South Peninsula Hospital

MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting

6:30 PM - Wednesday, May 27, 2026

Conference Rooms 1&2 and Zoom

The meeting of the Board of Directors of South Peninsula Hospital was called to order on Wednesday, May 27, 2026, at 6:30 PM, in the Conference Rooms 1&2 and Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The board went into Executive Session to discuss personnel and financial matters prior to the start of the regular meeting. The board when into Executive Session at 5:30pm. President Aaron Weisser called the regular meeting to order at 6:30pm.

2. ROLL CALL

BOARD PRESENT: **Aaron Weisser, Edson Knapp, Michael Dye, Bernadette Wilson, Preston Simmons, Matthew Bullard, Christopher Landess, Kim Frost, Jim Anderson, and Ken Ciccoli**

BOARD EXCUSED: **Beth Wythe**

ALSO PRESENT: **Ryan Smith (CEO), Anna Hermanson (CFO), Christina Tuomi (CMO), Sarah Roberts (Chief of Staff), Rachael Kincaid (COO), Amber Gall (CNO), Lynda Reed (Service Area Board), Scott Adams (Public Comment), Paula Kulhanek (Public Comment), John Kulhanek (Public Comment) and Brady Zollars (Public Comment)**

Only meeting participants who comment, report or give presentations are noted in the minutes. Others may be present on the room or on the virtual meeting.

A quorum was present.

3. REFLECT ON LIVING OUR VALUES

Amber Gall, CNO, shared a Living Our Values story. She read a note from a patient's family to the Acute Care team, expressing gratitude for the care provided to their family member at the end of their life.

4. WELCOME GUESTS & PUBLIC / INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1. Rules for Participating in a Public Meeting

5. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ITEMS OF ANY MATTER

Scott Adams spoke about a recent clinic visit. He spoke about the tests that were ordered, and how he was still dealing with health issues after 7 weeks. He expressed displeasure at receiving a $2300 bill for his clinic visit, while still feeling that his health problems were unresolved.

Paula Kulhanek spoke passionately about the need for a functioning TMS machine in Homer. She expressed appreciation for the hospital, and shared her mental health journey, and what an important difference TMS treatments were able to make in her life. She shared her personal experience with TMS and its impact on her life, highlighting the need for local access to this treatment.

John Kulhanek also spoke and urged the hospital board to prioritize the repair and return to service of the hospital's TMS machine, so the mental health treatment option can once again be made available locally in the community. He spoke about the positive impact these treatments have had for his spouse, and the burden of travel to complete a course of care over several weeks when the treatment is not available locally.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Michael Dye made a motion to approve the agenda as written. Bernadette Wilson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

7. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Michael Dye read the consent calendar into the record.

7.1. Consideration to Approve the South Peninsula Hospital (SPH) Board of Directors meeting minutes for April 29, 2026

7.2. Consideration to Approve April FY2026 Financials

7.3. Consideration to Approve EMP-07 Use of Hospital Facilities & Equipment with no changes

7.4. Consideration to Approve the Update Long Term Care Facility Assessment

7.5. Consideration to Approve a Proclamation Honoring Storm Hansen on her Retirement after 25 Years of Service to South Peninsula Hospital

Michael Dye made a motion to approve the consent calendar as read. Bernadette Wilson seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

8. PRESENTATIONS

8.1. Storm Hansen Retirement Proclamation

Storm Hansen was not able to attend the meeting, so her proclamation will be presented to her at a later time.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1. Consideration to Approve South Peninsula Hospital Resolution 2026-11, A Resolution Authorizing the Obligation of $175,000 from the Plant Replacement and Expansion Fund (PREF) for Demolition of the Property Located at 324 West Fairview Avenue, Homer, Alaska (Parcel 17506105)

Anna Hermanson, CFO, gave a report. After the borough purchased the home at 324 Fairview Avenue on behalf of the hospital, they sent us a memo regarding what needed to happen with the property, which indicated we were required to demolish the home due to asbestos and other unsafe conditions. The borough is ready to move forward with the demolition project. They have requested we use the property tax revenue for this project. The goal is the use this property for staff parking. The borough will do the RFP and oversee this project.

Preston Simmons made a motion to approve South Peninsula Hospital Resolution 2026-11, A Resolution Authorizing the Obligation of $175,000 from the Plant Replacement and Expansion Fund (PREF) for Demolition of the Property Located at 324 West Fairview Avenue, Homer, Alaska (Parcel 17506105) Kim Frost seconded the motion.

Michael Dye made a motion to amend the motion to alter the funding source, at the request of the Kenai Peninsula Borough, by striking the words "Plant Replacement and Expansion Fund (PREF)" and replacing with "Service Area Operating Fund Balance." Edson Knapp seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

A roll call vote was held for the amended motion:

Jim Anderson – Yes
Matthew Bullard – Yes
Ken Ciccoli – Yes
Michael Dye – Yes
Kim Frost – Yes
Edson Knapp – Yes
Christopher Landess – Yes
Preston Simmons – Yes
Bernadette Wilson – Yes
Beth Wythe – Excused
Aaron Weisser – Yes

Motion passes.

