

## 10/9/2025 - Minutes

### 1. Call To Order And Roll Call

President Scott Spooner called the meeting to order, time noted 4:32 p.m.

Board Members Present: Shannon Walker, Lorelee Vaught, Cynthia Knight, Scott Spooner, Patti Kittrell.

Board Members Absent: None

Quorum satisfied.

Mercy Hospital Representatives Present: Valerie Davis, Marilyn Schellen, John Banks.

City of Aurora Representatives Present: Carrie Howlett, Dawn Oplinger

Sara Brown, expired term board member also present.

### 2. Prayer

Hospital Administrator Valerie Davis led the group in prayer.

### 3. Old Business

#### 3.I. 07-10-2025 Hospital Board Regular Session Minutes

Board Member Walker made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Board Member Vaught seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

#### 3.II. Financials - Marilyn Schellen

Marilyn Schellen provided an overview and explanation of the financials.

Board Member Kittrell made a motion to accept the financials as presented. Board Member Walker seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

#### 3.III. Project Updates - John Banks

John Banks gave an update regarding maintenance projects at the hospital. Exhaust fans have been installed in the ambulance bay and general lighting upgrades have been installed throughout the facility.

An insurance settlement was received for previous roof damage. Contractor will be coming to the facility to assess and provide steps for moving forward.

Staff training was completed for fire extinguisher use. John gave a special thank you to the Aurora Fire Department for providing tools for the training as well as assisting.

### 4. New Business

#### 4.I. Re-Election Of Officers For Upcoming Year

Board Member Walker made a motion to appoint Scott Spooner President of the Board. Board Member Vaught seconded the motion. Spooner accepted the nomination. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

Board Member Walker made a motion to appoint Sara Brown-Olson President Pro Tem, pending her re appointment to the Board by the City Council. Olson accepted the nomination. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

## 5. Organizational Reports

Hospital Administrator Valerie Davis gave a report stating that a new surgeon will be joining the Mercy Aurora team next Thursday. One OB provider resigned with four other OB providers remaining. Three new doctors have been added to the Emergency Department making that department almost fully staffed. A planning design group recently visited the facility to look at the Emergency Department. It was determined an extensive amount of work will be required on the Med Gas System. Therapy in Mt. Vernon is going well and growing. Mary in the Dietary department is retiring. A replacement will be hired to manage both Aurora and Cassville.

Board Chairman Scott Spooner gave a report stating the John Paul Lee will not be seeking reappointment to the Board.

City Manager Carrie Howlett provided a report from the City stating that large rehabilitation project on the City Hall building will be kicking off in the next couple weeks. The newly formed Police & Fire Foundation will hold their first fundraiser event this Saturday, October 11, 2025 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the Police & Fire Facility. They will serve fish and chips for \$12 per plate.

## 6. Adjournment

Board Member Walker made a motion to adjourn, time noted 4:49 p.m. Board Member Vaught seconded the motion. Motion passed with all members voting aye.

APPROVED

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Scott Spooner, President

ATTEST:

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Kamy Kulow, City Clerk