CERTIFICATE OF NEED REVIEW BOARD
February 18, 2026

The Certificate of Need Review Board held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 18, 2026 in the Alabama State Capitol Auditorium.

Board Members Present
Dr. Swaid N. Swaid, Chairman
General Ed Crowell, Vice Chairman (in person)
Mr. Freddy Ard
Dr. Natalie Fox
Mr. Randy Jones
Ms. Carol Knight
Mr. Ormand Thompson, III
Mr. Bill Wallace (in person)
Mr. Joseph Weaver (in person)

SHPDA Staff
Emily T. Marsal
Bradford L. Williams
Teresa Lee
Toni Ferguson
Kristin Norman
Jen Magallon
Melissa Trehern

Court Reporter
Jason Kobielus

Legal Representative
Mark D. Wilkerson, Esquire

A copy of the register of others participating are on file in the office of the State Health Planning and Development Agency.

Dr. Swaid N. Swaid, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. Emily Marsal, Executive Director of the State Health Planning and Development Agency, called the roll and a quorum was confirmed. Mr. Ormand Thompson made a motion to adopt the agenda, seconded by Dr. Natalie Fox. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Swaid requested a motion to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2025 meeting. Mr. Freddy Ard made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Carol Knight. The motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Swaid welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Certificate of Need Program

AL2025-021, HH Health System-Morgan, LLC d/b/a Decatur Morgan Hospital, Lawrence County, AL: Proposes to construct a new, state-of-the-art outpatient medical facility in Lawrence County, Alabama, to provide an upgraded CT Scanner, 3D Mammography, X-ray, MRI, respiratory and physical therapy, and certain laboratory services. **Opposition: None**

Attorney Joe Campbell and CEO Jeff Samz spoke on behalf of the project.

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After all comments and questions were addressed, Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the project, seconded by Dr. Fox. Dr. Swaid called for the vote. Mrs. Marsal conducted a roll call vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Fox and Mr. Thompson recused from project AL2026-002 at 10:11 a.m.

AL2026-002, Gulf Health Hospitals, Inc. d/b/a Thomas Hospital, Baldwin County, AL: Proposes to acquire one (1) additional cardiac catheterization laboratory at Thomas Hospital and the relocation of the existing cardiovascular unit from the main floor of the hospital to the new patient tower currently under construction (authorized by CON 3024-H) in the city of Fairhope, Baldwin County, Alabama. Upon completion, the hospital will have a total of four (4) cardiac catheterization laboratories and four (4) procedure rooms. **Opposition: None**

Mr. Stephen Preston, Executive VP Joe Stough, Dr. Brian Dearing, Dr. Robert Robichaux, and COO Lee Ann Cain spoke on behalf of the project.

After all questions and comments were addressed, General Crowell made a motion to approve the project, seconded by Mr. Ard. Dr. Swaid called for the vote. Mrs. Marsal conducted a roll call vote and the motion carried unanimously. (Ms. Knight was unable to vote due to technical difficulty.)

Dr. Fox rejoined the meeting at 10:34 a.m. Mr. Thompson did not rejoin.

AL2026-005, Renal Care Group of the Southeast, Inc. d/b/a Renal Care Group Andalusia, Covington County, AL: Proposes to expand the existing End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD) treatment center comprised of eighteen (18) in-center hemodialysis stations, one (1) isolation station, and two (2) home training stations, through the addition of one (1) in-center hemodialysis station, resulting in a total of twenty-two (22) stations in Andalusia, Covington County, Alabama. **Opposition: None**

Attorney Mazie Bryant, Director of Operations Katherine Cosby, and Regional VP Diana Campione spoke on behalf of the project.

Mr. Joseph Weaver made a motion to approve the project, seconded by Mr. Randy Jones. Dr. Swaid called for the vote. Mrs. Marsal conducted a roll call vote and the motion carried unanimously.

There being no further business before the Board, Dr. Swaid adjourned the meeting at 10:39 a.m.

Prepared by:

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Teresa Lee Date

Approved by:

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Swaid N. Swaid, M.D., Chairman Date