11. REPORTS

11.1. Balanced Scorecard

The balances scorecard was provided in the board packet, but the data was unchanged from the previous month so it was not reviewed in detail. The Administration team is working on the updated balanced scorecard indicators for FY2027, which will be brought to the Quality Committee and board meeting in June.

11.2. Chief Executive Officer

Ryan Smith, CEO, reported. We received written notification that five of our applications for the Rural Health Transformation Program funds are advancing to the next level, including medication dispensing, infusion/pharmacy move, cardiopulmonary rehab renovations, robotic surgery and ambient listening AI (DAX) licenses for all providers. The other six projects were deferred, but none were declined. In addition, several projects we're involved with were advanced, including the Moda Coordinated Care project, the AHHA proposal for strategic planning for rural hospitals, and the medical residency program with Petersburg and Cordova, which would involve taking residents as part of their rural rotations. Mr. Smith thanked Anna Hermanson, Miranda Weiss, Rachael Kincaid, Amber Gall, and everyone who has been putting in their time and effort to complete these applications.

11.3. BOD Committee: Finance & Pension

Michael Dye, committee chair, reported. He suggested alternative meeting dates/times for the Finance Committee meeting in June, and the board agreed on Monday, June 22nd at 8am. Mr. Dye extended the invitation to all board members to join, as the operating budget for FY2027 will be discussed in detail.

Mr. Dye also reported that the Finance and Pension Committee met on May 21st and heard a report on the pension plans from Acensus. There was one fund that has been on the watch list, JP Morgan mid cap, that we were asked to consider for removal. We had a lot of discussion and decided not to take action at this point, but will continue to reevaluate.

The committee also reviewed the financial statements for April. For the year, the top line revenue is right on track with the budget, and our bottom-line net income is also strong. As we approach the end of the year, net-from-operations is a net loss of 5.3 5.3 million versus the budget of 2.07, but that does include depreciation, which is important, but with when you add that back, cash flow to positive EBITDA net income.

11.4. BOD Committee: Strategic Planning & Community Relations

Kim Frost, co-chair, reported on the Strategic Planning meeting held on May 20, 2026, which consisted mostly of a generative discussion around outreach to young families. Most of the attendees of the community conversations are older, and we'd like to better reach out and communicate with the younger segment of our population. Some great ideas were generated, and the Administration team is looking at what is operationally feasible, so we hope to have a report in the future. Our goal is to provide activities that add value for parents so they are willing to give some of their precious time.

11.5. BOD Committee: Governance
EMP-02 Corporate Compliance

Matt Bullard reported on the meeting of May 13, 2026. The committee discussed questions for individual board member assessments. Those are being finalized and will come to the board for approval next month. Additionally, the committee discussed committee assignments for new board members, and agreed that 6 months into their term they are ready for official committee assignments. Beth Wythe offered her home in Tutka Bay for a board and medical staff social event this summer, so please let Maura Gibson know your availability. The policy EMP-02 Corporate Compliance was included in the packet with minor edits for review.

11.6. BOD Committee: Quality

Preston Simmons, committee chair, reported on the meeting of May 13, 2026, though Ms. Wythe chaired that meeting in his absence. The Emergency Department Director gave a presentation on ED Quality, including some improvement projects from the department such as the registration process and improvements to the trauma rooms. The committee also reviewed the Long-Term Care Facility Assessment, which came to the board for approval tonight. They completed a review of quality metrics, and there were no Serious Reportable Events or Near Misses for the month, but there were four open PDSAs for review.

11.7. Chief of Staff

Dr. Sarah Roberts left prior to this agenda item, so there was no Chief of Staff report.

11.8. Board President Report (Executive Committee, Education Sessions & Generative Discussions)

Aaron Weisser, Board President, stated there was no Executive Committee meeting this month. The Education Session prior to the board meeting was a detailed presentation on the Community Health Needs Assessment, which will be brought for approval next month. The board hopes to use those data points in developing strategic initiatives. The generative discussion was surrounding the medical staff peer review process.

11.9. Service Area Board Representative

Lynda Reed reported on behalf of the Service Area Board (SAB). The SAB met on May 14th and elected Francie Roberts as the new Chair and Brandy Zollars as Vice Chair. Helen Armstrong, who stepped down as president, plans to stay on the board until she relocates to Anchorage. The SAB also approved the resolution supporting the approval of the fourth amendment to the Operating Agreement between SPH and the Kenai Peninsula Borough.

12. DISCUSSION

13. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ITEMS OF ANY MATTER

Brandy Zollars shared that as a clinician in Homer, she agrees that TMS could be a vital resource for the community. With the right outreach and financing, it would provide a much-needed service, and agrees it's worth considering.

14. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

(Announcements/Congratulations)

14.1. Chief Executive Officer

Ryan Smith announced that Dr. Brent Adcox has resigned, and is leaving the hospital on July 23rd. His family moved back to Texas and he had been commuting, but has decided to end his time at SPH. With his departure, Dr. Lars Matkin has agreed to join us full-time starting January 2027. We are also working on recruiting a spine surgeon from Anchorage to provide services here. Dr. Ian Lawrence, one of our full-time hospitalists, has also resigned, and Dr. Hans Wilhelm, who is currently located in Anchorage and provides occasional coverage, has expressed interest in joining the team full-time. We are also working on recruitment in OB, as Dr. Sadie Marden has resigned and Kathryn Ault, CNM is leaving for an opportunity on the east coast.

