

MINUTES
STATEWIDE HEALTH COORDINATING COUNCIL
HOSPITAL COMMITTEE
February 5, 2026

The Hospital Committee of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council met virtually on Thursday, February 5, 2026, by web conference. As required by law (Ala. Code §36-25A-5.1), the minimum number of committee members met in person in Room 387 of the RSA Union building at 100 North Union Street, Montgomery, Alabama.

Committee Members Present

Hodges Washington, Chairman (In-Person)
Keith Granger, Vice-Chair
Brenda Carlisle
Harold Crouch (In-Person)
Barbara Estep (In-Person)
Representative Jeremey Gray (In-Person)
Carey McRae
Dare Meeks
Dr. Mickey Trimm

Virtual Attendees

Margaret Whatley
Roben Casey
Jennifer Clark
Will Kelley
Mazie Bryant
Brandon Nelson
Stephen Preston
Laura Grill
Sydney Willmann
Nate Horsley

SHPDA Staff

Emily T. Marsal, Executive Director
Toni Ferguson
Teresa Lee
Bradford L. Williams

In-Person Attendees

Gregg Everett
Colin Luke
Kurt Lee

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Kelli Fleming
Brian Massey
Matt Hart
Greg Nichols
Marcilla Gross
Swatek, Vaughn
Matt Oliver
Kristen Larremore
Jim Perdue

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

Chairman Hodges Washington called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Ms. Emily Marsal, SHPDA Executive Director, performed a roll call, and a quorum was verified.

Chairman Washington opened the floor to adopt the agenda. Ms. Barbara Estep made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mayor Harold Crouch seconded. The agenda was adopted unanimously.

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Chairman Washington called for a motion to adopt the minutes of the Hospital Committee Meeting held on June 10, 2025. Mr. Keith Granger motioned to adopt the minutes. Ms. Barbara Estep seconded. The minutes were adopted unanimously.

Chairman Washington welcomed everyone, thanked committee members and SHPDA staff for their work, and called upon Mr. Bradford Williams to explain the Rural Emergency Hospital language.

Mr. Bradford Williams briefly explained that the proposed Rural Emergency Hospital conversion language has been made available to the Committee.

The floor was opened for comment.

After comments from Ms. Estep, Ms. Margaret Whatley (Alabama Hospital Association), Mr. Keith Granger, Mr. Gregg Everett, Ms. Marsal, Mr. Colin Luke, and Mr. Carey McRae were made regarding the proposed Rural Emergency Hospital conversion language, discussions were held.

Mr. Washington informed the committee he would take all of the related comments and submissions of alternative language to the Agency under consideration and send the committee copies of any updated versions of the rule. Mr. Washington stated that there would be another meeting of the Hospital Committee in the near future to continue discussions on the proposed changes.

Ms. Marsal reminded the Committee that the next meeting of the Statewide Health Coordinating Council will be held on March 10, 2026.

Having received no further comment, Chairman Washington adjourned the meeting at 2:20 p.m.

Toni L. Ferguson

Date

Approved by:

Hodges Washington, Chairman

Date