

**MINUTES
LOWER FLORIDA KEYS HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
FEBRUARY 3, 2026**

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

ABSENT: Mrs. Swift, Dr. Thompson

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Sterling called the meeting to order at: 2:46 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mrs. Sterling asked to revise the agenda so Akerman could make their flight, so the RFP update was moved to 5b on the agenda.

Mrs. Ovide motioned to approve the agenda as revised, Mrs. Spottswood seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES

The minutes of the Board of Commissioners meeting held on November 4, 2025, December 2, 2025, and January 7, 2026, were reviewed as presented:

Mrs. Sterling asked for a revision to November 4, 2025, minutes with the change reflecting Mrs. Swift voted for herself for Vice-Chair and not Mr. Toppino which resulted in a 4-3-1 vote. Mrs. Ovide motioned to approve the minutes with the revision Mr. Muir seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

CITIZEN INPUT:

Mr. Walsh spoke briefly about the RFP and services he is requesting to be incorporated into the RFP.

AKERMAN REPORT: MR. SLAVKIN/ MRS. NOWELS:

Mr. Slavkin from Akerman gave the board an update on the changes and recommendations made from the last board meeting to the RFP and the status. Florida regulatory requirements were added to the RFP and Akerman and Stroudwater continue to work on criteria to evaluate submission when that process starts on market data Akerman is developing a timeline for the RFP and is awaiting the inspection report that they are expecting by February 26th and any and all info that is relevant will be incorporated into the RFP.

Stroudwater was selected as the consultant and is working with Akerman to collect data, develop criteria, contract negotiations, interviews etc. Akerman anticipates a draft RFP to be reviewed at the April 7th board meeting. Akerman continues to meet with various stakeholders to receive input and comments on the draft RFP.

CHS HOSPITAL REPORT:

Mr. Bigby stated that 24 patient rooms were renovated and complete. The surgical waiting room phase was also completed, and phase 3 will start soon. CT equipment was updated and there was a 47% increase in scans from prior year. In patient dialysis unit was formed and 24 % reduction in transfer due to these services being offered. Mr. Bigby listed some stats from 2024 to 2025 below:

- 134,000 patient encounters
- 22,000 ER visits
- 400 labor deliveries
- 3,400 in-patient surgeries
- 5,000 surgeries performed
- 25% reduction in ED transfers
- Cath lab transfers are down

LKMC added a social worker and OBGYN to the team which is a huge asset to the community. Mr. Bigby thanked the staff and the medical community for their support and commitment to excellent care in the last 10 months he has been serving as CEO.

NURSING HOME ASST. ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: MRS. ROSADO

Mrs. Rosado stated the census was at 100 and they had 16 skilled patients. The Woman's club is going to be sponsoring bingo weekly and patients are taking more trips outside the facility. The interim administrator is still here, and Mrs. Rosado is in the process of completing her required schooling and hopes to apply as the next Administrator.

NURSING HOME COMMUNITY REP: MRS. SMITH:

Mrs. Smith is very pleased with all the activities and progress that is occurring at the nursing home.

CHIEF OF STAFF: DR. NORRIS

Dr. Norris spoke briefly about doctor privileges and how pleased he was with the RFP process.

ATTORNEY REPORT: MR. FISHMAN

Mr. Fishman wasn't present at the meeting, but his report was included in the board packages.

APPROVAL OF FINANCE COMMITTEE QUATERLY FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Mrs. Spottswood motioned to approve the financial report from PFM and the quarterly financial report for the quarter ending December 31, 2025, Mr. Muir seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the quarterly financial reports is attached to the official minutes.

NEW BUSINESS: EQUIPMENT INSPECTION PROPOSAL


Mrs. Sterling asked to postpone this item until after the inspection reports comes back to get a better understanding of what inventory is present before spending \$20,000 on the unknown.

Mr. Toppino motioned postponing the equipment inspection proposal until the inspection report of the building comes back. Ms. Spottswood seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the District Board, Mr. Toppino motioned to adjourn, Mrs. Ovide seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.


Approved, Secretary


Date