



## CANYONLANDS HEALTH CARE SPECIAL SERVICE DISTRICT BOARD MEETING

Larson Building Conference Room 285 S 400 E, Moab, UT 84532, Online through Zoom

- Thursday Oct 9, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Dan Cook (President), Tawny Knuteson-Boyd (Vice-Chair), Ken Ballantyne (Treasurer), Joette Langianese, Melodie McCandless, Lou Irby, Camille Peters, Debbie Testa (Clerk), Cassie Rose, Colette Lyman (CCC), Garrett Weston, Jason Gatherum (Maple Dell), Kimra Berrelez, Kirstin Peterson, Ben Hathaway, Seth Olson (Kirton McConkie), Samantha Bonsack, Tye Shumway, Karen Fearly

I. Called to Order at 5:30 PM

II. Approval of the August 14, 2025 Meeting Minutes (*5 min*) (Action Item)

**Motion to approve the June 12, 2025, minutes made by Tawny, seconded by Melodie. Motion carried for approval 6-0.**

III. Financials (*30 min*)

a. CHCSSD Financials – Ken/Kimra

1. Review of the Budget vs Actuals Aug/Sept 2025

Financial reports were provided by KB, showing Aug income of \$218K, expenditures of \$94K, and net income of \$124K. For Sept, income was at \$137K with sales tax accrual, expenditures at \$93K, and net income \$44K.

2. Review of the Fund Balances

\$673,963.00 General Fund, \$340,667.00 Capital Projects Fund, \$338,981.00 Debt Service Fund, \$185,270.97 Wells Fargo Checking balances are as of Sept 30, 2025

3. Approval of Bills (Action item)

**Motion to ratify Sept 2025 bills for \$94,558.50 made by Melodie, seconded by Dan. Motion to approve the Oct 2025 bills for \$92,852.00 made by Melodie, seconded by Camille. Motion carried for approval 6-0.**

JL joins at 5:39 PM

4. Review of the preliminary CHCSSD 2026 Budget

The board reviewed the preliminary 2026 budget, which projected \$1.4 million in sales tax revenue for the year and recommended a 50-50 split with EMS pending final sales tax revenue splits. KB suggested they could reopen the budget in January after the November election results are known. They agreed to work on an MOU to allocate funds for EMS and the fire department, with finalization by the end of 2025. Budget adjustments were discussed, including increasing UPL funding for seed money to \$285,000 and reducing care center operations contributions to \$83,000 per month. They reviewed debt service payments and considered early payoff options for bonds. The group also addressed capital purchases for the Care Center, including potential replacements for tubs, ice machines and beds. They scheduled a public hearing for November 13th to review and approve the budget, with final adoption planned for December.

IV. Reports/Presentations (*25 min*)

a. Parkway and Seasons Report

1. Administrators Report – Nathan/Todd/Jason

GW reported on Maple Dale's current occupancy of 57, resident satisfaction scores of 81%, and an 95% employee retention rate.

b. Care Center Administrator's Report – Colette

1. Administrator's Report

CL provided an update on the CCC, including census at 34, upcoming events, and staffing needs. The group discussed a potential \$5 per year rate increase, rather than the initially proposed \$10 increase. CL addressed the need for two full-time and one part-time nurse, as well as three full-time CNAs to reduce overtime. The conversation included updates on a new medical director, Dr. Jonas Munger.

2. Quality Assurance Report

The facility meets 7 out of 9 quality metrics to qualify for UPL. The meeting discussed converting the Care Center to a skilled nursing facility to improve reimbursement rates and reduce resident hospital stays. CL explained that this change would allow residents to receive rehabilitation care on-site, potentially increasing revenue by \$600-\$800 per day.

c. Canyonlands Care Center Financials – Cassie

1. Ratify Care Center Bills – July/Aug (Action Item)

CR provided the July and Aug bills.

**Motion to ratify Canyonlands Care Center July 2025 bills for \$415,134.40 and Aug 2025 bills for \$411,799.60 made by Ken seconded by Melodie. Motion carried for approval 7-0.**

2. Review of the Budget vs Actuals – July/Aug

CR reviewed the July and August budgets. For July CR noted expense items higher than usual including food supplies, laundry, a penalty, medications and advertising ending with a net income of \$22K. For August, CR noted higher costs for supplies, prescriptions, and equipment, with net income of \$25K.

d. Other Considerations

V. New Business/Discussion/Action Items (35 min)

a. Funding Report Presentation from Moab Free Health Clinic

The Moab Free Health Clinic, led by Executive Director Kate Jagla, provided an overview of its services, highlighting the growth of its dental program from a small initiative in 2021 to its second-most-utilized service after primary care. The clinic serves uninsured and underinsured patients in Grand and San Juan counties, with a significant portion of patients working in hospitality and being Hispanic or Latino. In 2024, they provided over 2,900 patient appointments, saving patients over a million dollars in medical expenses. Looking ahead, the clinic plans to double down on dental services with additional funding from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, increasing dentist and dental hygienist hours, and implementing a 50-50 cost-sharing program for specialized dental procedures.

b. Ballot Initiative to Increase the Rural Health Sales Tax from .5% to 1%

1. Ratify the updated resolution to the County Commission (Action Item)

The board discussed and approved changes to a ballot initiative resolution, which now accurately reflects the Canyonlands Healthcare Special Service District's role in operating a long-term care facility and providing healthcare resources.

**Motion to ratify the updated resolution for the ballot initiative to increase the rural health sales tax from .5% to 1% made by Joette, seconded by Ken. Motion carried for approval 7-0.**

2. Discussion and Consideration to Approve writing a letter to the editor as a board on

Proposition 13 (Action Item)

The board also approved writing a letter to the editor in support of Proposition 13, focusing on the district's needs and potential funding allocation. The board plans to review and potentially contribute to the letter's content in the following week.

Motion to approve writing a letter to the editor regarding Proposition 13 made by Joette, seconded by Melodie. Motion carried for approval 7-0.

3. Discussion on putting together a 5-year business plan for the County Commission

The board discussed developing a five-year business plan to align with potential new sales tax revenue and agreed to address this at their November meeting after the election.

c. Discussion and Consideration to Approve a Resolution Expanding the Boundaries of the Canyonlands Health Care Special Service District (Action Item)

They decided to indefinitely table consideration of expanding the Canyonlands Healthcare Special Service District boundaries, choosing to maintain the status quo under existing contracts. The board also agreed to add discussions about terminating the Rocky Mountain contract to their November agenda.

Motion to table the consideration of the Resolution Expanding the Boundaries of the Canyonlands Health Care Special Service District made by Joette, seconded by Ken. Motion carried for approval 6-0, Dan abstains.

d. CHCSSD Purpose and Strategic Direction

1. Update on MAPS Campus Completion Project

The board discussed the MAPS campus completion project, where they agreed to roll over \$50,000 to next year's budget to hire a consultant and potentially secure matching funds from the city.

2. Rural Health Transformation Program

The board reviewed the Rural Health Transformation Program application that was recently submitted.

e. Discussion on CHCSSD Board Vacancies

The board also addressed board member turnover, with two positions open and three candidates including Tye Shumway and Karen Fury who introduced themselves. DT was tasked with adding these candidates to the November agenda for consideration.

VI. Other Considerations (5 min)

VII. Closed Session - Reasonably Imminent or Pending Litigation – (15 min)

Motion to enter closed session made by Dan seconded by Joette. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion to come out of closed session made by Melodie, seconded by Joette. Motion passes 7-0.

Motion to adjourn made by Joette seconded by Camille. Motion passes 7-0.

VIII. Adjourned at 8:10 PM