



**MARIN HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

REGULAR MEETING

**Tuesday, September 8, 2026
MarinHealth Medical Center
Conference Center**

MINUTES

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chair Rienks called the Regular Meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

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

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

2. General Public Comment

Public comment was received.

3. Approve Agenda

Director Alfrey moved to approve. Director Sparkman seconded.

Vote: all ayes.

4. Approve Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 11, 2026

Approval of the Regular Meeting of August 11, 2026 Minutes. Director Sparkman moved to approve.
Director Alfrey seconded. **Vote: all ayes.**

5. Consideration and Approval of Sponsorship of the Brady Action Awards

The Board discussed sponsorship of the Brady Action Awards and a proposed \$2,500 District contribution toward the \$5,000 MVP sponsorship level.

Director Alfrey moved to approve a \$2,500 sponsorship of the Brady Action Awards. Director Sparkman seconded. **Vote: all ayes.**

6. Healthcare Advocacy and Emerging Challenges and Trends

Dr. Klein provided an update regarding state and federal healthcare policy and advocacy matters. Topics included state budget funding for hospitals, facility fees, mechanical restraints, next-of-kin notification requirements, artificial intelligence in healthcare, hospital mandates, long-term care notices, and other legislation being monitored by the California Hospital Association.

Dr. Klein reported no significant new federal developments related to Medicare, Medicaid, 340B pricing, sequestration, or other healthcare policy matters.

7. Committee Reports

A. *Finance & Audit Committee*

Finance and Audit Committee did not meet. No report given.



B. *Lease, Building, Education and Outreach Committee*

Chair Rienks reported that the Committee met on August 24, 2026 and welcomed Director Sparkman as a new Committee member.

Upcoming community education and outreach activities include the Diabetes and Metabolic Health Seminar on September 26, 2026, a women's cancer symposium, an Alzheimer's and Brain Health seminar on December 10, 2026, the Marin Senior Fair, Marin City Health and Wellness Day, library screenings, and Fall Prevention Week activities.

C. *Primary Care Task Force*

Chair Rienks reported that the Task Force continues its stakeholder interview process regarding primary care access and plans to interview additional primary care physicians.

The Board discussed physician recruitment and retention, recent turnover within one primary care practice, patient reassignment, and the ongoing shortage of primary care providers.

Clay Hess provided public comment.

8. Reports

A. *Hospital CEO's Report:*

Dr. Klein reported on development of the new MarinHealth website, continued high hospital volumes, replacement of EV charging stations, acquisition of approximately 200 off-site employee parking spaces, seismic compliance projects, the proposed parking structure, cardiac rehabilitation expansion, cardiac CT, installation of a second da Vinci surgical robot, conversion of an EP lab to a GI procedure room, Age-Friendly Hospital designation efforts, and the ACHD application and upcoming annual conference.

The Board also discussed recent COVID activity, employee parking, and the proposed additional level of the new parking structure.

Clay Hess provided public comment.

B. *Chair's and Board Members' Reports:*

Chair Rienks reported on the upcoming ACHD Annual Conference and encouraged Board members to complete the newly required financial training available during Governance Day.

Director Alfrey provided an update regarding efforts to establish local clinical rotation opportunities for Dominican University students and reported that the e-bike research paper previously discussed by the Board had received a positive response and was undergoing revisions.

9. Agenda Suggestions for Future Meeting

Director Alfrey suggested placing discussion of a potential e-bike program near the SMART station on the agenda for October 13, 2026.

Director Sparkman requested a future update from the Marin County Commission on Aging, including information regarding its resource guide.

10. Adjournment of Regular Meeting

Chair Rienks adjourned the Regular Meeting at 6:09 p.m.