

North Sunflower Medical Center
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
28 May 2025

BE IT REMEMBERED the Chairman and the Board of Trustees of North Sunflower Medical Center, Ruleville, Sunflower County, Mississippi, met in their Regular Meeting on Wednesday, 28 May 2025, when and where the following were present:

H. T. Miller, III, Chairman and Trustee; Bobbie Bounds Allen, Secretary and Trustee; Willie M. Burton, Trustee; Mary Griffin, Trustee; Daniel Ceja, CEO; Brooks Rizzo, CCO; Charlotte Sherwood, CFO; Bayli Mancini, Administrative Assistant and Lawson Holladay, Esquire

Guest: Morgan McNeer

H.T Miller III called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 11:59 AM and asked Mrs. Bobbie Allen to open the meeting with a word of prayer. The minutes of the 23 April 2025, Regular Board Meeting were approved as distributed by motion offered by Mrs. Bobbie Allen, seconded by Mrs. Mary Griffin, and unanimously approved.

There was no unfinished business to bring before the Board for consideration.

The first order of New Business was to review the Re-appointment applications for seven Physician and four Allied Health Professional for two year terms. The applications and Data Bank queries of Robert Harris, MD; Jason Morris, MD; Steven Speights, MD; Pearson Windham, MD; Bennie Wright, MD; Evan Blair, MD; Steven Hole, MD; Michelle Lowery, CRNA; Stuart Britt, CRNA; Brooks Rizzo, FNP and Samuel Dean Seeley, FNP were reviewed. After review and discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: I move to accept the re-credentialing applications for Robert Harris, MD; Jason Morris, MD; Steven Speights, MD; Pearson Windham, MD; Bennie Wright, MD; Evan Blair, MD; Steven Hole, MD; Michelle Lowery, CRNA; Stuart Britt, CRNA; Brooks Rizzo, FNP and Samuel Dean Seeley, FNP and that they be approved for two year terms ending 30 May 2027.

Maker: Mr. Willie Burton

Secunder: Mrs. Bobbie Allen

Motion Unanimously Adopted

Daniel Ceja presented the financial information for **April** as follows. The entire facility had a cash balance of \$4.1; total assets of \$48.8 Million, and a total liabilities and fund balance of \$48.8 Million. The Hospital's Gross Revenue was \$9.5 Million for the month and \$68.8 Million Year to Date. The Hospital had a Net Income of \$27,113 for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$998,050). Hospice had a Net Loss of (\$ 47,910) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$100,341). Diagnostic had a Net Income of \$28,246 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$260,722. Simply Sunflower had a Net Income of \$1,990 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$23,459. Sunflower DME had a Net Loss of (\$5,739) for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$279,509. The Rural Health Clinic had a Net Income of \$16,153 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of

\$323,178. NSMC as a whole showed a Net Loss of (\$24,546) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$795,422).

Greenwood DME had a Net Loss of (\$7,494) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$46,520). Greenwood Hospice had a Net Loss of (\$14,639) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$61,648). Greenwood Clinic had a Net Income of \$23,383 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$622,534. Overall for Greenwood and Ruleville had a Net Loss of (\$37,893) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$937,062).

Financials for NSMC Pharmacy, Haire and Greenwood Pharmacy were not done because Insurance A/R were not correct because of problems from Change Health Care to Elevate in transmitting claims. They are working on the problem and hope to have corrected soon. No financial for NSMC Hospice was done because we don't have correct month end reports.

Daniel Ceja gave the administrative report as follows:

Due to the census numbers fluctuating we are showing low numbers, this usually happens around the summer months. Numbers will start to increase around August.

Sunflower Greenwood Clinic passed their survey and is now a Rural Health Clinic. We are waiting on the rate letter from Medicaid.

We have asked our providers to help out with the hospice numbers. We need about 10-15 admissions within the next month in to bring our numbers up. If the numbers have not increased in the next three to six months we will have to present to the board for a decision. I do not believe it will come to that.

CMS Novitas sent us a demand letter in regards to over payment of \$600,294.00. We have sent the payment, I have contacted CMS and spoke with the director to get this processed moved forward in hopes this will not take 20 days like they mentioned. We are supposed to get the full \$600,294.00 back, as of now we are holding steady.

I would like to give everyone an update on Mr. Billy. Mr. Billy has been in the hospital since May 4, 2025 and he is not doing well. That is the reason for his absence today. Brooks, Sam and I are here for any questions and we will give updates as we can.

Daniel asked for a motion to determine if the board should go into executive session to discuss personal matters. Mr. Willie Burton made the motion to consider going into executive session to discuss personal matters, seconded by Mrs. Bobbie Allen. Motion Unanimously Approved.

On motion of Mr. Willie Burton, seconded by Mrs. Bobbie Allen, and unanimously approved, the Board will now go into executive session to discuss Personal Matters. The Board went into executive session.

On motion of Mrs. Bobbie Allen, seconded by Mr. Willie Burton, and unanimously approved, the board returned to regular session.

Morgan McNeer presented the Quality Assurance Report as follows:

All fire and safety checks were completed without issue. 1 patient fall in the ER, patient attempted to walk and refused assistance, no injury. 1 employee incident with needle stick following IM injection, protocol followed. 433 total ER visits. 13 admissions from ER to acute and 26 put in observation. 4.27 average length of stay. 15 admits to Acute. 26 admits to Swing bed. 2 patients readmitted in less than 30 days.

Brooks Rizzo presented the Rural Health Clinic Report as follows:

Brooks stated that the Sunflower Rural Health Clinic saw 3,610 patients in April. The average daily walk in was 120 patients. There is a 5% positive Covid rate, 6% Flu rate, 9.3% Strep rate and 4% RSV rate. Sunflower Greenwood Clinic saw 1,357 patients in April. Daily average patients per day 45.

Sunflower Greenwood Clinic passed their survey with zero deficiencies. It takes about 6 to 8 weeks to process everything. We are waiting on our new rate letter.

The Board adjourned at 12:57 P.M., subject to the call of the Chairman.



H.T. Miller III, Chairman



Bobbie Bounds Allen, Secretary