MINUTES
LOWER FLORIDA KEYS HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JUNE 2, 2026

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

ABSENT: Mr. Muir & Mrs. Ovide

ALSO PRESENT: Mr. Fishman, see sign in sheet

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Sterling called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.

CHS MOMENT OF SILENCE: Lynne Shadduck

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Toppino motioned to approve the agenda. Mrs. Spottswood seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mr. Padget welcomed Dr. Oppenheimer to the board and praised the board for their hard work and dedication to the RFP process. Mr. Padget stated that Mrs. Sterling, Mrs. Ovide and Mrs. Spottswood expire on September 12, 2026, and hopes the Governor allows them to continue to serve until the RFP process is complete.

F.S. CHAPTER 155 REPORT

Akerman engaged in VMG and they have been working diligently to prepare and finalize the required report. VMG is on track and scheduled to have a final report in the next few weeks. Required by Fla.statue, the appropriate notice will be published 2 weeks prior to July hospital board meeting to advertise.

RFP UPDATE:

Akerman went over the comments and RFP timeline revisions. The timeline starts with the publication of the RFP being published in early July. The RFP originally had a 90-day period for the respondents to respond and the close would-be roughly October 8th. The district's next scheduled board meeting date was scheduled for October 6th so it would push the presentation meeting until the November meeting. The board decided to change the 90-day period to an 80-day period and keep the presentations for the October 6th meeting to prevent any delay in the process. The district would like the verbiage in section 5 of the RFP to state that the "preference" is at least a 30-year agreement, but the board would consider shorter or longer terms.

Dr. Oppenheimer motioned to approve the 80-day responding period. Mrs. Spottswood seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

FY25 AUDIT REPORT:

Mr. Lopez was on a conference call and stated that he went over the draft report last month and the only change to the final draft was the disclosure that states the number of appointments to the board by the Governor. The correct disclosure was supplied by management and updated in the final report. The district received a clean audit opinion and will submit all reporting requirements by June 30, 2026, to the state to meet the filing deadline.

Dr. Chambers motioned to approve the FY 25 Audit report and financial statements. Dr. Oppenheimer seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Krenke just wanted to state his appreciation to the board on the level of detail and all the clarifications that have been made to the RFP to make it the best working document possible.

Mrs. Swift recommended that when the RFP presentations occur that the board make sure the respondents have the best opportunity with audio and video to present and a possible alternate location be selected that can accommodate the October meeting.

Mr. Sanchez wanted to address the issue of the confusion of the language "hospital" in the RFP. Mr. Sanchez stated he is trying to be collaborative in the process and provided comments. To address the ownership structure referring LKMC and Depoo facility.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business to come before the District Board, Dr. Chambers motioned to adjourn the meeting and Mrs. Spottswood seconded and the motion was carried unanimously at 3:43 pm.

Kathryn A. Dush   9-8-24

Approved, Secretary   Date