

**GRAND RIVER HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
February 24, 2026  
RECORD OR PROCEEDINGS**

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**CALL TO ORDER**

After acknowledgement of the duly posted meeting notice, President Jay Rickstrew called the regular meeting of the Grand River Hospital District Board of Directors to order at 6:11 p.m. in the Colorado River Conference room.

**ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:** Todd Ellis, Ansley Dennis, Robert Derkash, Raquel Mendizabal, and Kevin Whelan

**Absent:** Perry Will

**Staff Present:** CEO Jim Coombs, CFO Theresa Wagenman, CPO Kenda Spaulding, CNO Krista Adamson, Director of Clinical Support Services Dr. Dustin Cole, Director of Clinic Operations Kelly Hilgers, Admin Director of Community Relations Annick Pruett, COS Dr. Bonnie Walsh

**Absent:** CMO Dr. Kevin Coleman

**Guests:**

**INTRODUCTIONS**

None

**MINUTES**

A. Board Meeting Minutes-  
December 10, 2025

**Motion** by Kevin Whelan, second by Raquel Mendizabal to approve the December 10, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

**Final Resolution:** Motion Passes

Yes: Todd Ellis, Ansley Dennis, Raquel Mendizabal, Kevin Whelan, and Robert Derkash

Abstain:

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**DIRECTORS' COMMENTS**

A. President's Comments

None

B. Director's Comments

Director Ansley Dennis complemented the DaVinci open house and how impressed she was with the entire thing.

Director Bob Derkash stated he felt that the community really showed up and the turnout was great.

Vice President congratulated the Admin Team on a job well done.

**INFORMATION ITEMS**

A. Administration Team Report

Jim Coombs, CEO reported the following:

- The Bond Sale reflected a lot of years of hard work. The bonds sold within 8 minutes.
- Jim Coombs and Dr. Coleman were recently able to observe a surgery with the DaVinci robot and were very impressed.

Dr. Kevin Coleman, CMO reported the following:

- 12 robotic surgeries have been completed without any complications.
- Grateful to partner with the General surgeons of Western Colorado.
- Dr. Coleman and Dr. Mays traveled around to all of the Optometry offices in Garfield County to do a meet and greet.
- Met with Leadership at St. Mary's/Intermountain to discuss swing bed referrals.
- Impressed with the response from the health providers with regards to a strategic development plan they have been asked to complete.
- Expressed appreciation for Jay Rickstrew's for his work on the board and dedication to this community.

Krista Adamson, CNO reported the following:

- Reported Med/Surg volumes.
- Saw a 4% growth in surgical and procedural volume in 2025, completing 2,310 cases.
- Hosted a technology open house two weeks ago, giving us the opportunity to showcase the investment we have made into the latest surgical equipment and technology.
- ED had another record setting year, seeing over 10,000 patients in 2025.
- Cardio Pulmonary has a new director, and inpatient volumes with up in December and January with flu season.
- Care Center is fully staffed for nursing positions and have no nurse travelers for the first time in five years.
- Actively working on a Vascular program in the wound clinic.
- Education team remains busy, completing 88 projects since last May.

Kenda Spaulding, CPO reported the following:

- Discussed the HRIS implementation and timekeeping system.
- Discussed reducing workplace mistreatment and strengthening a culture of civility and respect.
- Discussed succession planning and compensation benchmarking.
- Discussed management of a new 2025 employee benefit plan with reduced costs and sustained satisfaction.

