

Sierra Vista Hospital  
Regular Joint Powers Commission Minutes  
June 19, 2025 @ 2:00pm

1. The Joint Powers Commission of Sierra Vista Hospital met June 19, 2025, at 2:00pm in the boardroom at Sierra Vista Hospital for a regular meeting. Jim Paxon, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 2:00pm.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance** Jim Paxon, Chairperson

3. **Roll Call** Jennifer Burns, Recorder

**Joint Powers Commission**

**Attendees: City of Elephant Butte**

Kim Skinner, Present by phone  
Phillip Mortensen, **Vice Chair**, Present  
Cathy Harmon, Present  
Janet Porter-Carrejo, CM EB, Absent

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Rolf Hechler, Present  
Amanda Forister, Absent  
Ingo Hoepfner, Present  
Gary Whitehead, City Manager, Absent

**Sierra County**

Travis Day, Present  
Jim Paxon, **Chair**, Present  
Hank Hopkins, Present  
Amber Vaughn, County Manager, Absent

**Village of Williamsburg**

Vacant  
Magorie Powey, Present  
Deb Stubblefield, Present  
Amanda Cardona, Absent

**Sierra Vista Hospital**

David Faulkner, Interim CEO, Present  
Ming Huang, CFO, Present  
Sheila Adams, CNO, Present  
Kathi Pape, **Governing Board Chair**, Present  
Autumn Long, Trauma Coordinator

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**PRESENTER**

**ACTION REQUIRED**

**4. Approval of Agenda**

Jim Paxon, Chairperson

Magorie Powey motioned to approve the agenda. Deb Stubblefield seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**5. Approval of Minutes**

Jim Paxon, Chairperson

A. March 20, 2025, Joint Meeting Minutes

Deb Stubblefield motioned to approve the March 20, 2025 minutes. Travis Day seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**6. Public Comment – None**

**7. Old Business**

Jim Paxon, Chairperson

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None

**8. New Business**

A. January – April Financial Report - Ming Huang, CFO, directed board members to page JPC 13. Gross patient revenue in January was \$5,654,494. Under other operating revenue in January, we received \$2.8 million from the employee retention credit. *(Note: in the meeting, Ming mistakenly said this money was from the HDAA program)* Total operating expense was \$3,143,171. EBITDA for January was \$2,764,430.

In February, we had a cyber incident which caused revenue to be down significantly. Gross patient revenue was \$2,573,340. Total expenses were \$2,651,542. We ended February with (\$1,345,456) EBITDA.

In March, we were able to record the revenue missed in February. Gross patient revenue in March was \$7,115,100. Total operating revenue was \$6,468,163. We did receive \$2.4 million from the HDAA program in March. Total operating expense was \$3,084,672. EBITDA was \$3,383,491.

Total gross patient revenue in April was \$6,302,516. In April we received \$7,120,736 from the HDAA program. Total operating expenses were \$3,063,507. EBITDA for April was \$7,069,490.

Year to date through April, EBITDA is \$11,956,466 which is a 28% margin. Cash on hand at the end of April was \$9,409,634 which is 93 days. In June 2024, cash on hand was \$5,855,939. Gross patient revenue through April is \$58,336,424. Net patient revenue is \$24,799,565.

Discussion was held regarding the population of New Mexico elderly dependent on Medicaid.

Travis Day motioned to accept the January through April financial report. Hank Hopkins seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Governing Board Report - Kathi Pape, Governing Board Chair, introduced David Faulkner to the JPC. Some of the current JPC members were members when David was here in 2018.

Philip Mortensen asked why the revised bylaws from the April 29<sup>th</sup> Governing Board meeting were not on the agenda today. Jim Paxon stated that they have not been changed, they are being drafted. Kathi Pape stated they are still being revised.

C. Baby Box Presentation - Autumn Long, Trauma Coordinator, explained the baby box system, function and need in our community and throughout the state. We have received a grant for \$10,000 but that only covers 25% of the cost. The estimated cost is \$42,000. Our grant will expire in June of 2026. The cost of the box is \$15,000, the alarm system is \$1,200, installation is \$10,000 to \$25,000, the annual lease and service terms is \$500 per year. The box will be located near the ER which will require a privacy wall so that the parent depositing the baby feels safe doing so. We are currently seeking local bids for construction and would like to be done with the project by March. We are looking for financial support from the community as this is a county wide benefit. We have not established yet a mechanism for donating to the project.

Jim Paxon stated that when the donation information is available, the entities will start sharing the information in their meetings and with their communities.

D. Key Stakeholder interviews, June 25<sup>th</sup> - Jennifer Burns, reported that the meetings originally scheduled for June 25<sup>th</sup> have been cancelled and will be rescheduled for the end of July. Exact date is to be determined.

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Chairperson, Jim Paxon read the following and

Rolf Hechler motioned to close the meeting. Ingo Hoepfner seconded.

**9. Executive Session – In accordance with Open Meetings Act, NMSA 1978, Chapter 10, Article 15, Section 10-15-1 (H) 2 and 7 the JPC will vote to close the meeting to discuss the following items:**

**10-15-1(H) 2 – Limited Personnel Matters**

**Kathi Pape, GB Chair**

A. CEO Discussion

**10-15-1(H) 9 – Public Hospital Board Meetings-  
Strategic and long-range business plans**

**Jim Paxon, JPC Chair**

A. Elephant Butte notice of withdrawal

**Roll Call Vote:**

Phillip Mortensen- Y

Cathy Harmon- Y

Travis Day- Y

Kim Skinner- Y

Ingo Hoepfner- Y

Jim Paxon- Y

Majie Powey- Y

Rolf Hechler – Y

Deb Stubblefield - Y

Hank Hopkins - Y

**10. Re-Open Meeting – As required by Section 10-15-1 (J), NMSA 1978 matters discussed in executive session were limited only to those specified in the motion to close the meeting.**

**10-15-1(H) 2 – Limited Personnel Matters**

Discussion

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Discussion

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*Note:* There is no need for a motion or a vote to re-open the meeting. Jim Paxon read the stipulation regarding matters discussed in Executive Session.

**11. Other**

Tentative date for meeting of the mayors, Jim Paxon and entity attorneys regarding the withdrawal of Elephant Butte set for July 15, 2025 at 1:00 in the boardroom at Sierra Vista Hospital.

Appointment of Deb Stubblefield, Travis Day and Rolf Hechler to the CEO Ad Hoc committee.

Next meeting to be determined.

**12. Adjournment**

Philip Mortensen motioned to adjourn. Deb Stubblefield seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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Jennifer Burns, Recording Secretary

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Jim Paxon, Chairperson