyd, DO, Medical Director of Stroke Program & Cheryl Smit, Manager Stroke & CME Programs*
- 16. FINANCIALS** – Review of the most current fiscal year financial results.  
*Malinda Tupper – Chief Financial Officer*
- 17. REPORTS**
  - 17.1. Chief Executive Officer Report** - Report on current events and issues.  
*Gary Herbst, Chief Executive Officer*
  - 17.2. Board President** - Report on current events and issues.  
*Mike Olmos, Board President*

### **CLOSED MEETING AGENDA IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE OPEN SESSION**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. CEO EVALUATION** – Discussion with the Board and the Chief Executive Officer relative to the evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Government Code 54957(b)(1).  
*Gary Herbst, Chief Executive Officer and Rachele Berglund, Legal Counsel*
- 3. ADJOURN**

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