

**NACOGDOCHES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 21, 2025 @ 3:00 P.M.
NACOGDOCHES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
1204 MOUND STREET AUXILIARY CONFERENCE CENTER**

Minutes

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
James Pool, Interim CFO
Stacy Garcia, VP Clinical Operations / CNO
Noella Crayton, Compliance Officer / Zoom
Robert Spurck, Legal Counsel (Zoom)
Ella B. Nobles

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Philip Blackburn, President, called the meeting to order @ 3:00 P.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.

Four members of the community signed in to speak on Agenda Item 4: Discussion and Potential Board Approval of the Proposed Tax Rate. Glenda Webb Schmidt, Brad Maule, Tom Belanger, and John Watt each expressed their support for the tax increase to help with the hospital's expenses.

4. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED TAX RATE.

Discussion of the Proposed Tax Rate will be discussed in Executive Session.

5. CLOSED SESSION (AS APPLICABLE) @ 3:14 P.M.

- 5.1 Tex. Gov't Code §551.071, .129 (consultation with attorney)
- 5.2 Tex. Gov't Code §551.072 (deliberation on issues with real property)
- 5.3 Tex. Gov't Code §551.073 (deliberation on matters related to gifts and donations)
- 5.4 Tex. Gov't Code §551.074 (deliberation on personnel matters)
- 5.5 Tex. Gov't Code §551.076, .089 (deliberation on security issues)
- 5.6 Tex. Gov't Code §551.078, .0785 (deliberation involving confidential patient medical records)
- 5.7 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)
- 5.8 Tex. Health & Safety Code §161.031, .032 (disclosure of medical information and peer review)

6. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION @ 3:32 P.M.

7. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED TAX RATE.

- **Motion:** Philip Blackburn moved to propose a tax rate of 3.632 per \$100 valuation, to be considered for adoption on September 3, 2025, at 3:00 p.m. in this room, with a public hearing to be held at that time.
- **Second:** David Schaefer

Vote Record:

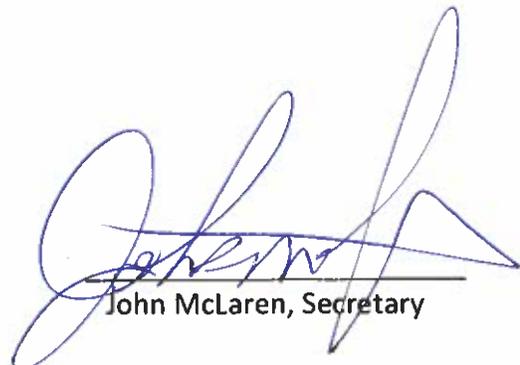
Philip Blackburn - Aye
David Schaefer – Aye

John McLaren - Nay
Rikki Leigh Willoughby - Nay

- **Results:** Motion failed.

8. Meeting Adjourned @ 3:41 P.M.


Philip Blackburn, President


John McLaren, Secretary