Approval Date:
February 17th, 2025

MINUTES OF
A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITRUS COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD

JANUARY 13TH, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Citrus County Hospital Board of Trustees was held Monday, **January 13th, 2025,** in the Conference Room at 123 N. Apopka Avenue, Inverness, Florida 34450. Chairman Dr. Mark Fallows called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

(2) PUBLISHED MEETING LEGAL NOTICE

(Agenda & Published Legal notice Copies On File)

(3) QUORUM PRESENT

(4) ATTENDANCE

Board Members Present:
Mark Fallows, DO (Chairman)
Jeffrey Wallis, MD (Vice-Chairman)
Allan Bartell (Secretary/Treasurer)
Rick Harper (Trustee)

Also in attendance:
William Grant, Esq. (CCHB General Counsel)
Judy Dunn (CCHB Administrative Assistant)
Richard Powell (CCHB CPA)
Karen B. Schapira, PLLC (via Zoom)
Attorney Cliff Shepard (Via Zoom)

(5) PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

(6) LEGAL

Attorney Karen Schapira presented an AHCA PowerPoint Presentation from Attorney Karen Schapira and Attorney Cliff Shepard.

A final hearing has been scheduled for April 15th and 16th 2025 before the ALJ. The case will proceed with an Alternative dispute resolution program as well, in which both parties' experts are encouraged to speak and resolve the issues.

A letter was presented from Attorney Cliff Shepard to Amber Nunnally.

A notice of additional special executive session meetings were set for January 17th, 2025, and January 22nd 2025.

(7) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

***MOTION** by **Mr. Harper** to accept the Minutes, second by **Dr. Wallis**. No further discussion, the Motion passed unanimously, 4 -0.*

(8) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The December 2024 Finance Reports were presented.

Discussion ensued regarding the Finance Reports.

***MOTION** by **Mr. Harper** to accept Finance Report for December 2024 as presented, second by **Dr. Wallis**. No further discussion, the Motion passed unanimously, 4 -0.*

Mr. Powell presented an Investments Performance for the last three years.

December 2024 CCHB invoices were presented. The invoices are as follows:

- Citrus Real Estate Investments 1, LLC for February 2025 rent in the amount of $400.
- Powell Consulting for services 12/16/24-1/8/25 the amount of $2,550.00.
- Shepard, Smith, Hand & Brackins for December2024 services in the amount of $9,825.00.
- Karen Schapira for December in the amount of $8,795.00.
- Regions Bank Card for supplies in the amount of $356.50.
- Century Link for Telephone/Internet in the amount of $327.39.

***MOTION** by **Dr. Wallis** to approve payment of December 2024 CCHB invoices, second by **Mr. Harper**. No further discussion, the Motion passed unanimously, 4-0.*

(9) LEGAL

The Raymond James settlement check in the amount of $2,046.00 was deposited. The Raymond James case is settled and closed.

A Notice to Owner on behalf of Miller Electric for HCA construction was presented. Attorney Grant stated all tasks have been reviewed, and construction progress is on track.

Email from Christopher Knife, CEO CF Foundation, stated the foundation has confirmed its attendance at the February 17th, 2025, meeting and will present the information requested by the Trustees.

Dr. Wallis requested confirmation that the information will be presented twice a year, as opposed to every two years as indicated in the email. Mr. Bartell asked about student count and if it will increase with the current funding.

The Bronze Plaques will be ordered by Friday and Attorney Grant will set a meeting with HCA CEO Lisa Nummi to finalize placement details soon.

(10) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Doctors' Free Clinic

Dr. Wallis noted that the clinic has been busy, and there are discussions about increasing operations to two days per month. Fundraising was temporarily paused due to technological issues, which have since been resolved. A raffle is currently underway, with the draw date set for February 14th, 2025. Although Dr. Wallis has been encouraged by his Board and others to approach CCCCF for operational funding, he expressed concerns about a potential conflict of interest.

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None.

(11) NEW BUSINESS

None.

(12) TRUSTEE COMMENTS

Dr. Wallis expressed concern that CCCCF appears less interested in funding operational expenses and more focused on supporting new or unconventional initiatives. While he acknowledged being impressed by the increase in investment funds, he believes CCCCF may be shifting away from its original purpose and mission. He recommended that CCHB attend CCCCF meetings regularly and consider conducting its own audit.

Dr. Fallows mentioned that while he was previously unable to attend CCCCF meetings due to personal commitments, his schedule has now eased, and he intends to resume attendance moving forward.

A discussion between Mr. Powell and the Trustees followed, regarding the feasibility of auditing whether the purpose of awarded grants aligns with their intended objectives. The Board recognized the need to establish an agreed-upon procedures engagement for the organization to facilitate such an audit.

Mr. Bartell stated he recently visited the Aqua Rehab location and was concerned over the fact the facility was unable to replace the heaters for the pool. Attorney Grant stated that CCHB has no responsibility in the matter.

(13) NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE

February 17th, 2025.

(14) ADJOURMENT

***MOTION** by **Mr. Harper**, second by **Mr. Bartell** to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, 4-0.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Allan Bartell
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Secretary/ Treasurer

1. January 13th, 2025 Agenda.
2. Proof of Publication of Legal Notice.
3. Minutes from December 16th, 2024.
4. Finance Reports for December 2024.
5. List of Invoices for Approval for December 2024.
6. Medicaid Recoupment PowerPoint.
7. Email from Attorney Clifford Shepard to Amber Nunnally.
8. Executive Session Notice.
9. Raymond James Settlement Check.
10. Notice to Owner December 17th, 2024.
11. Email from Christopher Knife.