

**NACOGDOCHES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2025 @ 5:15 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
Ahammed Hashim, M.D.
Almarie Henderson Shumate

ABSENT

John Sparks

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:

Rhonda McCabe, CEO
James Pool, Interim CFO
Stacy Garcia, VP Clinical Operations / CNO
Robert Spurck, Legal Counsel (Zoom)
Ella Nobles, Operations Manager

PRESENTERS:

David Harwood/ Partner Healthcare Forvis Mazars
Travis Skinner/ Forvis Mazars

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Philip Blackburn, President, called the meeting to order @ 5:15 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.

- John Watt signed in to support the Approval of The Proposed Tax Rate.
- Anna Johnson signed in to support the Approval of The Proposed Tax Rate.

- Tom Belanger signed in to support the Approval of The Proposed Tax Rate.
- Anne Ellis signed in to support the Approval of The Proposed Tax Rate. Ms. Ellis also encouraged the Board members to educate themselves on the issues at hand to ensure they make informed decisions that positively impact the hospital and the community.

- 4. DISCUSSION AND RECEIPT OF THE FY24 AUDIT AS PRESENTED BY FORVIS MAZARS.**
Philip Blackburn moved to receive the FY 2024 financial audit as presented by Forvis Mazars. Dr. Hashim seconded the motion. The motions carried.
- 5. DISCUSSION AND POTENTIAL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED TAX RATE.**

VOTING RECORD

ALL IN FAVOR (AYE):

Phillip Blackburn
David Schaefer
Ahammed Hashim, M.D.
Almarie Henderson Shumate

OPPOSED (NAY)

John McLaren
Rikki Leigh Willough

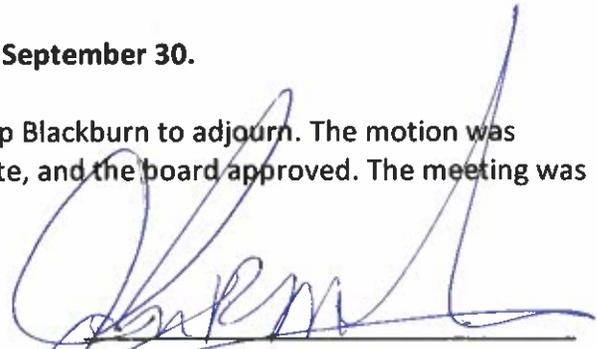
RESULT: The motion passed with the majority voting Aye.

Public Hearing and Vote to set the Tax Rate set for September 16, 2025, @ 5:15 p.m.

Regular Board meeting rescheduled for September 30.

- 6. ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Phillip Blackburn to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Almarie Henderson Shumate, and the board approved. The meeting was adjourned.


Phillip Blackburn, President


John McLaren, Secretary