

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Lower Umpqua Hospital District (LUHD)
Wednesday, July 23, 2025, 7:30 a.m.
Main Conference Room or
Via Teams audio conference call
Dial: 1-323-694-9833
Audio conference ID: 124 229 680#



MINUTES

The Board members in attendance include Ron Kreskey, Chair, Cheryl Young, Vice Chair, Leon Bridge, Treasurer, and Brenda Fraley, Secretary, Sheri Aasen, Director.

Others in attendance include Stephanie Miller, John Chivers, Melissa Cribbins, Hospital Attorney, Dr. Jason Sargent, Jen Anderson, Holly Tavernier, Jennifer Green, Kaley Sweet, Mary Chambers, Julia Floyd, and Renae Mefferd.

Teams: An internal caller; Svetlana Melnick, Director of Pharmacy.

I. **CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS**

Board Chair Kreskey called the meeting to order at 7:30 am. He welcomed Director Sheri Aasen to her first meeting as an official board member.

II. **VISITOR'S AGENDA**

No visitors.

III. **CONSENT AGENDA – Approve the following:**

- A. Board of Directors Meeting Agenda July 23, 2025
- B. Board of Directors Meeting Minutes June 25, 2025
- C. Resolution 25-10 Authorization to set aside for August 2025 expenditures
- D. Committee Minutes
 - 1. Comprehensive Quality Committee Consent Agenda – June 11, 2025
 - 2. Financial Advisory Committee Minutes – May 27, 2025

Motion: Young moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Bridge seconded. Motion passed (5-0) with the following vote: Kreskey – Yes, Young – Yes, Bridge – Yes, Fraley – Yes, Aasen - Yes.

IV. **REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Quality/Risk Report – Julia Floyd
 - 1. See report.
- B. Compliance Report – Renae Mefferd
 - 1. See report.
- C. Nursing Services Report – Jennifer Green
 - 1. See report.
- D. Medical Staff – Dr. Jason Sargent
 - 1. There was no Medical Staff meeting in July per usual.
 - 2. Updates:
 - 1) Gearing up for RCCS sports physicals and discussing concussion screening and management with RCCS principal.
 - 2) Cancer screenings: we are close to ordering cancer screenings thru Dunes Clinic automatically; CIS team is assisting with this project.

- 3) New medical students: one on site now and one more coming in August.
- E. Public Relations/Foundation – Kaley Sweet
 1. See report.
- F. Human Resources – Holly Tavernier
 1. See report.
 2. Red Kite Rising provided customer services training for 50 managers and staff last week.
 3. Question: have we thought about having vocational students and training? Holly will look into this.
- G. Ancillary Services – Jen Anderson
 1. See report.
 2. Hired a new full-time X-ray /CT technician
- H. Finance Report and Financials – John Chivers
 1. See report.
 2. Financial Health Indicators table
 - 1) Productivity actually = 103.3% due to less overtime
 3. Summary
 - 1) Highest margin since 2002 = 3.2%.
 4. Financials, charts, and graphs
 5. Questions:
 - 1) What is happening with State Provider Tax? John Chivers will be on a call with the state and discussing potential implications.
 - 2) What is the \$50B slush fund? It is a fund with new 'red tape' requiring us to complete administrative work and they will reimburse based on that; states get to decide on approach.
- I. Administrator Report – John Chivers
 1. Pain management program – part of service line growth on our strategic plan; we are actually restarting program since Dr. Amsden retired; signed agreement with Dr. Julie Dekker Flint and extended the PAX Anesthesia agreement end date to 2028.
 2. Nutritional Services Director – Dale Fisher gave notice as he wants to pursue a career as an instructor; we are actively recruiting for a replacement.
 3. Retail Pharmacy Project – status update: demolition is complete.
 4. Customer Service Training – Red Kite consultant training completed
 5. Surgery – over a recent weekend there were 5 emergency surgeries; this is an anomaly.
 6. Cataract surgery program – awaiting contract with Dr. Mans.
 7. MRI lease – will renew rental agreement with a slight monthly increase.
 8. Financials – July is off to a good start.
 9. Federal legislation – the 'Big Beautiful Bill' passed by one vote; the vice president cast deciding vote; 2 weeks later 1 Republican proposed a bill to eliminate the Medicare cuts. Playing games with healthcare of the nation.
 10. Save the dates – Putt for Pink August 9th; sports physicals August 12th

11. Monthly Board of Directors meeting date – he asks the board to consider changing their meeting to the last Wednesday of month.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Capital request – approve (John Chivers/Jennifer Green)

1. Ambulance: Chivers reviewed the need. We will set aside funds now and pay upon delivery. We will also seek grant funding.

