

Observed Meeting: KC Public Hospital District #1

7/23

Board of Commissioners

2026

LWV Observer: Rosemary Meyer

Time: 5 pm

	Yes	No	Comments
Members			
All members present?	x		
Members attentive & involved?	x		
Members courteous to each other and public?	x		
Any members recuse themselves?		x	
Agenda			
Agenda available prior to and during meeting?	x		
Agenda followed?	x		
Agenda amended?	x		
Non-agenda items discussed?	x		

Was time given to public input? If so, how many people spoke?	x		No one spoke
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Action:

Please provide a brief, impartial summary of the meeting, including key issues discussed, significant actions taken, and other observations:

Daniel Juchau of the accounting firm hired to do the audit made a zoom presentation on the audit results. It found KVH meeting all criteria and that it generates a positive bottom line. There were no findings to report, there was 76 days cash on hand (which is well above other rural hospitals).

QI reported on the VERGE system and Process Improvement. This allows employees to identify problems that will be reviewed and analyzed by supervisors. Safety issues must be investigated and responded to and if a patient is involved a letter must be sent to them. All is anonymous but signing form helps with investigation and follow up.

QI- question was asked about the report on “first surgical case on time” as the rate slipped to 35% (must start within 5 min of 7:30 am). Mainly due to late docs

HR-new HR director has started. Janell Harding. Hired 23 positions in June. Still need Medical Assistants, 7 physicians and 6 open APC (advanced practice clinician). 62 students job shadowed in June. 46 active volunteers including 24 Hospice volunteers.

Information services-now piloting Oracle camera (to take pictures for patient chart and then delete and Oracle clinical AI assistant to replace a scribe and prompt provider to order tests that were discussed. Patients can opt out of this. Patient Portal will show lab trends (year to year) and be more interactive by year end.

Patient Care Services-Going to start bedside report model to increase communication b/w nurses, patients and families. Work continues to finalize expansion plans for ED. 2 open nursing positions (night shift) so still using travelers. Working on nurse residency program, 6 new grads are participating. Hospice meeting with Coroner to discuss need at Hospice deaths (currently involving them in each death and not necessary).

Operations-Urology clinic up and running. Doc here one week per month, PA starting in Aug., and 1 OR day booked- appts available now in October. KVH will partner with Providence to start our own Phlebotomy training program, 3 students in a 6 week program.

The board approved the appointment or reappointment of 35 applicants on medical staff.

Finance- Board approved, if grant is approved from WSHA, to repair and/or replace the boilers (26-27 y/o); 736K would come from WSHA and the rest of the 2.2 million from KVH. These would save energy, be higher efficiency and use natural gas. Radio Hill remodel is on time and budget and due to be done November, 2027.

CEO- Upper County expansion of primary care a priority. Cardiology locum tenem coming 2 weeks per month to increase opening in that clinic. The board passed a motion to review Mission, Values and Vision statements and bring in a facilitator to lead.

The new Facility Appearance Policy was presented to the board. This came about as the result of public comment at the last meeting.

A VERY long discussion was held about Board meeting packets and recordings. Jon Ward, chair, brought this up with the concern that with AI taking pockets of info from YouTube and published agendas and minutes that KVH is open to “frivolous and nefarious” lawsuits. What needs to be done to meet the law for public meetings yet protect the hospital? It was decided and approved to not put video of meetings on YouTube, keep Zoom live but discard recording after minutes are completed, meeting packets will be available at door or by request, monthly packet will be exempt from usual records request fee,

If minutes were posted online, please provide a link: For details on the above information please see the Agenda Packet, videos, and Minutes posted [here](#). **AM CHECKING TO SEE IF THIS WILL STILL BE AVAILABLE!**

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If a vote on an ordinance will be taken later, please provide the name or number of the ordinance and the date of the vote:

Do you recommend local League action on any of these issues?

What action do you recommend, i.e., support, oppose, study, inform the community, other (please specify):