Theresa reported the following:

B. CFO Report-

- Provided a financial update that included 2025 unaudited year end financials. Also provided was an update with the January 2026 internal financials.
- A presentation on the Bond issue and an update on the restructuring of the Revenue Cycle leadership.
- A resolution on standardizing the Capital approval process was discussed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- A. Medical Staff Minutes-  
January 2026      **Motion** by Ansley Dennis, second by Bob Derkash to approve the Consent Agenda item A. as presented.  
**Final Resolution:** Motion Passes  
Yes: Todd Ellis, Ansley Dennis, Raquel Mendizabal, Kevin Whelan, and Robert Derkash
- B. Board of Directors 2026  
Meeting Calendar -  
Revised      **Motion** by Ansley Dennis, second by Bob Derkash to approve the Consent Agenda item B. as presented.  
**Final Resolution:** Motion Passes  
Yes: Todd Ellis, Ansley Dennis, Raquel Mendizabal, Kevin Whelan, and Robert Derkash  
Abstain:
- C. Resolution No. 2026-01  
Designating the Official  
Posting Place for Notices  
and Dates of the Board of  
Director District  
Meetings      **Motion** by Ansley Dennis, second by Bob Derkash to approve the Consent Agenda item C. as presented.  
**Final Resolution:** Motion Passes  
Yes: Todd Ellis, Ansley Dennis, Raquel Mendizabal, Kevin Whelan, and Robert Derkash  
Abstain:
- D. Resolution No. 2026-02  
Capital Expenditure  
Approval Process      **Motion** by Ansley Dennis, second by Bob Derkash to approve the Consent Agenda item D. as presented.  
**Final Resolution:** Motion Passes  
Yes: Todd Ellis, Ansley Dennis, Raquel Mendizabal, Kevin Whelan, and Robert Derkash  
Abstain:
- E. Approve Consent Agenda      **Motion** by Ansley Dennis, second by Bob Derkash to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.  
**Final Resolution:** Motion Passes  
Yes: Todd Ellis, Ansley Dennis, Raquel Mendizabal, Kevin Whelan, and Robert Derkash  
Abstain:

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Board of Directors Board  
Chair Letter of  
Resignation      A. Board President Jay Rickstrew submitted his resignation from the Grand River Hospital District Board of Directors.
- B. Board of Directors  
Election of Officers  
Discussion      B. Discussion was held.
- C. President      C. Motion by Bob Derkash, second Raquel Mendizabal to elect Todd Ellis as President of the Board of Directors.  
**Final Resolution:** Motion Passes

Yes: Ansley Dennis, Raquel Mendizabal, Perry Will, Kevin Whelan, and Robert Derkash

Abstain: Todd Ellis

D. Vice President

D. Motion by Bob Derkash, second Raquel Mendizabal to elect Ansley Dennis as Vice President of the Board of Directors.

**Final Resolution:** Motion Passes

Yes: Todd Ellis, Raquel Mendizabal, Perry Will, Kevin Whelan, and Robert Derkash

Abstain: Ansley Dennis

E. Secretary/Treasurer

E. Motion by Ansley Dennis, second Raquel Mendizabal to elect Bob Derkash as Secretary/Treasurer of the Board of Directors.

**Final Resolution:** Motion Passes

Yes: Todd Ellis, Raquel Mendizabal, Perry Will, Kevin Whelan, and Robert Derkash

Abstain: Bob Derkash

F. Board President Appoints Directors to Committees – Board Quality & Safety, Finance, and HR.

F. Postponed until the April Board of Directors Regular Meeting.

G. Credentialing Report – Dr. Bonnie Walsh

G. **Motion** by Kevin Whelan, second by Ansley Dennis to approve the Credentialing Report as presented.

**Final Resolution:** Motion Passes

Yes: Todd Ellis, Ansley Dennis, Raquel Mendizabal, Kevin Whelan, and Robert Derkash

Abstain:

H. Ethics Committee Policy – Dr. Bonnie Walsh

H. **Motion** by Todd Ellis, second by Kevin Whelan to approve the Ethics Committee Policy as presented.

**Final Resolution:** Motion Passes

Yes: Todd Ellis, Ansley Dennis, Raquel Mendizabal, Kevin Whelan, and Robert Derkash


Abstain:

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No Executive Session was held.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With no further business before the Board of Directors, Vice President Todd Ellis adjourned the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

  
Dr. Bob Derkash, Secretary/Treasurer  
Board of Directors

  
Jessica Sanger, Executive Assistant