The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Mr. James Hardymon. The minutes were reviewed and approved.

II.  **FINANCIAL REPORT**

Mr. Melgar presented the November financial statements to the committee. Cash was up for the month because of the receipt of the bond proceeds from the November sale as well as the proceeds from the sale last year. Mr. Melgar reminded the committee
that there is now just one balance sheet for the system. Revenue has been very strong. Inpatient volumes are on target and outpatient has been below target. He reviewed the accounts receivables and noted that six days are tied up with Good Samaritan billing issues that should be clarified in the next few months. Operating income is good so far this year and ahead of budget. He noted that the census does not correlate with the discharges—the length of stay at Chandler is up, therefore the census remains high. Full-time Equivalents (FTE’s) have been trending down for the system although GSH staff is growing. This continues to be watched very closely.

Mr. Melgar noted that the investment income for November was the strongest it has ever been; however, he expects losses for December that will be the largest ever.

Mr. Melgar presented both FCR’s 3 and 4 to the committee for their approval. FCR 3 is for the approval of two renovation projects—one for the ophthalmology clinic and one for the renovation of space on the first floor of the Kentucky Clinic to house Neurosurgery, Neurology, and Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. FCR 4 is for the approval of the acquisition of major equipment and information technology items using a lease/purchase method of procurement. The committee made a motion and approved both FCR 3 and FCR 4.

III. GRADUATE MEDICAL EDUCATION STATUS REPORT

Dr. McDowell presented the annual report on the status of graduate medical education to the committee. She reviewed the recruitment statistics and the scholarly achievements of the house officers. She concluded her report with a review of the program attributes. She discussed the accreditation cycle and reviewed the hours worked by residents and fellows. She also reviewed the results of the 2004-2006 ACGME Resident Survey and highlighted several of the key results.

Dr. Perman appreciated Dr. McDowell for her leadership of the program. Dr. Karpf noted that the organization should feel very good about the status of its residency program. The College of Medicine is excelling in many areas. Applicants are up significantly over the past couple of years. The committee made a motion and approved Dr. McDowell’s report.

IV. PATIENT SATISFACTION REPORT

Mr. Clark reminded the committee of the initiatives underway in the Emergency Department and noted that since the last report to the committee there had been some improvement in satisfaction scores. This has to be established as a trend, however, and everyone is still diligently working on improvements. We will not accept our current satisfaction scores and will remain steadfast in working to improve them.

V. MEDICAL STAFF REPORT

Dr. Michael Cibull reported that there were no credentials to present for approval from the UK Chandler Hospital.
Dr. Richard Lofgren presented the Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Staff report and the credentials being put forward for approval. The committee made a motion and approved the Good Samaritan Hospital Credentials.

VI. QUALITY AND SAFETY REPORT

Dr. Lofgren reviewed selected measures from the quality report card with the committee. He presented how we compare on these measures nationally and with University HealthSystem Consortium organizations. We are currently at our goal or within 5% of the national mean on all but two of the seventeen measures. There is significant work ongoing around each of these measures to ensure we continue to compare favorably with other health care organizations in the country.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

Dr. Karpf informed the committee of the ongoing progress in the relationship with Clark Regional Medical Center. He indicated that the management contract should be signed by the beginning of February. UK HealthCare will work with Clark Regional to help them plan and expand their services and understand their facilities needs. This work has gotten off to a good start.

Dr. Satchetello relayed to the committee discussions he has had with Dr. Starzle related to Dr. Starzle’s previous relationship with the University of Kentucky. He will keep the committee informed as to the developments of those communications.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 9:35am.