



**MARIN HEALTHCARE DISTRICT BOARD
OF DIRECTORS**

ADJOURNED REGULAR OPEN MEETING

**February 24, 2026
MarinHealth Medical Center
Conference Center**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Vice Chair Rienks called the Adjourned Regular Meeting to order at 6:29 pm.

Board members present: Chair Ann Sparkman, RN/BSN, JD; Vice Chair Jennifer Rienks, PhD; Secretary Samantha Ramirez, BSW; Brian Su, MD; Edward Alfrey, MD

Staff present: David Klein, MD, CEO; Colin Leary, General Counsel; Eric Brettner, CFO; Tricia Lee, EA

Chair Sparkman offered a public statement regarding comments made at the prior Board meeting.

2. General Public Comment

Several members of the public offered comment.

Speakers commented on Board governance and leadership accountability, referencing remarks made at the prior meeting. Speakers also discussed ongoing labor negotiations, staffing levels, strike impacts on hospital operations, patient safety concerns, employee compensation and benefits, meal and rest period compliance.

3. Approve Agenda

Dr. Klein noted that each Board member was presented at the meeting with a supplemental set of Resolutions 2026-01, 2026-02, 2026-03, and 2026-04 that are identical to the drafts circulated on February 20 except for a revised ballot question, and that hardcopies have been made available to the public concurrently. He noted that the Board will be voting on these updated resolutions when the time comes.

Director Alfrey moved to approve the agenda. Director Su seconded.

Vote: all ayes.

4. Receive Results of Petition Review from Marin County Registrar of Voters Regarding Citizens Parcel Tax Initiative Measure; Ballot Placement

a) Staff Report: Receipt of Certificate of Sufficiency and Options – Initiative Measure Enacting Special Parcel Tax

Vice Chair Rienks explained that the Board was being asked to receive the results of the Marin County Registrar of Voters' review of petition signatures submitted for a citizens' parcel tax initiative measure. She clarified that because the measure qualified through the citizens' initiative process, the Board's role was not to decide whether the measure would appear on the ballot, but rather to determine on which election to place it.



Dr. Klein summarized the Staff Report and explained that the Board’s practical options are to consolidate the measure with the June 2, 2026 statewide primary election or the November 3, 2026 general election, with staff recommending placement on the November election ballot in order to benefit from shared election costs and to maximize voter turnout. He noted that the Board packet included draft resolutions corresponding to each option: two resolutions related to the June 2, 2026 election and two resolutions related to the November 3, 2026 election. The Board could consider motions to approve one set of resolutions or the other.

b) Marin County Registrar of Voters Certificate of Signature Verification

Vice Chair Rienks reported that the County Registrar of Voters issued a Certificate of Signature Verification confirming that the required signatures had been verified. She stated that the signatures were confirmed as valid.

c) Board Discussion

Director Alfrey stated that he supports the need for an additional hospital facility and clarified that his comments are not intended to debate the merits of the initiative measure itself. However, he expressed concern regarding the signature gathering process. Based on his personal experience, he stated that some signature gatherers provided false and misleading information to members of the public, including statements that individuals needed to sign the petition in order to prevent the hospital from going under. He noted that he was approached on multiple occasions and found some of these interactions to be offensive and disappointing.

Board members discussed considerations related to election cost and voter turnout. Several members noted that a November election could result in higher voter participation and lower overall election costs due to the shared ballot.

d) Resolution 2026-01 Calling Special District Election on Measure and Resolution 2026-02 Requesting Consolidation of Special District Election – June 2, 2026

Director Su motioned to approve. Chair Sparkman seconded.

Vote:

Director Su – No

Vice Chair Rienks – No

Chair Sparkman – No

Director Alfrey – Abstain

Director Ramirez – Abstain

Result: The motion failed to pass.

e) Resolution 2026-03 Calling General District Election on Measure and Resolution 2026-04 Requesting Consolidation of General District Election – November 3, 2026

Vice Chair Rienks introduced Resolution 2026-03 calling for a general district election on the measure to be held on November 3, 2026 and Resolution 2026-04 requesting consolidation of the general district election with the November 3, 2026 election.

Director Su motioned to approve. Chair Sparkman.

Ms. Mimi Willard provided public comment, expressing support for funding the District’s facility needs and concerns regarding the initiative process. She stated that she experienced misleading



statements from signature gatherers and that the petition does not clearly disclose lowering the approval threshold from two-thirds to a simple majority.

Vice Chair Rienks clarified that the District did not enact the law enabling the initiative process or participate in gathering signatures, and that the Board's role is limited to determining the election on which the measure would be placed.

Vice Chair Rienks asked for a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Director Su – Yes

Vice Chair Rienks – Yes

Chair Sparkman – Yes

Director Alfrey – Abstain

Director Ramirez – Abstain

Result: The motion carried.

5. Adjournment of Adjourned Regular Meeting

Vice Chair Rienks adjourned the meeting at 6:57 pm