

**MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL OF SWEETWATER COUNTY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

November 10, 2023

The Board of Trustees of Memorial Hospital of Sweetwater County met in a special meeting via Zoom on November 10, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. with Dr. Barbara Sowada, President, presiding.

CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Sowada called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone. The following Trustees were present at the call to order: Mr. Marty Kelsey, Ms. Kandi Pendleton, Mr. Craig Rood, and Dr. Barbara Sowada. Judge Nena James was in attendance as the new Trustee.

Officially present during the meeting: Ms. Irene Richardson, Chief Executive Officer; Mr. Taylor Jones, County Commissioner Liaison; and Mr. Geoff Phillips, Legal Counsel.

OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Phillips administered the Oath of Office to Judge Nena James. Dr. Sowada welcomed Judge James to the Board of Trustees. Judge James said she is delighted to be appointed and is looking forward to working together with the other Board members. She said she is looking forward to learning more about becoming an effective Board member. Judge James said she is excited to do something she considers meaningful. She said she is a big fan of the Hospital and said it is a mainstay of the community. Mr. Phillips said we are very fortunate to have Judge James serving as a member of this Board. He said she is smart, good with people, was an excellent judge, and has great knowledge of our community. He said she is coming on to a Board that has very talented, experienced people doing good things for the Hospital and the community. Commissioner Jones thanked the Board for their patience as the Commissioners went through the selection process. He said they wanted to take their time to find a good replacement for this important Board. He said he is looking forward to great things from this Board. Ms. Pendleton, Mr. Kelsey, and Mr. Rood welcomed Judge James. Ms. Richardson welcomed Judge James and said she will be a great addition to a wonderful Board. She said she hopes Judge James has a wonderful experience serving. Ms. Richardson said the Hospital staff is amazing. She said our mission is to provide compassionate care for every life we touch. We have mission moments at the beginning of our regular meetings and it is so nice to hear stories where people see and feel we genuinely care.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The motion to go into executive session at 8:22 a.m. was made by Ms. Pendleton; second by Mr. Kelsey. Motion carried.

RECONVENE INTO REGULAR SESSION

The motion to leave executive session and return to regular session at 8:45 a.m. was made by Ms. Pendleton; second by Mr. Kelsey. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

Dr. Barbara Sowada, President

Attest:

Ms. Kandi Pendleton, Secretary