Motion: Young moved to approve as presented the capital request for a new ambulance; Aasen seconded. Motion passed (5-0) with the following vote: Kreskey – Yes, Young – Yes, Bridge – Yes, Fraley – Yes, Aasen – Yes.

2. Pain management equipment

Table until future meeting.

B. Annual meeting of the Board of Directors

1. Election of Officers and Committee assignments

- 1) Officers: after nominations, the slate of nominated officers are Ron Keskey for Chair, Cheryl Young as Vice Chair, Brenda Fraley as Secretary, Leon Bridge as Treasurer.

Motion: Aasen moved to approve the slate of officers; Young seconded. Motion passed (5-0) with the following vote: Kreskey – Yes, Young – Yes, Bridge – Yes, Fraley – Yes, Aasen – Yes.

- 2) Committee Assignments: after discussion Financial Advisory shall remain with Leon Bridge as Chair and Ron Kreskey; Planning and Personnel committees shall be Sheri Aasen as Chair and Cheryl Young; Quality Assurance shall be Brenda Fraley as Chair and Ron Kreskey.

Motion: Young moved to approve the committee assignments as discussed; Aasen seconded. Motion passed (5-0) with the following vote: Kreskey – Yes, Young – Yes, Bridge – Yes, Fraley – Yes, Aasen – Yes.

3) Other LUHD committees: after discussion

- a) Medical staff meeting – Sheri Aasen and Ron Kreskey
- b) CQC – Brenda Fraley and Ron Kreskey

Motion: Young moved to approve the other LUHD committee assignments as discussed; Bridge seconded. Motion passed (5-0) with the following vote: Kreskey – Yes, Young – Yes, Bridge – Yes, Fraley – Yes, Aasen – Yes.

2. Annual member forms to complete – members turned in before the meeting.

- 1) Conflict of Interest Statements
- 2) Annual Board Evaluations

C. Meetings:

1. Monthly meeting date change: discussed changing this meeting to the **last** Wednesday of the month to ensure sufficient time for reports to be generated (namely financial reports) and be available.

Motion: Young moved to approve the Board of Directors monthly meeting be changed to the last Wednesday of the month as discussed; Aasen seconded. Motion passed (5-0) with the following vote: Kreskey – Yes, Young – Yes, Bridge – Yes, Fraley – Yes, Aasen – Yes.

2. Select the combined November/December Board meeting date:
 - a) Date selected is Wednesday Dec 10, 2025.

D. Next Board Meeting – Wednesday August 27, 2025, 7:30am

Board Chair Kreskey closed the regular meeting at 8:40 am.

VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

192.660. (1) ORS 192.610 to 192.690 do not prevent the governing body of a public body from holding executive session during a regular, special, or emergency meeting, after the presiding officer has identified the authorization under ORS 192.610 to 192.690 for holding the executive session.

(2) The governing body of a public body may hold an executive session:

- (a) To consider the employment of a public officer, employee, staff member or individual agent.
- (e) To conduct deliberations with persons designated by the governing body to negotiate real property transactions.

VII. RETURN TO REGULAR SESSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION BY THE BOARD

Board Chair Kreskey opened the regular meeting 9:15 am. Further action was required by the Board.

Motion: Young moved to approve the 6 month extension of the real estate listing agreement with a list price of \$200,000. Bridge seconded. Motion passed (5-0) with the following vote: Kreskey – Yes, Young – Yes, Bridge – Yes, Fraley – Yes, Aasen – Yes.

- A. Board request of Executive Assistant - Room set up: the board asked to change the room set up so they sit on the opposite side so they can see the other attendees. They asked for the CNO Jennifer Green to sit directly across from them to better hear her.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Board Chair Kreskey requested a motion to adjourn the board meeting.

Motion: Bridge moved to adjourn the meeting. Young seconded. Motion passed (5-0) with the following vote: Kreskey – Yes, Young – Yes, Bridge – Yes, Fraley – Yes, Aasen – Yes.

Board Chair Kreskey declared the meeting adjourned at 9:20 am.