



## REGION 1 GOVERNING BOARD

May 14, 2026

Region 1 Behavioral Health Authority, Scottsbluff, Nebraska

### MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Chair Susanna Batterman called the meeting to order at 11:43 a.m. She acknowledged this meeting will follow the open meetings act, posted on the north wall of the South Conference room.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Introduction:
4. Roll Call: Roll was called with the following Board Members:

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| Susanna Batterman | (Morrill County)                       | Present |
| Bruce Messersmith | (Sheridan County)                      | Present |
| Steve Burke       | (Box Butte County) arrived at 11:47 am | Present |
| Vic Rivera        | (Dawes County)                         | Present |
| Ken Meyer         | (Scotts Bluff County)                  | Present |
| William Klingman  | (Deuel County) arrived at 11:50 am     | Present |
| Rich Flores       | (Kimball County)                       | Present |
| Laif Anderson     | (Banner County) arrived at 11:47 am    | Present |
| Darrell Johnson   | (Cheyenne County)                      | Absent  |
| Hal Downer        | (Sioux County)                         | Absent  |
| Terry Krauter     | (Garden County)                        | Absent  |

Also, in attendance: Holly Brandt, Regional Administrator; Jeanne McKerrigan, Fiscal Director; Kim Burry, Director of Network Services, and Cheryl Eirich, Front Desk Receptionist

\*Quorum was established at the start of the meeting.

5. Approve May 2026 Agenda (Voice Vote)  
The agenda was emailed to commissioners and included in their meeting packets. A motion to approve the agenda was made by Ken Meyer and seconded by Bruce Messersmith. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
6. Approve April 2026 Meeting Minutes (Voice Vote)  
April 2026 meeting minutes were emailed to commissioners and included in their meeting packets. A motion to approve the minutes as presented was made by Ken Meyer and seconded by Bruce Messersmith. All members voted aye. Motion carried.
7. May Mental Health Month Proclamation (Motion)





Holly Brandt presented the May Mental Health Proclamation to the board. Approval was requested, and Bruce Messersmith made a motion to approve the proclamation, which was seconded by Vic Rivera. All members voted aye, and the motion carried.

8. Regional Administrators Report (Informational)

Holly Brandt presented her report to the board which was provided in each Governing Board member's packet and is available for review.

- FY26 budget submitted, still awaiting final budget approval from DBH.
  - Professional Partner Program Audit was conducted in May and there were no findings, only minor recommendations. Auditors suggested that the team may help train other regions on documentation and treatment planning practices.
  - Crisis Stabilization Project update: Construction is on track, Kimball outpatient office is operational for assessments, counseling, medication management, and IOP services. Staff training on crisis response and documentation was completed.
  - Mobile crisis van expected to begin operating soon. Delays continue due to architectural approvals and state payment processing.
  - Estimated opening timeline ranges from late 2026 to early 2027 depending on construction progress.

9. Financials

A. Shift 2026 (Motion) Roll Call

- Jeanne McKerrigan requested board approval for the 2026 shift. A motion to approve the 2026 shift was made by Laif Anderson and seconded by Ken Meyer. All members voted aye. Motion carried.

\*\*\* The Regional Governing board approves financials in one motion (items 9A – 9D) \*\*\*

B.C.D. financials were reviewed and presented to the board. A motion to approve was made by Laif Anderson with a second by Ken Meyer. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

E. Region 1 Bank Balances/Balance Sheet (Informational)

Jeanne McKerrigan presented the April 2026 bank balances and balance sheet.

Questions, Members' Comments and Non-Members

N/A

10. Adjourn – All agenda items were addressed; Chair Susanna Batterman adjourned the meeting at 12:22 p.m. All members voting aye. Motion carried.

11. Next Regional Governing Board is scheduled for June 11, 2026.





Respectfully submitted by:

Irene Guerrero Date: 6-11-2026  
Irene Guerrero, Region 1 Administrative Assistant

Bruce Messersmith Date: 6-11-2026  
Bruce Messersmith, Sheridan County Commissioner



