

**McDonough District Hospital
Board of Directors Meeting
August 24, 2026**

The Board of Directors of McDonough District Hospital (MDH) met on Monday, August 24, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Third-Floor Board Room. The meeting was called to order by Dan O'Neill, Chair. Roll call was taken. Board members present were Seth Minter, Kathy Neumann, Dan O'Neill, JoEllen Pensinger, Ryan Riggins, Dr. Farr, Dave Garner, and Jere Greuel.

Also present: Wanda Foster, Interim President/CEO
Sherri Hitchcock, VP/CFO
Melissa Onion, Interim CNO
Bill Corbin, VP/CHRO
Gloria Bamforth, VP MDH Medical Group
Patrick Osterman, VP Business Strategy
Brittany Moore, Foundation Director
Brittany Doll, Director Laboratory
Ronda Baker and Sydney Boston, Admin Assistant

Guests included: Shane Miller, MDH Community Pharmacy, and Lynne Campbell, Community News Brief

Public Comment

No public comments were presented.

CEO Report – Wanda Foster

- Wanda Foster provided operational updates and recognized Ronda Baker and Sydney Boston for attending and assisting with meeting minutes.
- The Rural Health Clinics completed an unannounced triennial survey with minimal findings and favorable feedback.
- Dr. Sands is scheduled to begin family medicine and obstetrics practice with Family Clinic on September 8.
- Brittany Taylor transitioned from Family Clinic to a full-time advanced practice provider role in Wound Care.
- The emergency services/ambulance task force continues to evaluate bids, staffing needs, costs, and timing, with a goal of determining the future service approach by the end of September while maintaining uninterrupted ambulance service.
- The 2026 common review period for employee evaluations has been completed or is nearing completion.
- MDH received approximately \$4.3 million in Employee Retention Credit funding, which included interest.
- Home Health and Hospice received CHAP accreditation.
- MDH will co-host a veterans/senior fair with Representative Dan Swanson at Spoon River College on September 17 and will host a scrub fair on campus September 14-15.
- The MDH Community Pharmacy continues to show an upward trend in daily prescriptions filled.
- MDH was selected as one of three national pilot sites for the Healthy Beginnings program focused on maternal and newborn readiness simulation training.
- MDH was selected as Illinois' 2026 Community Star for advancing rural health, particularly maternal and neonatal care.
- The MDH summer social had strong attendance, and the Foundation golf outing remains scheduled with openings for the Thursday evening event.
- The Board discussed pet therapy services, including the scheduled on-site visit by Lola, a trained therapy dog.
- Additional discussions addressed the HRSA awarded RMoms grant funding for maternal health outreach, and an additional grant award focused on simulation training equipment for hospital-wide readiness.

Medical Staff Office Report: Dr. Mary Kathleen Lockard

- Dr. Mary Kathleen Lockard reported that the Medical Staff remain engaged and involved in hospital matters.
- The Medical Staff Office Report was included in the consent agenda for Board review and approval.

Consent Agenda: The group reviewed the consent agenda. The items for approval were as follows:

- July 20, 2026, Board Meeting Open and Closed Session Minutes
- August 12, 2026, Finance Committee Open and Closed Session Minutes
- Medical Staff Office Report
 - Applications for Initial Appointments for Brian Breslaw, MD, George Eigbire, MD, Kedar Kulkarni, MD, Charles Mitchell, and MD. Laura Scott, DO. And a request for increase in clinical privileges for Christopher Jones, MD, and Emily Mynatt, NP.
 - All applications and requests have been approved by the MDH Credentials Committee.

A motion was made by Seth Minter and seconded by Dave Garner to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

- **Administrative Committee:** No formal report was presented.
- **Employee Relations Committee:** The committee met on August 6 and reported generally positive employee feedback, including comments that conditions have improved. The committee also discussed grant funding and increased inpatient census.
- **Finance Committee:** The committee reported receipt of Employee Retention Credit funding, noted a positive July financial result, and discussed ongoing Revenue Cycle Steering Committee work, including interdisciplinary projects, reporting, project management, and preparation of a revenue cycle RFP for review.
- **Search Committee:** The committee reviewed and returned edits on the CEO search launch/recruiting document. The search firm is expected to finalize the document, begin candidate vetting, and coordinate upcoming virtual interviews and in-person finalist visits according to the established timeline.

Old Business:

- The Board discussed vacancies on the PHO Board and the MDH Insurance Company Board.

A motion was made by Seth Minter and seconded by Dave Garner to fill the PHO Board vacancy with Wanda Foster. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dan O'Neill and seconded by JoEllen Pensinger to fill the MDH Insurance Company vacancy with Wanda Foster. Motion carried.

New Business:

- The Board received a Foundation update from Brittany Moore on the Golden Apple Summer Social, including attendance, donor engagement, follow-up outreach, and the launch of a bi-monthly newsletter.

Executive Session

At 6:02 p.m., a motion was made by Jere Greuel and seconded by Dave Garner to enter closed session pursuant to the Illinois Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1), for matters relating to the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; and 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(6), for the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by a public body. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Farr	x		
Garner	x		
Greuel	x		
Minter	x		
Neumann	x		

O'Neill	x
Pensing	x
Riggins	x

Reconvening from Open Session

At 7:12 p.m., a motion was made by Jere Greuel and seconded by JoEllen Pensing to return to open session. A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.

	<u>Yea</u>	<u>Nay</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Farr	x		
Garner	x		
Greuel	x		
Neumann	x		
O'Neill	x		
Pensing	x		
Riggins	x		

Wanda Foster, Ronda Baker, Sydney Boston, Dr. Lockard and Brittany Doll remained present and Pat Osterman and Lynn Campbell entered the meeting for the reconvening of open session.

Chairman O'Neill stated that no action would be taken on any matters discussed during closed session. The next Board meeting was noted for September 21, 2026.

Roundtable Discussion

No additional roundtable discussion items were presented.

At 7:16 p.m., with no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Dave Garner and seconded by Jere Greuel to adjourn. Motion carried.

Ryan Riggins
 Secretary/Treasurer MDH Board of Directors