14.2. Board Members

Preston Simmons expressed appreciation for the presentation on the Community Health Needs Assessment. Jim Anderson shared that a family member was in the hospital recently and he was blown away by the warmth of all the hospital staff, from housekeeping to nurses. He appreciated that staff was so aware of visitors and everyone had a smile on their face. He also appreciates how the hospital makes an effort to solicit feedback and listens. Edson Knapp shared that he visited with a patient today who preferred SPH to Central Peninsula Hospital because here he felt truly heard. Kim Frost gave a shout out to Anna Hermanson for her Rising Star Award from the Healthcare Financial Management Association (HFMA). Bernadette Wilson praised the new registration process, and thanked Dr. Tuomi for the video on social media about the Urgent Care. She appreciated hearing about the RHTP funding. Michael Dye congratulated Ms. Hermanson on her award as well. Aaron Weisser shared he was very impressed with the new SPH website. He also shared that he visited the clinic and the ED with a family member and found the registration process seamless and easy.

15. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

16.1. Consideration to Approve Resolution 2026-12, Approving the Medical Staff Credentialing for May 2026

Michael Dye made a motion to approve SPH Resolution 2026-12, Approving the Medical Staff Credentialing for May 2026, to include

The ratification of the initial appointment of the following providers, approved by board members Michael Dye and Mary E. Wythe on May 18, 2026 through the Category 1 pathway as defined in the Medical Staff Bylaws with an effective date of May 18, 2026:

Tracy Coe, MD	*Internal Medicine/Oncology*	*Part-time Active*
Frederick Freeman, MD	*ENT*	*Active*

The ratification of the reappointment of the following providers, approved by board members Michael Dye and Mary E. Wythe on May 18, 2026 through the Category 1 pathway as defined in the Medical Staff Bylaws, with an effective date of May 18, 2026:

Matthew Allison, MD	*Radiology*	*TeleRad-vRad*
Andre Duerinckx, MD	*Radiology*	*TeleRad-vRad*
Guillermo Jimenez, MD	*Radiology*	*TeleRad-vRad*
Jennifer Kujak, MD	*Radiology*	*TeleRad-vRad*
Sergey Shkurovich	*Radiology*	*TeleRad-vRad*

The initial appointment of:
the following providers with an effective date of May 31, 2026:

Michael Bloss, MD	*Radiology*	*TeleRad-vRad*
Yessar Hussain, MD	*Neurology*	*Intraop Neuro Monitoring*
Mark Keroles	*Neurology*	*Intraop Neuro Monitoring*
Jennifer Knutsen, MD	*Radiology*	*TeleRad-vRad*
Soran Mahmood, MD	*Radiology*	*TeleRad-vRad*
Trenton Overall, DO	*Neurology*	*TeleStroke-Prov*
Sidney Peters, MD	*Emergency Med*	*Part-time Active*
Surinder Rai, DO	*Radiology*	*TeleRad-vRad*
Benjamin Renshaw, MD	*Radiology*	*TeleRad-vRad*
Denise Sebasigari, DO	*Neurology*	*Intraop Neuro Monitoring*
Teresa Thompson, FNP	*Family Med/ENT*	*Active*
George Wu, MD	*Radiology*	*TeleRad-vRad*
Kara Zimmerman, PA-C	*Family Medicine*	*Active*

The reappointment of the following providers with an effective date of May 31, 2026:

Leah Basnett, MD	*Psychiatry*	*TelePsych-Providence*	*Sarah*
Godsey, CRNA	*Anesthesia*	*Part-time Active*	
Bruce Geryk, MD	*Neurology*	*TeleStroke-Providence*	
Jessica Jordan, PA-C	*Family Med/Ortho*	*Active*	
Meghana Kinariwala, MD	*Neurology*	*TeleStroke-Providence*	

Thomas Kramer, MD	*Cardiology*	*Part-time Active*
Sadie Marden, MD	*OB/Gyn*	*Active*
Miranda Marsh, CRNA	*Anesthesia*	*Active*
Lee Pierson, MD	*Cardiology*	*Part-time Active*
Amin Rabiei, MD	*Neurology*	*TeleStroke-Providence*
Ian Wisecarver, MD	*Recon & Plastics*	*Active*

The following privilege modification requests:
Carrie Warren, FNP, I-FPPE Approval
Requested : Splinting & Casting, dropping Psych NP

Ian Lawrence, MD
Requested : Lumbar puncture, central line placement, & paracentesis.
Preston Simmons seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

17. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)
The board adjourned back into executive session at 7:24pm.

18. ADJOURNMENT
The meeting adjourned at 7:56pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Signed by:
Maura Gibson
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Maura Gibson, Executive Assistant

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Aaron Weisser, President

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Mary E. "Beth" Wythe, Secretary