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TRILLIUM HEALTH RESOURCES GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Date: December 11, 2025

Board Members Present: (Noted present with an "X" mark)

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Randy Abbott-Guilford County | <input type="checkbox"/> Tony Hunt-Hoke County- <i>virtual</i> |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> English Albertson-Wayne County | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Priscilla Little-Reid-Anson County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Marie Britt-Robeson County | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sheron Mosby-Pasquotank County |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Holly Connor-Onslow County | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Janice Nichols-Pender County |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> L.S. Bo Dean, Jr.-New Hanover County- <i>virtual</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Osborne-Harnett County |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walter Ferguson-Lee County | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wally Overman-Dare County |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leann Henkel-Randolph County | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wilson Raynor-Wayne County |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Flor Herrera-Picasso-Wilson County | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Denauvo Robinson-Pasquotank County |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laticia Hill-Godette-Pitt County | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lorraine Washington-Greene County |

Staff:

Terrell Alston, Kellie Baker, Marlene Betta, Brian Boykin, Amy Davis, Christie Edwards, Cindy Ehlers, Joy Futrell, Senitria Goodman, Victoria Jackson, Lisa A. Jarman, Dr. Mike Lewis, Bobby Lowe, Melissa Owens, Cecelia Peers, Dave Peterson, Hayley Sink, Dr. Michael Smith, Matt Stocks, Anthony Ward

Guests:

Emma Sizemore, Katherine Tinker, Heather Vuncannon, and Cory Vuncannon of Eternal Hope Therapeutics

Agenda:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Ethics Statement
- IV. Adoption of the Agenda
- V. Consent Agenda
 - i. Draft Governing Board Minutes-October 23, 2025
 - ii. Mid-State Regional Advisory Board Minutes-September 23, 2025
 - iii. North Central Regional Advisory Board Minutes-September 23, 2025
 - iv. Northern Regional Advisory Board Minutes-September 9, 2025
 - v. South Central Regional Advisory Board Minutes-September 23, 2025
 - vi. Southern Regional Advisory Board Minutes-July 24 and September 25, 2025
 - vii. Council on Health Disparities Minutes-September 15, 2025
 - viii. Provider Council Minutes-September 11, 2025
 - ix. Clinical Advisory Committee Minutes-August 1, 2025
 - x. Global Quality Improvement Committee Minutes-July 22, 2025
 - xi. Human Rights Committee Minutes-July 23, 2025

- xii. New Policy-Number 1305-09 Cell and Gene Therapy
- VI. Public Comments
- VII. Board Comments/Concerns
- VIII. CEO Report
- IX. Chair Report
- X. Convene Finance Committee Meeting
- XI. Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3), and 143-318.11(a)(1)
- XII. Board Appointments
 - Mid-State Regional Advisory Board
 - North Central CFAC
 - Health Disparities
 - At-Large
- XIII. Adjournment

I. Call to Order

The Trillium Health Resources Governing Board meeting was held in person at the StateView Hotel in Raleigh, NC and via Webex on December 11, 2025.

Trillium Governing Board Chair, Dr. Denauvo Robinson, welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 4:11 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Governing Board Clerk, Ms. Lisa A. Jarman, performed the roll call and stated that there was a quorum.

III. Ethics Statement

Governing Board Vice Chair, Commissioner Priscilla Little-Reid, read the Ethics Statement. In accordance with Chapter 138A of the North Carolina General statutes, every Board member has a duty to avoid both conflicts of interest and the appearance of conflict. No Board member disclosed any conflict.

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

Dr. Denauvo Robinson entertained a motion to approve the December 11, 2025, agenda.

Motion was made by Mr. L.S. Bo Dean to approve the December 11, 2025, Agenda.

Mr. Randy Abbott made a second. The motion carried.

V. Consent Agenda

Dr. Denauvo Robinson requested a motion to approve the consent agenda.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lorraine Washington to approve the December 11, 2025, Consent Agenda. Ms. Janice Nichols made a second. The motion carried.

VI. Public Comments

Heather Vuncannon, founder of Eternal Hope Therapeutics, provided her background and thanked the Board and staff for the partnership and collaboration to develop solutions that

protect the integrity of care and support for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services, especially in rural North Carolina.

