

Date: Tuesday, February 24, 2026

Time: 11:45am

Venue: Virtually via Microsoft Teams

Attendees: Adam Monteith; Edward Grenier; Cynthia Rempel Patrick; Dale Gislason; Peter Veldhuis; Larry Driedger; Talbot Bergsma; Dana Human; Ainsley Wiebe; Lorraine Cassan; Stephanie Rozsa; Trish Braun; Jennifer Frey, Kyla McCallum (recording secretary)

Regrets: Shelley Irvine Day; Liz Merrick; Dr. Aly Dhala

1. **Call to Order and Welcome:** Mr. Adam Monteith welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 11:57am.

Land Acknowledgement: *The Southern Health-Santé Sud Board of Directors acknowledges that the land on which it gathers is Treaty 1 and Treaty 3 territory, and the national homeland of the Red River Métis. We respect the treaties that were made on these territories and acknowledge the harms and mistakes. We dedicate ourselves to move forward collaboratively in partnership with First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples in the spirit of reconciliation.*

The Board of Directors also acknowledges that Southern Health-Santé Sud has multiple cultures and is a designated bilingual region.

2. **Sacred Moment:** Ms. Cynthia Rempel Patrick spoke to “Why We Are Here,” emphasizing the importance of Mental Health.

3. **Approval of Agenda**

MOTION THAT: The Southern Health-Santé Sud Board of Directors approve the proposed Board agenda as distributed by consensus. **Carried**

4. **Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting held January 27, 2026**

MOTION THAT: The Southern Health-Santé Sud Board of Directors approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 27, 2026 by consensus. **Carried**

5. **In-camera Report:**

Mr. Edward Grenier indicated we reviewed the 5-Year Strategic Plan 2026-2031

MOTION THAT: The Southern Health-Santé Sud Board of Directors approves the 2026-2031 5-year Strategic Plan to ensure compliance with legislation, The Health System Governance and Accountability Act Section 24(1) for submission.

Moved by: Cynthia Rempel Patrick

Seconded: Peter Veldhuis

Carried

Mr. Edward Grenier indicated we reviewed the Annual Operating Plan 2026-2027

MOTION THAT: The Southern Health-Santé Sud Board of Directors approves the 2026-2027 Annual Operating Plan to ensure compliance with legislation, The Health System Governance and Accountability Act Section 24(1) for submission.

Moved by: Dale Gislason **Seconded:** Peter Veldhuis **Carried**

6. Board Committees:

Finance Committee of the Whole Report:

- Mr. Peter Veldhuis reported that Ms. Ainsley Wiebe shared a report indicating \$818,832 year to date operating surplus as of January 31, 2026.

Quality Patient Safety Committee of the Whole Report:

- Ms. Cynthia Rempel-Patrick indicated that monthly reports were shared.

Community & Stakeholder Engagement Committee:

- Mr. Larry Driedger indicated that monthly reports were shared noting increased media requests.

7. Board Education & Events:

- **Blessing Ceremonies:** Elder James Nelson of Roseau River Anishinaabe First Nation led a blessing ceremony on February 4, 2026, in recognition of the expansion at Bethesda Regional Health Centre. He will also lead a ceremony at Boundary Trails Health Centre on February 26, 2026, to recognize its expansion. Elder Nelson will return to both sites in late spring to plant a tree and share its' significance.

8. Board Monitoring:

- Ms. Trish Braun led the review of GP-5 Board Chair Role. Group noted compliance and that the policy reflects current practice.

9. Chair's Report:

- SDO CEOs and Board Chairs have been invited to attend a meeting with the Premier and Minister of Health.
- The Board extended thanks and appreciation to all staff in the region.

10. Monthly Board Meeting Evaluation:

- A link to the meeting evaluation will be sent to Board members to complete. Board members are encouraged to complete the evaluation to help inform and support the development of a fulsome agenda.

11. Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 24, 2026, location TBD.

12. Adjournment

MOTION THAT: The Southern Health-Santé Sud Board of Directors adjourn the meeting and move to in-camera (without staff) by consensus at 12:10pm.