

1 MINUTES OF MEETING OF NORTH LAKE COUNTY
2 HOSPITAL DISTRICT OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2026
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4 A meeting of the North Lake County Hospital District (NLCHD) was held on September
5 10, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. in the Lake County Commission Chambers, Administration Building,
6 315 W. Main Street, Tavares, Florida.

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8 Mr. Trueman Hurley, Chairman, called the meeting to order.
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10 Pastor Chris George, Administrative Pastor of Faith World in the Cities of Leesburg and
11 Eustis, gave the Invocation and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
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13 ROLL CALL

14 Mr. Matt White, with Crippen and Co., called the roll to ascertain the Trustees present for
15 the meeting, with the following members in attendance: Ms. Marie Aliberti, Ms. Barbara
16 Price, Mr. David Douglas, Mr. Ricky Harper, Mr. Thomas Hansing, and Mr. Trueman
17 Hurley.
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19 INTERIM LEGAL COUNSEL

20 Mr. White mentioned that even though this was not on the agenda, there was a matter of
21 interim legal counsel, and that since Ms. Meredith Kirste, NLCHD Attorney, was on a
22 medical leave of absence and there were many matters to be handled in the following few
23 weeks while she was unavailable, they had in attendance Mr. Mac MacKay, with the Law
24 Firm of Gooding, Batsel, Hartley & MacKay. He stated that he was seeking a motion of
25 acceptance to engage Mr. MacKay as interim legal counsel to provide legal support during
26 the current and following meetings.
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28 On a motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Harper, and carried unanimously by a vote of
29 6-0, the NLCHD Board approved Mr. MacKay as interim legal counsel.
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31 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

32 On a motion by Mr. Harper, seconded by Mr. Hansing, and carried unanimously by a vote
33 of 6-0, the NLCHD Board approved the Minutes of July 16, 2026.
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35 PRESENTATION OF QUARTERLY AUDITS

36 Mr. White commented that at the prior NLCHD meeting, there was an opportunity to
37 explore updated procedures to the quarterly report of agreed upon procedures performed
38 by Forvis Mazars, and that Mr. Nate Davenport, Partner with Forvis Mazars, had
39 researched procedures that could potentially fall in line with Florida's Health Care
40 Responsibility Act (HCRA).
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42 Mr. Davenport related that he went through HCRA to see what baseline of items should be
43 required, such as the bare minimum, and opined that the largest change from the procedures
44 that were originally agreed to was the review of the proof of identification. He commented
45 that the prior procedures required two forms of identification; however, since there was
46 nowhere that stated that a person had to have two forms of identification, he suggested that
47 the minimum would be one form of identification, which was what HCRA was calling for.

1 He remarked that they clarified the review of residency and the review of reported income,
2 and that during the review of reported assets, they noticed that since it may be difficult to
3 acquire statements sometimes, there was the ability to obtain a signed affidavit stating what
4 one's assets were and their value. He relayed that the review of benefit eligibility was to
5 ensure that there was no other payer source for the services provided, such as Medicaid,
6 Medicare, commercial insurance, or Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits, and
7 that this was a last resort funding. He commented that regarding the review of services, he
8 recalled discussion at the previous meeting about evaluating medical necessity, and
9 clarified that since they were not clinicians, they were strictly evaluating that there was
10 documentation of the medical services received, noting that they were not evaluating what
11 was provided or whether it was necessary or not. He mentioned that they were just trying
12 to revamp the procedures to make them more manageable to go through without overdoing
13 it with the previous procedures.

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15 Mr. Harper questioned if the signed affidavit was in the bylaws currently.

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17 Mr. Davenport replied that the signed affidavit for the reported assets was an option under
18 HCRA, and that this would allow them to accept that as a form of identification. He
19 mentioned that even though they currently allowed it, this would very clearly specify what
20 they allowed, and that he wanted everyone to be fully aware of what they would be looking
21 at so that there was full transparency.

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23 Mr. Harper inquired if there was a prepared affidavit for this proposal.

