



**DENVER HEALTH AND HOSPITAL AUTHORITY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

601 Broadway, 9th Floor Conference Room 927

March 26, 2026

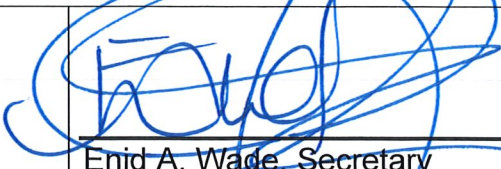
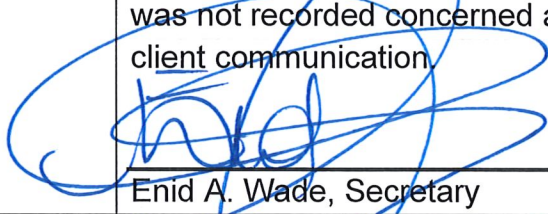
1:33 pm-5:06 pm

Board of Directors	Staff	Guests
<p>Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Chavez • Pia Dean • Doug Friednash • Tom Kim • Patti Klinge • Hollie Velasquez-Horvath <p>Absent:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lily Cervantes, M.D. • Frank deGruy, M.D. • Elias Provencio-Vasquez, PhD, R.N. • Chris Watney 	<p>Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donna Lynne, DrPH • Sharif Abdelhamid • Steve Federico, M.D. • Kris Gaw • Amy King • Greg McCarthy • Natalie Nicholson, DNP, R.N. • Read Pierce, M.D. • Ed Rafalski • Yael Schenker, M.D. • Enid Wade, J.D. • Heidi Wald, M.D. • Lorena Zimmer • Chuck Scully • Morris Askenazi, M.D. • Justin Helsper • Jim Siedlecki • Magda Herrera • Sara Harris 	<p>Present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judith Benton • Gina Glockner • Mike Connelly, Plante Moran • Ryan Sells, Plante Moran • Fred Pieracci, M.D. • Gene Moore, M.D. • Bailee Olliff, M.D. • Daniel Kortsch, M.D.

Agenda Topic	Responsible Person(s)	Status/Comments
<p>I. Call to Order & Preliminary Matters</p> <p>A. Approval of February 26, 2026, Meeting Minutes</p> <p>B. Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement</p> <p>C. Key Personnel Updates</p> <p>D. Public Comment</p> <p>E. Video Highlight</p> <p>F. Patient Story</p>	<p>Patti Klinge</p>	<p>Ms. Patti Klinge, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 1:33pm.</p> <p>A motion was made to approve the February 26, 2026, meeting minutes, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.</p> <p>Ms. Klinge requested disclosure of any conflicts of interest; none were disclosed.</p>

		<p>There were no key personnel updates.</p> <p>There was no public comment.</p> <p>A video was shown highlighting a partnership between Denver Health and GALS Charter School, in which Denver Health surgeons are introducing middle schoolers to surgical specialties in which women remain underrepresented.</p> <p>Dr. Donna Lynne, CEO, shared a patient letter describing a positive surgery experience, highlighting smooth coordination of care, professionalism of staff, and timely follow-up.</p>
<p>II. Medical Staff Report</p> <p>A. Approval of Medical Staff Appointments</p> <p>B. Medical Staff Executive Committee (MSEC) Update</p>	<p>Morris Askenazi, M.D.</p>	<p>Dr. Morris Askenazi, President of the Medical Staff, presented 12 new providers for medical staff appointments, including 1 requiring additional review with all concerns resolved; 64 reappointments; 15 terminations; and 9 requests for additional privileges. A motion was made to approve the requested appointments, reappointments, and privileges, which was duly seconded and unanimously approved.</p> <p>Dr. Askenazi provided an update on Medical Staff Executive Committee activities, including upcoming legal training for committee members and planned engagement events.</p>
<p>III. Consent Calendar</p> <p>A. Approval of Amended Denver Health Finance, Audit, and Compliance Committee Charter</p>	<p>Patti Klinge</p>	<p>A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar, which was duly seconded and, after the opportunity for questions, answers, and discussion, unanimously approved.</p>

	<p>Hollie Velasquez-Horvath</p> <p>Yael Schenker, M.D.</p> <p>Patti Klinge</p>	<p>It was noted that the Human Resources Committee meeting was not held, so no update was provided.</p> <p>Dr. Yael Schenker, CAO, reported that the Research and Education Committee discussed efforts to increase research engagement, including early-career engagement, mentorship, and partnerships.</p> <p>Ms. Klinge reported that two Board candidates are being reviewed by City Council: Dr. Ozzie Grenardo and Pastor Eugene Downing. She also encouraged Board participation in the upcoming CEO Town Halls and shared that the Board self-evaluation will be conducted.</p>
<p>VI. Executive Session-Deliberative Process Matters</p> <p>A. CEO Matters</p> <p>B. Emerging Issues</p> <p>C. Litigation + Strategy (As Needed)</p> <p>D. HR/Personnel Matters/ Discussion Items from Human Resources Committee</p> <p>E. Board-Only Deliberation</p>	<p>Board Members, Donna Lynne, & Members of Senior Leadership Team</p>	<p>A motion was made and duly seconded at 4:24 pm to enter into executive session pursuant to C.R.S. sections 24-6-402 (4), (b), (c), (e), (f), and (g), which allow for review and discussion of legal advice on regulatory, legal, and compliance matters, and on pending, threatened, or imminent litigation and settlements; to deliberate and discuss personnel and peer review matters; and matters confidential under HIPAA, and matters confidential under other laws, and positions and strategy for negotiation; and under the deliberative process privilege pursuant to common law and C.R.S. section 24-72-204 (3)(a), (4), and (13). The motion was unanimously approved. The Board exited executive session at 5:06 pm.</p>
<p>VII. Adjournment</p>	<p>Patti Klinge</p>	<p>The meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm. Sara Harris transcribed the meeting minutes. Enid A. Wade and Patti Klinge reviewed the meeting minutes.</p>

		 Enid A. Wade, Secretary
		I, Enid A. Wade, Chief Legal Officer of Denver Health and Hospital Authority, attest that the discussion during any portion of the Executive Session that was not recorded concerned attorney-client communication.  Enid A. Wade, Secretary