

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NACOGDOCHES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 18, 2026 @ 9:00 A.M.**

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE:

Philip Blackburn, President
David Schaefer, Vice-President
John McLaren, Secretary
Ahmed Hashim, M.D.
Rikki Leigh Willoughby
Almarie Henderson Shumate
Pamela Wheeler

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, Operations Manager

1. CALL TO ORDER

Philip Blackburn called the scheduled board meeting to order at 9:15 A.M.

2. WELCOME VISITORS

Philip Blackburn welcomed all the visitors.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE

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

Rodney Robinson signed in to speak on behalf of others, asking the Board whether the district will still need the property tax once the hospital is leased by Tenet, and to encourage his co-workers to continue providing exceptional patient care because our community deserves nothing less from us.

4. PRESENTATION BY TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION.

Jeff Patterson, CEO of Tenet, presented the proposed real estate lease that will allow NMC to provide medical services at the NHM campus.

5. THE BOARD WILL MEET IN CLOSED SESSION (AS APPLICABLE) PURSUANT TO

- 5.1 Tex. Gov't Code §551.071, .129 (consultation with attorney) and/or §551.072 (deliberation on the purchase, exchange, lease, or value of real property) regarding a letter of intent(s) and lease related to the hospital and hospital campus.
- 5.2 Tex. Gov't Code §551.074 (deliberation on the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of a public officer or employee)
- 5.3 Tex. Gov't Code §551.076, .089 (deliberation on security issues)
- 5.4 Tex. Gov't Code §551.078, .0785 (deliberation involving confidential patient medical records)
- 5.5 Tex. Gov't Code §551.085 (deliberation on contract negotiations for service product lines and relating to a proposed new service or product line)
- 5.6 Tex. Health & Safety Code §161.031, .032 (disclosure of medical information and peer review)

6. CONVENE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

7. RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION

8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF LEASE WITH TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION.

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE APPROVAL OF THE COMPANION AGREEMENT WITH TENET HEALTHCARE CORPORATION.

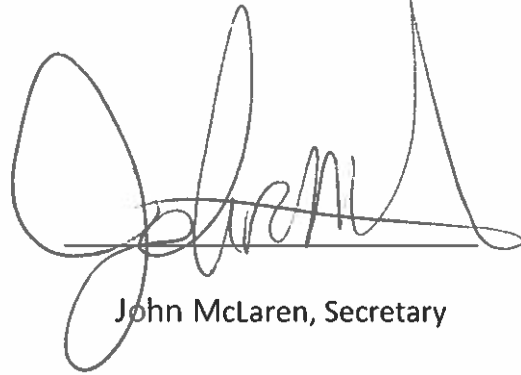
No action was taken on **Item 8, Discussion and Possible Approval of the Lease with Tenet Healthcare Corporation**, and **Items 9, Discussion and Possible Approval of the Companion Agreement with Tenet Healthcare Corporation**, due to the contract agreements not being completed.

The NCHD Board decided that the completed agreements must be **in hand and reviewed 48 hours before the next board meeting**. The tentative board meeting is scheduled for **February 27, 2026**.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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Philip Blackburn, President

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John McLaren", written over a horizontal line. The signature is highly stylized with large loops.

John McLaren, Secretary