Katherine Tinker of Eternal Hope Therapeutics also expressed her appreciation and spoke of strong support for consistent, continued access to high quality ABA services for children and family served by Medicaid.

VII. Board Comments/Concerns

Mr. Wally Overman provided an update on kratom and how the Dare County Commissioners have been actively involved in shaping North Carolina's kratom policy. Dare County continues to be concerned with the ease of obtaining unregulated, adulterated access to kratom. The Dare County Department of Health and Human Services, based upon a unanimous vote by the Board, will begin immediately to work on language for a local health rule that will address two issues. One is the sale of adulterated kratom in Dare County and the other is that a person will have to be 21 years of age to purchase unadulterated kratom. If approved, the Dare County Board of Commissioners will adopt the language as an ordinance, which will have the power of law enforcement.

Mrs. Lorraine Washington shared that during the December 10, 2025, State Consumer and Family Advisory Committee (SCFAC) meeting, the CEOs of the Managed Care organizations held a roundtable discussion in which valuable information was shared.

Mr. L.S. Bo Dean, Jr. expressed his appreciation to the Southern Regional Vice President, Cecelia Peers for her acknowledgement and follow up on an issue with Family Integrated Services and Mobil Crises that he brought forth at a previous Trillium Governing Board meeting. He stated the acknowledgement clearly showed the efforts of those that are trying to serve members when they are in crisis, and it showed another testament for bringing up issues during the Board meetings and having follow through.

He also expressed appreciation to One Community and the inclusive playgrounds for raising awareness.

Ms. Sheron Mosby expressed her appreciation for the latest installation of her family's Trillium Ultimate Living Assistant (TULA) and provided examples of how it has helped her family.

Ms. Holly Connor expressed her appreciation for Ms. Joy Futrell's participation in the SCFAC round table event and how Joy acknowledged the efforts being made on the Member Advisory Committee (MAC). Ms. Connor thanked South Central Regional Vice President, Victoria Jackson for her prompt delivery of data requests from the South Central CFAC. The data will be useful in understanding processes and will shape the committee's ability to advise members.

Ms. Connor asked for raised awareness regarding changes in a members Tailored Care Manager and ways to better communicate and streamline information when changes occur.

Dr. Laticia Hill-Godette acknowledged Trillium staff for attending and volunteering at community events such as the recent ADLA event that addressed food insecurities.

Mr. Randy Abbott thanked Trillium for being a sponsor of the Black Poster Project and for supporting the Annual Anne Doolen Visionary Awards.

Ms. English Albertson shared her excitement that Trillium was nominated for an i2i Innovations awards in every category. The awards will be presented at the i2i Center for Integrative Health's Winter Conference in January.

VIII. CEO's Report

Ms. Joy Futrell provided updates on Trillium operations.

Community Update

Ms. Futrell reviewed some of the impacts in the community Trillium has made. She highlighted the recent Learning Collaborative which featured Mr. Kerwin Pittman, founder and CEO of the Mobile Recidivism Reduction Center.

Several Trillium employees volunteered in the ADLA Thanksgiving food distribution held in Mount Olive.

Operations Update

Ms. Futrell provided an update on the Trillium property restructuring, stating that the property project team continues to move forward with plans to realign certain properties.

THRive Local is a Trillium county-level plan that incorporates local funding received and the investments into local communities. Trillium will host THRive Local Regional Award Luncheons to formally recognize the contributions of our local partners and community leaders.

The Rural Health Transformation Program is a federal initiative, providing funds to states to improve rural healthcare delivery, quality, and access through innovation, infrastructure, and workforce development. North Carolina is eligible to receive funds based on its rural factors and needs. Trillium hopes to partner with the State to implement the North Carolina plan under the Transformation program. Awards will be announced soon, with funding and implementation to begin in early 2026.

Chief Strategy & Innovation Officer, Ms. Cindy Ehlers participated in a panel discussion at the North Carolina State of Reform Health Policy Conference in October and Dr. Michael Smith recently participated in a panel for the Open Minds Child First conference.

