

**UTE PASS REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**

May 21, 2026
1:00 PM
Woodland Park, Colorado

1. CALL TO ORDER

President Gentzel called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Directors Present:
Directors Gentzel, Bickford, and Erickson

Directors Absent:
Gautreaux and Rosado both excused

A quorum was declared present.

3. DISCLOSURES

Director Gentzel has a son working for the District and Director Bickford has a husband working for the District.

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the April 19, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes.

Motion: Director Erickson

Second: Director Bickford

Motion carried.

6. RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

EMS Week Recognition

The Board recognized District personnel for their dedication, professionalism, and positive impact on patient care and the community.

Former Board Member Recognition

The Board recognized former Board Members for their service to the District:

- Joy Buckley for service from May 2019 through June 2023.
- Joe Watson for service from May 2018 through July 2025, including service as Interim Board President and his contributions toward acquisition of the District's administrative facility and financial planning efforts.

Former Medical Director Recognition

The Board acknowledged the contributions of former Medical Director Dr. Jeremy DeWall and expressed appreciation for his years of service to the District.

Promotions and Oaths of Office

The following personnel were formally recognized and sworn into their new roles:

Captains: Kaylin Hathaway and Christopher Kazmar

Lieutenants: Kelsey Carter and Mason Miller

Paramedics: Joseph Bella and Daniel Baker

7. PUBLIC/GUEST COMMENTS

Michelle Wolff, Director of Teller County Public Health and Environment, and Mary Higgins, Communicable Disease Nurse and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, addressed the Board regarding ongoing partnerships between Public Health and the District.

Discussion included:

- Continued collaboration on community health initiatives.
- Oxygen access programs for seniors and veterans.
- Workforce Health Transformation funding opportunities.
- Rural healthcare access challenges.
- Community partnerships to improve healthcare delivery and emergency preparedness.

8. FINANCIAL REPORTS AND COLLECTION WRITE-OFFS

Financial reports for March and April 2026 were presented and reviewed.

March Financial Highlights

- Strong cash position and positive operating performance.
- Net income of approximately \$249,000.
- Continued support from grant funding.
- Several accounting items identified for follow-up and clarification.

April Financial Highlights

- Cash and cash equivalents increased to approximately \$8.1 million.
- Total assets increased to approximately \$13.3 million.
- Liabilities continued to decrease.
- Net income for April totaled approximately \$528,000.
- Grant revenues significantly increased during the month.

Motion to approve the April 2026 Financial Statements as presented.

Motion: Director Bickford

Second: Director Erickson

Motion carried unanimously.

9. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

President's Report

The Board received an update regarding Plains to Peaks awards and related regional activities.

Policy Committee Report

Directors Gentzel and Rosado reported that the committee had not met since the previous Board meeting. Multiple policy revisions are expected to be presented for review at future meetings.

Chief Executive Officer Search Committee

Directors Bickford and Erickson reported that the CEO position had been posted internally and externally. Community participation in the interview process was discussed, including representation from local stakeholders and line personnel.

Motion to proceed with the CEO recruitment process as presented.

Motion: Director Bickford

Second: Director Erickson

Motion carried.

Director Workshop Report

Director Gentzel provided an update on behalf of Director Gautreaux regarding director education and workshop opportunities. Further discussion tabled until the next meeting.

10. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Chief Executive Officer Report

- Successful completion of the State Ambulance Licensing Inspection.
- Proposed CMS reimbursement changes that could significantly impact future GEMT/SRP funding.
- Legislative and advocacy efforts through state and national EMS organizations.
- Preliminary operational metrics through April 2026.
- Ongoing efforts related to Rural Health Transformation funding opportunities.
- Rural designation challenges affecting reimbursement and grant eligibility.

Deputy Chief Report

The Deputy Chief provided operational updates regarding system performance, readiness, staffing, and inspection preparation activities.

Mobile Integrated Health Report

Discussion included:

- Transition from use of the term "PACT" to "Mobile Integrated Health (MIH)" in future reports and budget documents.
- Expansion opportunities related to rural healthcare transformation funding.
- Potential partnerships with Pike's Peak Hospice.
- Development of oxygen support initiatives and community-based healthcare programs.

Chief Administrative Officer Report

The CAO reported on financial oversight, grants administration, organizational transitions, and personnel matters.

11. OLD BUSINESS

Board Meeting Date and Time

The Board discussed moving regular Board meetings to evening hours to improve public accessibility. Following discussion, the matter was tabled for consideration at the next Board meeting.

12. NEW BUSINESS

Ambulance Licensing and Policy Approvals

Staff presented updates following consultation with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment EMS Division.

Motion to approve the revised Minimum Equipment Policy and Fatigue Management Policy.

Motion: Director Erickson
Second: Director Bickford
Motion carried unanimously.

Rural Health Transformation Funding

Discussion occurred regarding:

- Potential Inter-Facility Transport (IFT) expansion.
- Non-Emergent Medical Transportation (NEMT) services.
- Regional partnerships.
- Fiscal agent responsibilities.
- Staffing models and operational impacts.
- Future funding opportunities.

No formal action was taken.

Additional Matters

The Board discussed:

- Rising fuel and medical supply costs.
- Community expectations for ambulance services.
- Transportation challenges for rural patients.
- Upcoming SDA conferences and educational opportunities.

13. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,


Miranda Bickford, Secretary Board of Directors

