MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting
6:30 PM - Wednesday, August 26, 2026
Conference Rooms 1&2 and Zoom

The meeting of the Board of Directors of South Peninsula Hospital was called to order on Wednesday, August 26, 2026, at 6:30 PM, in the Conference Rooms 1&2 and via 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, Mary E. "Beth" Wythe, Preston Simmons, Christopher Landess, Kim Frost, Ryan Smith, Jim Anderson, and Ken Ciccoli**

BOARD EXCUSED: **Matthew Bullard**

ALSO PRESENT: **Ryan Smith (CEO), Rachael Kincaid (COO), Amber Gall (CNO), Anna Hermanson (CFO), Storm Hansen (Service Area Board), Maura Gibson (Exec Asst)**

Public Commenters: Chris Story, Tiffanie Story,
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

Dr. Edson Knapp shared a personal story about the compassionate long-term care provided to his father. He highlighted specific staff members, including Katie, Christy, Allicia, Bonnie, Dr. Llenos, and Teresa, for their exceptional care. The reflection emphasized how the facility provided dignity and comfort during his father's final days.

4. WELCOME GUESTS & PUBLIC / INTRODUCTIONS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Aaron Weisser welcomed members of the public to the meeting. Rules for Participating in the meeting were provided in the online packet, and in the room.

4.1. Rules for Participating in a Public Meeting

5. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ITEMS APPEARING ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Weisser called for comments from the audience on items appearing on the agenda. There were none.

6. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Preston Simmons made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Beth Wythe seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

7. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR

Beth Wythe read the consent calendar into the record.

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

7.2. Consideration to Approve July FY2027 Financials, to include the Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Cash Flow Statement

7.3. Consideration to Approve Policies MS-01 Medical Staff Credentialing and Privileges, MS-02 Peer Review and MS-03 Professional Liability Insurance, with minimal or no revisions as recommended by the Medical Staff Office and Governance Committee

Beth Wythe made a motion to approve the consent calendar as read. Preston Simmons seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

8. PRESENTATIONS

There were none.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was none.

10. NEW BUSINESS

10.1. Consideration to Approve SPH Resolution 2026-17, A Resolution of the South Peninsula Hospital Board of Directors Authorizing the Obligation of $230,793 from the Plant Replacement and Expansion Fund for the Generator Replacement Project at South Peninsula Hospital

The board considered Resolution 2026-17 to authorize $230,793 from the plant replacement expansion fund for generator replacement projects. Anna Hermanson, CFO, explained that this supplemental funding will ensure modern switchgear and breakers are installed alongside the new generators funded by a HRSA grant. Mr. Dye confirmed this was discussed and passed at the Finance Committee meeting.

Beth Wythe made a motion to approve SPH Resolution 2026-17, A Resolution of the South Peninsula Hospital Board of Directors Authorizing the Obligation of $230,793 from the Plant Replacement and Expansion Fund for the Generator Replacement Project at South Peninsula Hospital. Michael Dye seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

10.2. Consideration to Approve SPH Resolution 2026-18, A Resolution of the South Peninsula Hospital Board of Directors Approving Amendments and Cycle 2 Restatements of the South Peninsula Hospital, Inc. 403(b) Union, 403(b) Non-Union, and 403(b) Voluntary Retirement Plans

Ms. Hermanson explained this resolution approves necessary IRS cycle restatements for the hospital's 403b retirement plans, without making any substantive changes to the plans. Mr. Dye confirmed this was discussed and passed at the Finance Committee meeting.

Beth Wythe made a motion to approve SPH Resolution 2026-18, A Resolution of the South Peninsula Hospital Board of Directors Approving Amendments and Cycle 2 Restatements of the South Peninsula Hospital, Inc. 403(b) Union, 403(b) Non-Union, and 403(b) Voluntary Retirement Plans Michael Dye seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

11. REPORTS

11.1. Balanced Scorecard

The balanced scorecard was provided in the packet for review.

11.2. Chief Executive Officer

CEO Ryan Smith reported on the quarterly balanced scorecard and successful applications for the rural health transformation program. Mr. Smith detailed efforts to rebuild orthopedic services with incoming physicians Dr. Lars Matkin and Dr. Thomas Keller. An interim ENT coverage solution was established in Kenai through collaboration with Central Peninsula Hospital involving Dr. Zirul and Dr. Freeman. Hospital parking improvements are underway at the specialty clinic building and on Hohe Street to accommodate increased urgent care traffic, and the ongoing need for more parking.

11.3. BOD Committee: Finance & Pension

Policy for Initial Review: F-09 Capital Purchases

Chair Mike Dye reported that Q2 2026 investment performance was strong and that no pension contributions will be needed to the defined benefit plan for approximately ten years. Finance committee noted that while gross revenues were up in July, net income saw a slight loss due to Medicare/Medicaid deductions and contract staffing costs. Revised policy F-09 wasalso provided in the packet for initial review.

11.4. BOD Committee: Strategic Planning & Community Relations

Co-chair Kim Frost reported the strategic planning committee completed its information gathering phase involving facilities reports and community health assessments.

11.5. BOD Committee: Governance

Policies for Initial Review: Q-01 & Q-02

Chair Beth Wythe reported the committee reviewed scheduled policies and discussed new policies. Policies Q-01 and Q-02 were provided in the board packet for initial review. The first round of board peer reviews was completed,

with follow-ups expected over the next few months. A full-board self-evaluation is planned for September, with results expected by October to help shape the board's 2027 training plan. The committee also arranged an educational session with the hospital foundation board.

