

REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
NACOGDOCHES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
October 29, 2024 @ 5:15 P.M.

**Minutes**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Lisa King, President  
Sean Hightower, Vice-President  
Justin B. Sowell  
Wesley McKnight  
David Schaefer

**MEDICAL STAFF:**

Ahammed N. Hashim, MD

**ABSENT**

John McLaren, Secretary  
John Sparks

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:**

Rhonda McCabe, CEO  
Lynn Lindsey, CFO  
Cindi Reynolds, CPHRM, CPCS  
**Scott Skelton, Legal Counsel**  
**Holli Baze, Legal Counsel**  
Ella B. Nobles

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Lisa King called the regularly scheduled board meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. The meeting took place in Room A of the Fredonia Hotel Convention Center.
2. **WELCOME VISITORS:** Lisa King welcomed all the visitors.
3. **COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE**  
Public comments on any topic at regular monthly Board meetings is encouraged. Individuals who wish to speak during the public comment portion of the meeting must sign in before the meeting.

Glenda Webb, Emma Arayata, Joe Bartnik, Kyle Johnston, Almarie Henderson Shumate, and Mark Busbee. Each individual express their concerns on Item.4. Additionally, Melissa Johnston voiced concerns on behalf of her husband Kyle Johnston. No action was taken.

4. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION REGARDING THE TERMINATION OF THE NACOGODHES MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN.** Sean Hightower asked if there were any motions regarding the termination of the Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital Defined Benefit Plan. Wes McKnight made a motion to proceed with discussion on the Item, which was seconded by Justin Sowell. The Motion to consider the Item passed. Sean Hightower abstained from voting. Lisa King and David Schaefer did not vote or participate in discussion of this issue due to a conflict.

Motion made by Justin Sowell to move to Closed Session for discussion. Motion seconded by Wes McKnight. Motion approved. Lisa King and David Schaefer did not vote or participate in discussion of this issue due to a conflict.

5. **CLOSED SESSION:** The board entered a closed session at 5:31 p.m.
6. **OPEN SESSION:** The board returned from closed session at 6:13 p.m. Wes McKnight withdrew his motion to terminate the Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital Defined Benefit Plan due to the absence of two board members.
7. **REPORT FROM MEDICAL EXECUTIVE STAFF COMMITTEE REQUIRING DISCUSSION, UPDATE, DELIBERATION, ACTIONS, AND/OR POSSIBLE APPROVAL.**

- 7.1 **Request for Approval of Medical Staff Appointments and Privileges**

- 7.2 **Recommendation and Request for approval for Appointment of Chief Medical Officer**

Motion was made by Sean Hightower to approve Medical Staff Appointments and Privileges and Approval for Appointment of Chief Medical Officer. Motion seconded by David Shaefer. Motion approved.

8. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

Any board member may request that any, or all, of the items on the consent agenda be removed and considered as a separate item. If no such request is made, all items on the consent agenda may be approved by a single action.

- 8.1 Minutes of September 23 and 27, 2024 Meeting
- 8.2 Policy on Prohibited Technology On District Owned Equipment Pursuant To Texas Government Code Chapter 620 (TikTok Policy)
- 8.3 Contract With Vesta Teleradiology

Motion was made by Just Sowell to approve the Consent Agenda items 8.1, 8.2 and 8.3. The motion was seconded by Sean Hightower and the board approved.

- 9. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE BOARD APPROVAL OF A SETTLEMENT TO RESOLVE INVOICE DISPUTE WITH YPS.** Motion made by Sean Hightower and it was seconded by Wesley McKnight and the board approved.

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 P.M.

  
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Lisa King, President

  
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David Schaefer, Board member