

**MINUTES
LOWER FLORIDA KEYS HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JULY 7, 2026**

PRESENT: Mrs. Sterling, Mr. Toppino, Mr. Hammond, Dr. Chambers, Mr. Muir, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Oppenheimer

ABSENT: Mrs. Ovide & Mrs. Spottswood

ALSO PRESENT: Mrs. Nowels (Akerman) & Mrs. Kelly (Stroudwater), Mr. Slavkin (Akerman), Abby Green (Stroudwater) were attending virtually through zoom (also see sign-in sheet for community members in attendance)

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Sterling called the meeting to order at: 2:36 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Hammond motioned to approve the agenda as revised, Dr. Oppenheimer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

F.S. 155 REPORT PRESENTATION BY VMG:

Mr. Teague presented the evaluation report via zoom to the district. VMG was hired and below are the pillars of what the engagement entailed:

1. Engaged to do a 3rd party independent evaluation of the hospital fair market value of the hospital
2. Objective comparison
3. Quality of care comparison
4. Community benefit analysis

A copy of the VMG evaluation report is attached to the official minutes.

Dr. Thompson motioned to approve the resolution prepared by Akerman that states it's in the best interest of the district and the community to lease to a third-party operator. Mr. Muir seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. A copy of the Resolution is attached to the official minutes.

RFP REVISIONS & UPDATE:

Mrs. Nowels went through the revised version of the RFP and changes since the last meeting from board members and comments from public discussion that occurred since last board meeting. The material changes were as follows:

- RFP listed location for Depoo
- Clarification to describe what is represented in Health System Inc. bylaws and amount of board members for Health System.
- Clarified that Health System is registered with Secretary of State but not active
- Added language from original lease that facilities revert back to the district

SELECTION OF DATES FOR RFP RESPONDENT INTERVIEWS:

Mrs. Cranney-Black went one by one with each board member to see what dates they were unavailable for interviews so the board could come up with a few dates where they could all attend. The (3) dates the board agreed upon and all stated they were available were December 1st, 2nd and 3rd to conduct interviews as a board.

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 4:24 pm.


Approved, Secretary

9-8-20
Date