Ms. Futrell stated that the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has announced policy reforms and changes to Continuum of Care housing grants. Leadership continues to learn and understand these changes and the impact it will potentially have on the members we support in housing through these grants.

The policies for 1115 SUD Waiver services will be announced soon, with an effective date of January 1, 2026. Currently, Trillium will add services for Medicaid only as there are no new state funds to support additional benefits.

Legislative Update

Ms. Futrell expressed her appreciation to the providers that have continued to serve members through the rate reduction issue due to the unresolved budget crisis. Rates have been reversed however the budget is still short. Legislators return in April and the hope is that they will fund the remaining shortfall.

The Children and Families Specialty Plan transitioned from the public system to a private plan, Blue Cross Blue Shield on December 1, 2025

A detailed report was included in the meeting materials.

IX. Chair's Report

Dr. Denauvo Robinson expressed his appreciation to all for the festivities and participation in the meeting. He reminded the Board that the Nominating Committee would be responsible for bringing a slate of officers to the Board during the February meeting. The officers' positions will be the Chair and Vice Chair of the Governing Board and the Chair and Vice Chair of the Finance Committee. The Nominating Committee consists of Leann Henkel, Dr. Laticia Hill-Godette, Walter Ferguson, Wally Overman, and Commissioner Priscilla Little-Reid. Because Commissioner Little-Reid was not reappointed, she has been replaced by Sheron Mosby.

X. Convene Finance Committee Meeting

Dr. Denauvo Robinson entertained a motion to recess the Governing Board meeting and to convene the Finance Committee meeting.

Mrs. Lorraine Washington made a motion to recess the Governing Board meeting and to convene the Finance Committee meeting. Ms. Sheron Mosby made a second. The motion carried.

After the conclusion of the Finance Committee meeting, Dr. Robinson called for a ten minute recess.

XI. Closed Session

Dr. Robinson requested a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to N.C.G.S. 143-318.11(a)(3), and 143-318.11(a)(1).

Motion was made by Ms. Holly Connor to enter into Closed Session. Mrs. Lorraine Washington made a second. The motion carried.

The Governing Board entered into Closed Session at 5:31 p.m.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lorraine Washington to exit Closed Session. Mr. Wilson Raynor made a second. The motion carried.

The Governing Board resumed open session at 7:17 p.m.

Upon returning to open session, Dr. Robinson requested a motion to approve the items discussed during Closed Session.

Motion was made by Ms. Holly Connor to accept the new committee and the selection of members that were discussed during Closed Session. Ms. Sheron Mosby made a second. The motion carried.

Motion was made by Ms. Holly Connor to approve the At-Large appointment of Ms. Lizzy Tolar. Commissioner Priscilla Little-Reid made a second. The motion carried.

Motion was made by Mrs. Lorraine Washington to approve the Closed Session notes of October 23, 2025. Ms. Sheron Mosby made a second. The motion carried.

XII. Board Appointments

- Mid-State Regional Advisory Board
- North Central CFAC
- Health Disparities
- At-Large

Mr. Terrell Alston notified the Governing Board of the following appointments:
The Mid-State Regional Advisory Board appointed Commissioner David Allen
The North Central CFAC reappointed Lorraine Washington
The Health Disparities reappointed L.S. Bo Dean, Jr.
The At-Large member appointed by the Governing Board is Lizzy Toler

XIII. Adjournment

Dr. Denauvo Robinson thanked Commissioner Priscilla Little-Reid and Flor Herrera-Picasso for their service as they rotated off the Governing Board. He then asked for any further business to be brought before the Board. As there was none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Motion was made by Mr. Randy Abbott to adjourn the December 11, 2025, Governing Board meeting. Mrs. Lorraine Washington made a second. The motion carried.

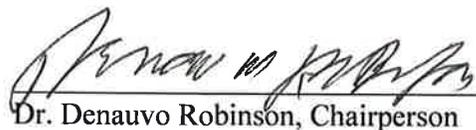
The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

The next Governing Board meeting is scheduled for February 26, 2026.

Minutes prepared by Lisa A. Jarman



Lisa A. Jarman, Minutes Recorder



Dr. Denauvo Robinson, Chairperson



Date



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