

*Approval Date:
March 24th, 2025*

MINUTES OF
A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
CITRUS COUNTY HOSPITAL BOARD

FEBRUARY 17TH, 2025 AT 6:00 P.M.

(1) CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Citrus County Hospital Board of Trustees was held Monday, **February 17th, 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)

Board Members Not Present:

Rick Harper (Trustee)

Also in attendance:

William Grant, Esq. (CCHB General Counsel)
Judy Dunn (CCHB Administrative Assistant)
Kaylee Flaherty (CCHB Administrative Assistant)
Richard Powell (CCHB CPA)

Members of the Public:

Dr. James Henningsen (CF State College)
Dr. Vernon Lawter (CF State College)
Karla Poulos (Doctor's Free Clinic)
Crystal Barton, Executive Director (CCCCF)
Tariq Muhammad CEO (Citrus County Rural Health)

(5) PUBLIC COMMENT

Tariq Muhammad, CEO of Citrus County Rural Health, addressed the Board to discuss potential funding opportunities for a healthcare project in Citrus County. CCRH is seeking financial support to provide healthcare services to students within Citrus County Schools.

(6) APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION by Dr. Wallis to accept the Minutes, second by Mr. Bartell. No further discussion, the Motion passed unanimously, 3 -0.

(7) FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The January 2025 Finance Reports were presented.

Discussion ensued regarding the Finance Reports.

MOTION by Dr. Wallis to accept Finance Report for January 2025 as presented, second by Mr. Bartell. No further discussion, the Motion passed unanimously, 3 -0.

January 2025 CCHB invoices were presented. The invoices are as follows:

- Citrus Real Estate Investments 1, LLC for March 2025 rent in the amount of \$400.
- Powell Consulting for services 01/09/25-02/14/25 the amount of \$2,550.00.
- Shepard, Smith, Hand & Brackins for January 2025 services in the amount of \$18,308.36.
- JP Morgan Chase 2025 Investment fee in the amount of \$1,250.00.
- Regions Bank Card for supplies in the amount of \$23.93.
- Century Link for Telephone/Internet in the amount of \$327.39.

MOTION by Dr. Wallis to approve payment of January 2025 CCHB invoices, second by Mr. Bartell. No further discussion, the Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

(8) LEGAL

An email from Attorney Cliff Shepard was provided, stating that Cliff Shepard and Karen Schapira will travel to Tallahassee Sunday, February 23rd, 2025, to meet with our HCA expert. They will spend Monday and Tuesday, February 24-25, 2025, reviewing and preparing the analysis of the CCHB/AHCA case. On March 4, 2025, a court-supervised mediation process will take place with a judge not assigned to the case, who will discuss the issues with both parties and attempt to facilitate a settlement. Dr. Fallows will serve as the Board representative during the mediation proceedings.

MOTION by Dr. Wallis to add executive meeting for March 10th, 2025, second by Mr. Bartell. No further discussion, the Motion passed unanimously, 3 -0.

JP Morgan investment change via email was provided.

MOTION by Dr. Wallis for CCHB to accept JP Morgan Chase Escrow Option1 and for Chairman Dr. Fallows to sign documentation when provided, second by Mr. Bartell. No further discussion, the Motion passed unanimously, 3 -0.

Mr. Grant shared an email from Withlacoochee Technical College regarding the practical nursing program, which is seeking funding to provide low- or no-cost tuition and fees. Mr. Bartell requested additional information on the program and the grant request.

The first bronze plaque will be ordered. Mr. Bartell requested that Judy Dunn contact Eric Williams, the City of Inverness Manager, to inquire about the company they use for their plaques.

(10) UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CF Nursing Program

Dr. Henningson and Dr. Lawter presented the Board with a year one update on the nursing scholarship program. CF is the number 1 Nursing Program in the State of Florida.

Doctors' Free Clinic

Dr. Wallis stated the Clinic is staying busy and they saw 15 patients during the last session.

CCCCF

Executive Director, Crystal Barton stated the Amended By-Laws were provided for review. The Retreat has been scheduled for April 12th, 2025, at the Citrus County Health Department from 9am-2pm. Grant Cycle 15 has started accepting applications.

(11) NEW BUSINESS

None.

(12) TRUSTEE COMMENTS

(13) NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING DATE

March 10th, 2025.

March 24th, 2025.

(14) ADJOURMENT

MOTION by Dr. Wallis, second by Mr. Bartell to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Respectfully Submitted,



Allan Bartell

Secretary/Treasurer

1. February 17th 2025 Agenda.
2. Proof of Publication of Legal Notice.
3. Minutes from January 13th, 2025.
4. Finance Reports for January 2025.
5. List of Invoices for Approval for January 2025.
6. Email from Attorney Clifford Shepard.
7. Memo Update from Karen Schapira 2.17.25.
8. JP Morgan Investment Email.
9. Email from WTC Nursing Program.
10. CF Year One Update.