METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL AUTHORITY BOARD of TRUSTEES

NOVEMBER 19, 2026
4:00 P.M.
Regular Meeting
AGENDA

The Hospital Authority 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 healthcare for all.

Board Packet

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AGENDA ITEM

I. Welcome and Call to Order – Ms. Christy Smith, Chairperson

II. Conflict of Interest
Opportunity for each member to disclose potential conflicts and their belief that 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 Special Called Meeting – October 19, 2026
b. HAB Regular Meeting – October 29, 2026

VI. Old Business

VII. New Business
a. Settlement of Jana Rogers' Claim – Derrick Smith, Senior Counsel, Metro Department of Law
b. AHRQ Patient Safety Culture Survey Results – Ashley Mancini, Director of Quality, Patient Safety, and Professional Excellence

VIII. Department Reports
a. Medical Staff Reports – Dr. Robert Miller
1. November Credentials Report – Dr. DeAnn Bullock, Chief Medical Officer

IX. Committee Reports

a. **Finance Committee** – Mr. Alphonso Harvey, Committee Chair

1. **October 2026 Financial Statements** - Dr. Kemberly Blackledge, CFO and Mr. Ethan Few, Comptroller

X. Contracts/Capital Expenditure Requests

a. **NorthStar Anesthesia (formerly Epix)** – Dr. DeAnn Bullock, Chief Medical Officer
- Amendment #14 to the master agreement. NorthStar currently provides anesthesia services to NGH.
- Term: 2 years (1/1/27-12/31/29)
- No auto renewal
- Cost: Increase of $263,000
- Out clause included
- Not a GPO vendor
- Master agreement is included in this year's budget, the increase of $263,000 is not included
- No formal RFP

b. **Abbott Nutrition** – Stanley Woodall, Director of Supply Chain Management
- Renewal agreement: Abbott Nutrition agrees to supply NGH an amount of custom feeding system infant formula products necessary to meet NGH's annual in hospital feed requirement for each Abbott Nutrition formula-fed or supplementing infant.
- Term: 5 years (11/1/26-11/1/31)
- Auto renewal: 3 years
- Cost: $0
- Out clause with 60 days advance written notice
- This is a GPO vendor
- Zero cost to this year's budget
- No formal RFP

c. **Cofactor AI** – Faith Reed, Revenue Integrity Coordinator
- New agreement: This is a cloud service providing AI solutions. Cofactor's engineers work inside NGH's revenue cycle, building and operating AI agents against leakage points and giving leadership visibility into where revenue is lost and why.
- Term 3 years (starts after Board approval)
- Auto renewal: 36 months
- Out clause with 60-day notification
- Annual cost: $500,000
- Not a GPO vendor
- Not included in this year's budget
- No formal RFP

d. **American Red Cross** – Dr. Mark Brown, COO/Fatima Abdouni, Laboratory Manager
- Renewal Service Agreement: to ensure uninterrupted access to safe and reliable blood products and transfusion support services.
- Term 3 years
- No auto renewal
- No out clause
- Annual cost: $348,860 (reduction in cost by $93,580 from previous year)
- Not a GPO vendor
- Included in this year's budget
- No formal RFP

XI. **CEO's Report** – Dr. Veronica Elders

XII. **Board Chair's Report** – Ms. Christy Smith, Chairperson

XIII. **Next Meeting Dates:**

a. December 17, 2026

XIV. **Adjournment**