

North Sunflower Medical Center
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
27 August 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, 27 August 2025, when and where the following were present:

H. T. Miller, III, Chairman and Trustee; Willie M. Burton, Trustee; Mary Griffin, Trustee; Stafford Shurden, Trustee; Daniel Ceja, CEO; Brooks Rizzo, CCO; Sam Miller, COO; Charlotte Sherwood, CFO; Bayli Mancini, Administrative Assistant, Sarah Williamson, Accounting Director and Lawson Holladay, Esquire

Guest: None

H.T Miller III called the meeting of the Board of Trustees to order at 12:00 PM. Mr. Tucker Miller opened the meeting with a word of prayer. The minutes of the 23 July 2025, Regular Board Meeting were approved as distributed by motion offered by Mr. Willie Burton, seconded by Mrs. Bobbie Allen, 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 updated Travel Policy presented by Brooks Rizzo and Daniel Ceja. After discussion, a few changes were made, and the board approved the travel policy.

MOTION: I move to accept the travel policy with the changes that were made today.

Maker: Mr. Stafford Shurden Seconder: Mr. Willie Burton

Motion: Unanimously Adopted

The second order of new business was to review the Re-appointment applications for seven Allied Health Professional for two-year terms. The applications and Data Bank queries of Nicholas Jew, MD; LaJarvis Lewis, FNP; Christopher Bolling, MD; Steve Nelson, MD; Timothy Russell, MD; Airston Moses, FNP; and Reagan Walker, FNP were carefully reviewed and the following motion was made:

MOTION: I move to accept the re-credentialing applications for Nicholas Jew, MD; LaJarvis Lewis, FNP; Christopher Bolling, MD; Steve Nelson, MD; Timothy Russell, MD; Airston Moses, FNP; and Reagan Walker, FNP; and that they be approved for a two year term ending 31 August 2027.

Maker: Mr. Willie Burton Seconder: Mr. Stafford Shurden

Motion Unanimously Adopted

The third order of new business was to review the Initial Appointment applications for two physicians for a one-year terms. The applications and Data Bank queries of Wood W. Dale, MD and David Besachio, MD were carefully reviewed and the following motion was made:

MOTION: I move to accept Initial appointment applications Wood W. Dale, MD and David Besachio, MD and that they be approved for one year terms ending 31 August 2026.

Maker: Mr. Willie Burton Second: Mr. Stafford Shurden

Motion Unanimously Adopted

Trauma application due is September 2025. We need the resolution signature page updated.

Sarah Williamson presented the financial information for **July** as follows. The entire facility had a cash balance of \$5.3; total assets of \$80 Million, and a total liabilities and fund balance of \$80 Million. The Hospital's Gross Revenue was \$9.7 Million for the month and \$102 Million Year to Date. The Hospital had a Net Loss of (\$283,542.38) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$1,773,227.23). Haire Drug had a Net Income \$25,091.92 for the months and a year to date Net Loss of (\$42,698.91). Hospice had a Net Loss of (\$15,675.27) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$142,121.53). Diagnostic had a Net Income of \$8,467.81 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$355,350.63. Simply Sunflower had a Net Loss of (\$906.26) for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$17,686.79. Sunflower DME had a Net Income of \$58,512.23 for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$420,929.80. The Pharmacy had a Net Income of \$66,257.82 for the month and a year to date Net Income of \$674,458.88. The Rural Health Clinic had a Net Loss of (\$22,738.66) for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$347,084.82. NSMC as a whole showed a Net Loss of (\$150,261.94) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$844,972.20).

Greenwood DME had a Net Loss of (\$3,358.27) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$61,961.84). Greenwood Hospice had a Net Loss of (\$7,334.77) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$119,673.86). Greenwood Pharmacy had a Net Loss of (\$38,330.95) and a year to date Net Loss of (\$417,139.66) Greenwood Clinic had a Net Loss of (\$32,372) for the month and a Year to Date Net Income of \$563,514.98. Overall for Greenwood and Ruleville had a Net Loss of (\$199,285.93) for the month and a Year to Date Net Loss of (\$1,443,747.56).

Daniel Ceja gave the administrative report as follows:

Daniel stated Mike Gilbow will be retiring December 1, 2025, Angela Lang will be taking Mike's position. We have a new pharmacist, she just passed her boards last week and she will be working at the pharmacy here in Ruleville.

Dr. Bennie Wright is retiring soon, he will not be doing any more surgery's only scopes. We have a few general surgeons who we have been meeting with to find a replacement.

We have also been approached with the idea of us becoming a baby drop box location. We are in the process of talking to legal about this to make sure everything complies. I will keep everyone updated.

We also have a new patient pay system, PayZen. PayZen is like a credit card, loan systems patients can use to pay for procedures if they can't afford to pay out of pocket.

CMS Novitas sent us another letter regarding an Update to Interim Rate Review FYE 09/30/2025 over payment of \$273,979.00. We have not sent the payment. If we send them the check, they are still going to hold our money plus the check we mail them.

Daniel also mentioned the USDA grant we have for the construction of the drive thru clinic, new generators and to pave the parking lot. After discussion, the board voted to have the grant restructured and remove the drive thru clinic.

MOTION: I move to have the grant restructured and remove the drive thru clinic and keep the Generators and paving of the parking lot.

Maker: Mrs. Mary Griffin Second: Mr. Stafford Shurden

Motion Unanimously Adopted

Sam Miller presented the Quality Assurance Report as follows:

All fire and safety checks were completed without issue. There were 0 total falls and 0 medication errors in the month of July. 466 total ER visits. 9 admissions to acute and 16 observations. 3.6 average length of stay. 33 admits to Swing bed.

Brooks Rizzo presented the Rural Health Clinic Report as follows:

Brooks stated that the Sunflower Rural Health Clinic saw 3,589 patients in July. The average daily walk in was 131 patients. There is a 2.2% positive Covid rate, 2.4% Flu rate, 4.9% Strep rate and 0% RSV rate. Sunflower Greenwood Clinic saw 1,393 patients in July. Daily average patients per day 56.

Brooks also gave an update on the clinic. Due to being short on providers, we had to change the hours of the clinic. Temporary Clinic hours are Monday – Thursday 8 am to midnight, and Friday – Sunday 8am- 8pm

The meeting of the Hospice of North Sunflower Medical Center was conducted at the end of the meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The Board adjourned at 1:45 P.M., subject to the call of the Chairman.


H.T. Miller III, Chairman


Bobbie Bounds Allen, Secretary