



STATE OF ILLINOIS
HEALTH FACILITIES AND SERVICES REVIEW BOARD

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May 14, 2026

TRANSMITTED ELECTRONICALLY AND CERTIFIED MAIL

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RE: **Completeness Requirements Met**
Health Facilities Planning Act
PROJECT: 26-025 Rochelle Community Hospital, Rochelle
APPLICANTS: Rochelle Community Hospital Association

Dear Ms. Gutierrez, Ms. Lindstrom:

This is to acknowledge receipt of the above-referenced application on May 12, 2026, for a permit under the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act ("Act") [20 ILCS 3960, *et seq.*].

After reviewing the submitted documentation, the staff of the Health Facilities & Services Review Board ("HFSRB" or "State Board") has deemed the permit application substantially complete as of May 14, 2026, and ready for review as outlined in the Act and Part 1130 of Title 77 of the Illinois Administrative Code ("Code").

We previously received your check for \$5,000.00. The balance of the required fee has been determined to be **\$101,874.92.** **To avoid a possible invalidation of the permit, the payment must be made to the "Illinois Department of Public Health" within thirty (30) days of receiving this notice.** The check should be made out in the exact amount, as rounding off dollar amounts complicates our records unnecessarily.

This letter also serves to notify you that the above-referenced permit application is now in the review period. During the review period, HFSRB staff will conduct a comprehensive review of the project and prepare a report of findings for submission to the HFSRB. See 77 Ill. Adm. Code §§1130.610-650. Please note that HFSRB staff may request additional information during the review period.

The permit applicant can review a copy of the report and appear before HFSRB to answer questions regarding the proposed project.



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The HFSRB Staff Report and any related materials for this project will be posted on the HFSRB website within fourteen (14) days before the HFSRB meeting at which the proposed project will be heard.

The HFSRB staff has tentatively scheduled the above project for presentation to the State Board on **September 15, 2026**. It will be noted on the corresponding agenda posted on the HFSRB website as outlined in the Open Meetings Act [5 ILCS 120/].

Under applicable law and administrative rules, a public hearing about the above-referenced project may be requested. See Subpart I of Part 1130 of Title 77 of the Code. If a public hearing is requested, HFSRB staff will notify you of the time and place.

Please note that modifications prior to the presentation of the proposed project to the State Board must comply with all modification requirements, including, but not limited to, 77 Ill. Adm. Code 650.

Should you have any questions regarding the above permit application, please contact HFSRB staff at DPH.HFSRB@illinois.gov or (217) 782-3516 (TTY (800) 547-0466 for deaf and hard-of-hearing people only).

Sincerely,

Debra Savage
Chairwoman



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NOTICE OF REVIEW AND OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC HEARING AND WRITTEN COMMENT

In accordance with the requirements of the Illinois Health Facilities Planning Act, notice is given of receipt to undertake a major modernization project at a critical access hospital in Rochelle. Project #26-025, Rochelle Community Hospital, Rochelle. Applicant: Rochelle Community Hospital Association. The applicant proposes to modernize clinical and non-clinical services at its hospital located at 900 North Second Street, Rochelle. Project cost: \$48,579,513.

The application was declared complete on May 14, 2026. A copy of the application may be viewed at the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board Office, at the address below. To obtain a copy of an application, please call the office for details and copying fees, at the number listed below. Consideration by the State Board has been tentatively scheduled for the September 15, 2026, State Board Meeting. Any person wanting a public hearing on the proposed project must submit a written request for a hearing to:

Mike Constantino, Supervisor, Project Review Section
Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 West Jefferson Street (2nd Floor)
Springfield, Illinois 62761
(217) 782-3516
(TTY# 800-547-0466 for hearing impaired only)

Requests for hearings must be received by this Agency no later than **May 29, 2026**. Any person wanting to submit written comments on this project must submit these comments by **August 26, 2026**.

The State Board will post its findings in a State Board Staff Report, and the report will be made available via the internet on **August 31, 2026**. The public may submit written responses in support of or in opposition to the findings of the Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board. The public will have until **9:00 am, September 8, 2026**. The internet address used to access this report is:

www.hfsrb.illinois.gov



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Sharie Ryan, HFSRB Office Coordinator, under penalties as provided by law pursuant to §1-109 of the Code of Civil Procedure (735 ILCS 5/1-109), certifies that the statements set forth in this certificate of service are true and correct, except as to matters therein stated to be on information and belief and as to such matters the undersigned certifies as aforesaid that they verily believe the same to be true and that they have served a copy of the above-mentioned documents from the foregoing Illinois Health Facilities & Services Review Board on May 14, 2026 to the below-referenced Applicant(s), by electronic mail and by U.S. Post Office Certified Mail to the following:

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