## NACOGDOCHES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MONDAY, MAY 13, 2025 @ 11:00 A.M. NACOGDOCHES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL 1204 MOUND STREET AUXILIARY CONFERENCE CENTER

## **BOARD IN ATTENDANCE:**

Philip Blackburn, President David Schaefer, Vice-President John McLaren, Secretary Rikki Leigh Willoughby

## **ABSENT**

John Sparks Ahammed Hashim, M.D.

## **ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Rhonda McCabe, CEO
Lynn Lindsey, CFO
Stacy Garcia, VP Clinical Operations / CNO
Robert Spurck, Legal Counsel (Zoom)
Jeff Summers, Consultant, Gallagher Group
Ella B. Nobles

- 1. CALL TO ORDER: Philip Blackburn, President, called the meeting to order @ 11:01 a.m.
- 2. WELCOME: Philip Blackburn welcomed visitors.
- 3. COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

Public comments on any topic at Special Board meetings are encouraged. Individuals who wish to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting must sign in before the meeting.

- There was no public communication.
- 4. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL BOARD APPROVAL OF EMPLOYEE BENEFITS RENEWALS AND PROPOSAL PRESENTED BY JEFF SUMMERS OF GALLGHER BENEFIT SERVICES, INC. Motion was made by David Schaefer to approve the Employee Benefits Renewals by Gallagher Benefit Services, Inc. The Motion was seconded by John McLaren, and the board approved.

- **5. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF TIPS RESOLUTION** Motion was made by Philip Blackburn to approve the TIPS Resolution. The motion was seconded by Rikki Willoughby and approved by the board.
- 6. **DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF RETIREMENT PLAN NEWSLETTER** No action was taken.
- 7. DISCUSSION AND UPDATE ON REFUNDING BONDS Philip Blackburn has researched the possibility of implementing a property tax in addition to the current sales tax that Nacogdoches County Hospital District is receiving. He has also explored the option of issuing a general obligation bond backed by property tax revenue. He has submitted a request for an opinion from the Attorney General, and we are currently awaiting a response.
- 8. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL APPROVAL TO FILL THE VACANCY OF THE BOARD POSITION AT LARGE. John McLaren made a motion to postpone the decision until the full board is present. The motion was seconded by David Schaefer and approved by the board.
- 9. CLOSED SESSION (AS APPLICABLE)
  - 9.1 Tex. Gov't Code §551.071, .129 (consultation with attorney)
  - 9.2 Tex. Gov't Code §551.072 (deliberation on issues with real property)
  - 9.3 Tex. Gov't Code §551.073 (deliberation on matters related to gifts and donations)
  - 9.4 Tex. Gov't Code §551.074 (deliberation on personnel matters)
  - 9.5 Tex. Gov't Code §551.076, .089 (deliberation on security issues)
  - 9.6 Tex. Gov't Code §551.078, .0785 (deliberation involving confidential patient medical records)
  - 9.7 Tex. Gov't Code §551.085 (deliberation on contract negotiations for services or product lines and relating to a proposed new service or product line)
  - 9.8 Tex. Health & Safety Code §161.031, .032 (disclosure of medical information and peer review)

10. ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by John McLaren to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Rikki Leigh Willoughby, and the board approved. The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Philip Blackburn, President

John McLaren, Secretary