



METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD of TRUSTEES

NOVEMBER 20, 2025

4:00 P.M.

Regular Meeting

AGENDA

The Hospital Authority Board May Deliberate on Any Item on the Agenda

NGH MISSION STATEMENT

To improve the health and wellness of Nashville by providing equitable access to coordinated patient-centered care, supporting tomorrow's caregivers, and translating science into clinical practice.

NGH VISION

Leader in exceptional community healthcare – “One neighbor at a time.”

Board Packet

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AGENDA ITEM

- I. **Welcome and Call to Order – Christy Smith, Chair**
- II. **Conflict of Interest**
Opportunity for each member to disclose potential conflicts and their belief they can be unbiased and able to participate, or that they elect to recuse themselves from the matter.
- III. **Mission Statement**
- IV. **Public Comment**
Each guest wishing to speak must appear in person before the meeting begins and sign the sign-up sheet. A maximum of twenty (20) minutes is allowed for public comment. The Chair will call on guests in the order listed on the sign-up sheet, provided no guest will be called after the maximum twenty (20) minute time period is reached. Each guest who is called is limited to a maximum of 3 minutes to speak regarding agenda items.
- V. **Minutes**
 - a. HAB Regular Meeting October 30, 2025
- VI. **Old Business**
- VII. **New Business**
- VIII. **Department Reports**
 - a. **Quality Report – Kristi Lewis, Chief Compliance Officer/Felecia Denson, Director of Quality & Patient Safety**
 - b. **Medical Staff Reports**
 - i. Medical Staff Bylaws – Dr. DeAnn Bullock/Dr. Chike Nzerue, Chair of Medical Executive Committee
 - ii. November Credentials Report – Dr. Robert Miller

IX. Committee Reports

- a. **CEO Performance & Search Committee Report – Mr. David Esquivel**
 1. CEO Search Status
- b. **Finance Committee Report – Dr. Chike Nzerue/Dr. Kemberly Blackledge, Interim CFO/Ray Brocato, Controller**
 1. October Reports

X. Contracts/Capital Expenditure Requests (CER)

- a. **AMN Leadership Solutions, Inc. – David Esquivel, Committee Chairman**
 - New Search Firm Agreement
 - Search to begin with CEO, but available for use for other executive-level searches in the future
 - Term: 5 years
 - Cost: For CEO search - 29% of the CEO's annual salary. Based on \$600,000 estimated salary, the contract would be \$174,000.
 - Template agreement included in the packet
- b. **Advanced Sterilization Products Services, Inc – Dr. Joshua Baxter**
 - New Equipment Agreement
 - Replace the Sterrad Equipment Sterilization machine
 - Term: 3 years (12/1/2025 – 11/30/2028)
 - No auto-renewal
 - There is a 30 day out clause
 - Annual Cost \$148,902.03
 - Not in this year's budget
 - No formal RFP (only vendor for this equipment)
- c. **Forvis Mazars – Ray Brocato, Controller**
 - New Service Agreement
 - Term: 2 months (11/17/2025-1/17/2026)
 - No auto-renewal
 - There is a 30 day out clause
 - Annual cost: up to \$100,000 (20% of increase in DSH payments over look-back period of at least 10 years, capped at \$100,000)
 - Not in this year's budget
 - No formal RFP (3 quotes received)
- d. **South West Communications (SWC) (CER) – Jerry Galu, Director of Facilities**
 - New Purchase (CER)
 - Cost: \$181,479.58
 - Not included in this year's budget
 - No formal RFP (NGH's current video system is proprietary and we must use a vendor that is approved by the video software company).
- e. **CEPHEID – Rick Pence, Administrative Director of Laboratory**
 - New Lease Agreement/Placement Contract – Reagent Purchase
 - Term: 3 years - Starts on date of signing + 3 years
 - Auto-renewal after the 2nd year
 - No out clause
 - Included in this year's budget
 - Annual Cost: \$185,238.00 (Last year: \$188,132.00 difference of -\$2,894.00)
 - No formal RFP (Cepheid was chosen due to the advanced technology and test menu which has little to no competitive vendors)
- f. **Beckman Coulter – Rick Pence**
 - New Lease/Placement Contract – Reagent Usage
 - Term: 5 years - Starts on date of signing + 5 years
 - Includes Auto-renewal
 - There is a 30 day out clause
 - Included in this year's budget
 - No formal RFP (Beckman Coulter made an offer that is "cost neutral" to our current operating cost.)



- XI. Interim CEO's Report – Dr. Veronica Elders**
- XII. Board Chair's Report – Ms. Christy Smith**
- XIII. Next Regular HAB Meeting Date**
 - a. December cancelled for holidays
 - b. Thursday, January 29, 2026, at 4:00 p.m.
- XIV. Adjournment**