11.6. BOD Committee: Quality

Preston Simmons' Quality Committee report summarized a presentation by Pharmacy Director Gunner Taylor on medication safety, technology improvements, medication stewardship, and pharmacy infrastructure. Highlights included 96.5% barcode medication administration compliance (with a 98% target), work to reduce medication overrides and waste, and plans to expand quality monitoring and board-level pharmacy measures. The hospital also received funding to replace its older Pyxis units with OmniCell.

11.7. Chief of Staff

The Chief of Staff was treating patients, so Dr. Christina Tuomi gave her report. She covered the recent general medical staff meeting. The community health needs assessment was presented, and staff discussed the new Resuscitation Quality Improvement (RQI) program, which will provide quarterly hands-on life-support testing instead of testing every two years. The meeting also covered sharing continuing medical education opportunities and volunteering at the health fair.

Tuomi noted the one-year mark since Epic was implemented. Staff recognized that it has changed workflows and still has challenges, while also hearing reports of improved patient experience and care coordination.

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

Aaron Weisser reported on the educational session prior to the board meeting. The board met with the Foundation board and learned about their vision for the Foundation.

11.9. Service Area Board Representative

Storm Hansen reported on behalf of the Service Area Board. She said the board had resumed meeting and had a number of members of the public attend. She noted some community confusion about how public comment works and supported explaining the process more clearly. She also said the Service Area Board agreed to discuss a citizens' resolution at its next meeting.

12. DISCUSSION

There were no additional discussion items.

13. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON ITEMS OF ANY MATTER

Sara Young addressed the board regarding the hospital's attendance policy.

Chris Story addressed the board. He finished reading Sara Young's prepared statement regarding the attendance policy and distributed a written document to board members regarding his mother's end-of-life care.

Tiffany Story addressed the board regarding concerns about her mother-in-law's end-of-life care.

Ashley Story addressed the board regarding concerns about her grandmother's end-of-life care.

Rita Turner addressed the board regarding board behavior during meetings and the hospital's process for responding to concerns.

Rob Downey addressed the board regarding his faith in the hospital's concern/complaint process and the integrity of hospital leadership.

Paul Raymond addressed the board regarding offering exit-interviews to key physicians, managers and employees.

Christy Martinez addressed the board regarding medical staff turnover and her departure from the SPH medical staff.

Storm Hansen addressed the board regarding her departure from SPH as an employee.

14. COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

(Announcements/Congratulations)

14.1. Chief Executive Officer

Ryan Smith, CEO responded to comments from the July board meeting about the how the hospital handled a patient complaint. He provided a timeline and extended an invitation to the family to speak with them about their concerns.

14.2. Board Members

Michael Dye thanked members of the public for their comments. Beth Wythe explained her philosophy on adhering to rules when they are in place.

Jim Anderson expressed appreciation for the public comments and spoke about his experience during board rounding.

Ken Ciccoli thanked the public for coming.

Dr. Knapp expressed appreciation for people sharing their stories.

Dr. Landess thanked members of the public for coming and sharing their perspective.

Bernie Wilson thanked those who gave public comment. She expressed appreciation for the new medical record system, as a patient, and thanked the staff for working through the implementation.

Preston Simmons thanked everyone for sharing their comments, and expressed his desire to have the best possible healthcare available to the community.

Aaron Weisser explained his personal connection to the hospital and why he joined the board. He apologized that his smiling had come across as condescending, saying that was not his intention. Regarding concerns raised about patient care, he said the hospital had a thorough review process underway and that the board would respect the time needed for due process and protect confidential information. He asked the community for patience, emphasized that the board takes concerns seriously, and encouraged patients to use the hospital's feedback channels.

15. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

16. ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)

The meeting adjourned to executive session at 8:18pm. The board moved back into open session at 9:39pm for announcements.

17. ANNOUNCEMENTS AS A RESULT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION

17.1. Consideration to Approve Resolution 2026-19, Approving the Medical Staff Credentialing for August, 2026

Preston Simmons made a motion to approve Resolution 2026-19, Approving the Medical Staff Credentialing for August, 2026, to include:

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

Josiah Brown, MD	*Cardiology*	*TeleCards-AKH&VI*
Blake Charlton, MD	*Cardiology*	*TeleCards-AKH&VI*
Melissa Heiry, MD	*Neurology*	*Active*
Lars Matkin, MD	*Orthopaedics*	*Part-Time Active*
Jessica Panko, MD	*Dx Radiology*	*Part-Time Active-RCI*
Taylor Travers, DO	*Emergency Med*	*Part-Time Active*
Joseph Turner, MD	*Urology*	*Part-Time Active*
Hung Vo, MD	*Cardiology*	*TeleCards-AKH&VI*
James Wang, MD	*Neurology*	*TeleStroke-Prov*

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

Hope Opara, MD	*Neurology*	*TeleStroke-Prov*
Meagan Stead, CNM	*Midwifery*	*Active*
David Tay, MD	*Psychology*	*TelePsych-Prov*

James Zirul, DO *ENT* *Active*

And a time extension to the I-FPPE for Jessica Jordan, PA-C.

Beth Wythe seconded the motion. Motion Carried.

18. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:42pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Maura Gibson, Executive Assistant

Minutes Approved: 9/30/26

Accepted:

Aaron Weisser, President

Mary E. Wythe, Secretary