

**McDonough District Hospital  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 16, 2026**

The Board of Directors of McDonough District Hospital (MDH) met on Monday, March 16, 2026, at 5:30 p.m. in the Third Floor Board Room. The meeting was called to order by Dan O'Neill, Chairman, MDH Board of Directors. Roll call was taken, and the following Board members were present: Dr. Curt Farr, Wanda Foster, Jere Greuel, Kathy Neumann, Dan O'Neill, JoEllen Pensinger, and Ryan Riggins.

Dave Garner and Seth Minter were individually away on company business. Each listened and participated via remote connection.

Also present: Bill Murdock, President/CEO  
Sherri Hitchcock, VP/CFO  
Wayne Laramie, VP and CNO  
Gloria Bamforth, VP MDH Medical Group  
Brittany Moore, Director of MDH Foundation  
Kim Thorman, Executive Assistant

**Welcome and Public Comment**

There were no guests to introduce, and no public comments at this time.

**Board of Director Education – Bill Murdock**

Bill presented a PowerPoint on Advocacy and Legislative Updates which included:

- An overview of current challenges facing the hospital, including:
  - Anticipated Medicaid funding reductions and underpayments across payers
  - Rising operational costs (workforce, pharmaceuticals, medical supplies)
  - Authorization delays, claim denials, and regulatory burdens
- Discussion included state and federal advocacy efforts, including:
  - Collaboration with the American Hospital Association (AHA), Illinois Hospital Association (IHA), and Illinois Critical Access Hospital Network (ICAHN)
  - Ongoing engagement with state and federal legislators
  - Bill noted Congressman Eric Sorenson's recent visit to MDH
- Legislative priorities reviewed:
  - Rural Health Transformation Funding
  - Medicaid Payment assessment legislation
  - 340B Pharmacy Program changes and advocacy
  - Senator Durbin's Critical Access Hospital legislation
- Board members discussed broader hospital financial challenges and all agreed on the importance of board-level advocacy and relationship building with policymakers.

**Consent Agenda**

The consent agenda was reviewed by the board and there were no questions or discussions. It included:

- February 19, 2026, Board Meeting and Executive Minutes
- Medical Staff Office Report
  - Applications for Increase in privileges and VRAD Reappointments

**A motion was made by Dr. Curt Farr and seconded by Jere Greuel to approve the consent agenda as presented. Motion carried.**

**Committee Reports**

- **Administrative Committee – Dan O'Neill**
  - No meeting was held in February

- **Employee Relations – Wanda Foster**
  - Next meeting will be held in April
- **Finance Committee – Ryan Riggins**
  - Finance Committee Meetings will begin to take place monthly
  - Monthly meeting will be strategic/visionary with the quarterly meeting the full financial report
  - February financial performance was reviewed at a high level.
  - Discussion focused on:
    - Trends impacting cash position
    - Labor, payer mix, demographics, and pharmacy expense pressures
    - Financial transparency, education, and the strategic focus going forward.

### **Old Business**

- **Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Medical Staff Meeting at SRC – Dan O’Neill**
  - An overview of the meeting was shared
    - Providers expressed a desire for increased communication and engagement
    - Dr. McPherson sharing a follow-up letter to the medical staff
    - Interest in better understanding hospital financial performance by service line
    - Requests for improved internal awareness of available services and provider capabilities
    - Administration shared actions underway to improve operational efficiency, access, and referral management.
      - Working on inefficiency for patient workflow
      - Looking over external referrals and sharing reports with providers
      - Better communication between providers – a simple scorecard for providers which share schedule and specialties – rack cards
- **Partnerships and Collaborations – Bill Murdock**
  - Follow-up from last meeting
    - Board reviewed potential collaboration and partnership models, including:
      - Clinical affiliations
      - Joint ventures
      - Management agreements
    - Discussion centered on:
      - Evaluating core service lines
      - Focusing on sustainability, access, and quality
      - Considering partnerships where appropriate to improve scale and efficiency
        - Emphasis placed on maintaining essential services while reviewing underperforming areas.

### **New Business**

- **Wesley Village – Bill Murdock**
  - The opportunity for MDH naming rights on a project at Wesley Village was discussed.
  - Board consensus indicated no action or support for naming rights opportunities at this time.
    - Focusing on fiscal stewardship and internal investments

### **Executive Session**

**At 6:36 p.m., a motion was made by JoEllen Pensinger and seconded by Ryan Riggins to move to executive session for the purpose of, Open Meetings Act Exceptions, 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1),(2), and (5). A roll call vote was taken and the motion carried.**

**Yea   Nay   Abstain**

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| <b>Farr</b>    | <b>x</b> |
| <b>Garner</b>  | <b>x</b> |
| <b>Greuel</b>  | <b>x</b> |
| <b>Minter</b>  | <b>x</b> |
| <b>Neumann</b> | <b>x</b> |
| <b>O'Neill</b> | <b>x</b> |
| <b>Pensing</b> | <b>x</b> |
| <b>Riggins</b> | <b>x</b> |

**Reconvene**

At 7:06 pm. the board reconvened with Dan O'Neill, JoEllen Pensing, Ryan Riggins, Dr. Curt Farr, and Jere Greuel along with, Bill Murdock, and Kim Thorman in attendance; Dave Garner and Seth Minter remained active on remote connection.

**Roundtable Discussion**

Continued the discussion regarding the financial strategy of MDH. The partnership with Carthage was discussed. Opportunities to collaborate and provide services to Rushville or others. Finance Committee Meeting times were discussed. April and May will be 7:00 a.m., and additional dates will be determined.

**At 7:18 p.m., with no further business to discuss, a motion was made by Ryan Riggins and seconded by Dr. Curt Farr to adjourn. Motion carried.**

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Ryan Riggins  
Secretary / Treasurer MDH Board of Directors