

**MINUTES
LOWER FLORIDA KEYS HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
WORKSHOP
DECEMBER 2, 2025**

PRESENT: Mrs. Ovide, Mrs. Sterling, Mrs. Swift, Dr. Thompson, Mrs. Spottswood and Mr. Toppino, Mr. Hammond, Dr. Chambers & Mr. Muir

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Fishman, see sign in sheet for community members in attendance

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Sterling called the meeting to order at 2:40p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Chairman Sterling added one action item added to the agenda for approval which was to approve a new bookkeeper as an ad was published in the newspaper and our current bookkeeper resigned yesterday. There is good cause and justification for the addition so Mrs. Ovide motioned to accept the revised agenda as presented and Mr. Muir seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

CHAIRMAN MESSAGE:

Mrs. Sterling addressed the board and the public with some opening remarks. She stated how genuinely excited and humbled she is to step into this opportunity as the new board chair. She understands that the decisions made in this room directly impact on lives, our neighbors, our families and our community members on this island who have no other care options and this decision is extremely important. She stated it's a true privilege to serve alongside the rest of the board at this crucial time and thanked Mrs. Ovide for her lead. The district is facing a an extremely important decision regarding the selection of the next hospital operator and this choice is critical to ensuring our island community has access to the highest quality care. Mrs. Sterling's goal is to help the board be more productive and efficient, ensuring every hour spent together is used to

rigorously evaluate the matters at hand and she values the input of every stakeholder and community member. Her plan is to encourage an atmosphere of positive and constructive criticism and stated that everyone should work together in a positive manner in order to create the best future for medical care and the lower keys.

COMMUNITY SPEAKERS:

Mr. Kaufman and Mr. Krenke both spoke in regard to the RFP process, timelines, potential operators, stakeholder input and community needs.

AKERMAN RFP REPORT


Akerman started off by stating that they look forward to continuing to work with each and every one of the board members as well as the public, stakeholders, subject matter experts through this very important RFP process. Akerman went through the entire draft RFP agreement section by section..Akerman asked that any comments, substantive, technical spelling etc. be provided to the board or directly to them by December 15th, 2025, so that they can incorporate them and provide an updated RFP to the board at the next meeting. The RFP contains evaluation proposals based on five primary criteria, quality and reputation, breadth and commitment to services, system integration, facility commitment and budget.

redrafting this portion to read the community hospital inpatient, non critical access hospital, listing the existing services that I have just listed, and we will not dictate a planned expansion, but should respondents want to expand services that will be provided in their responses?

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the District Board, Dr. motioned to adjourn, Mr seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 4:13m.


Approved, Secretary


Date