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25 Mr. White remarked that the Trustees had a couple of options, and that the first option was
26 that there were currently procedures in place that could remain in place. He mentioned that
27 these were options to change the procedures, and opined that if the Trustees wanted to
28 entertain changing the procedures at the current meeting, then the procedures as proposed
29 by Forvis Mazars could be a good path, as they followed the HCRA standards, which would
30 be refreshed every year. He opined that the Trustees could discuss this and make a motion
31 to pass those procedures on the current evening if desired, and noted that this could be
32 discussed in a future meeting, giving them more time to contemplate and make those
33 decisions. He commented that if they chose to go forward with the new procedures on the
34 current evening, they would need a date of when the procedures would be effective, and
35 that currently the March 31, 2026 quarter end was still open, the June 30, 2026 quarter end
36 was still open, or it could be made available for July 1, 2026 and forward, which was the
37 current budget year.

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39 Mr. MacKay clarified that the charter required that the Board of Trustees shall adopt and
40 promulgate eligibility verification criteria and procedures designed to ensure that all
41 recipients of indigent care for which payment was sought were qualified by the providers
42 as medically indigent persons, and noted that even though the Board had a broad latitude,
43 this was what was required under the charter.

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45 Mr. Hansing opined that they only had to follow the HCRA guidelines to accept people
46 into the program and get them on Medicaid or Medicare, and said that even though the

1 NLCHD said there had to be two forms of identification, the State said there only had to
2 be one form.

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4 Mr. White related that this was a decision for the Trustees, and that either of those options
5 complied with what was obligated under the charter.

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7 Mr. Hansing relayed his understanding that the clinics were only taking one form of
8 identification.

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10 Mr. Mark Dickinson, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) for Community
11 Health Centers, commented that they currently asked for one form of identification, and
12 that as a Federally qualified health center (FQHC), they were prohibited from doing any
13 asset testing whatsoever. He remarked that if the decision of the Board was to require asset
14 testing, they could not meet that qualification, and opined that this would be a shame
15 because they had been participating for 14 years and served many uninsured people. He
16 opined that if the Board decided to require asset testing, then they would have to withdraw
17 their request for funding and send their patients to the emergency room.

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19 Mr. Phil Braun, Regional General Counsel for University of Florida (UF) Health Central
20 Florida, pointed out that the definition of indigent care was in HCRA in Section 154.3049,
21 and that since the Board was asking the facility to determine if a person was indigent and
22 to submit the bills, then he did not know why the Board would not follow HCRA regarding
23 forms of identification. He commented that regarding asset testing, he did not know if this
24 had been discussed.

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26 Mr. Davenport mentioned that asset eligibility was under Section 520 and income
27 eligibility was under Section 511.

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29 Ms. Price relayed that even though she voted against proof of identification, she was okay
30 with the proof of residency, and expressed concern about proof of identification conflicting
31 with a property tax bill or vehicle registration in the name of the applicant or spouse,
32 opining that other people may be living at a house that may not be there legally. She
33 commented that she had no issue with indigent care, and that she wanted to ensure that they
34 were following every procedure the correct way, opining that even though clinics could be
35 backlogged, they needed to be very thorough.

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37 Mr. Hurley inquired if Community Health Centers were prohibited from asking people to
38 sign an affidavit verifying that they did not own any assets.

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40 Mr. Dickinson stated that even though they were not allowed to do any asset testing
41 whatsoever, they did verify income, and opined that their income requirements were more
42 onerous than the NLCHD's, noting that Community Health Centers only went up to 200
43 percent of poverty level instead of 300 percent. He remarked that even though they were
44 cutting out a section of the population that would likely qualify, they were following
45 Federal guidelines, and that other clinics, such as the free clinics and hospital clinics, did
46 not have to follow those rules. He said that when they had reviews, they looked at the
47 documentation for sliding fees, and that there were many things they did to verify income

1 so they could qualify patients for a level of discount, including no payment at all if they
2 were 100 percent of the poverty level, noting that they had a different set of rules. He
3 mentioned that they reviewed all of their visits and pulled out any patients that did not have
4 a valid State of Florida license, as about half of their patients were undocumented, and that
5 these were not submitted for reimbursement; additionally, they looked up each address to
6 see where they actually were to qualify for NLCHD funding.

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8 Ms. Price indicated her understanding that this was the only clinic that worked on a sliding
9 scale, and opined that their clinic did many good things. She related that she wanted them
10 to be eligible for funding.

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12 Mr. Hurley asked if the Board would be not compliant if a set of procedures was adopted
13 that did not require an affidavit for assets.

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15 Mr. Davenport stated that the Board set the procedures they wanted to be performed and
16 checked, and that there were not set standard procedures. He commented that since the
17 Board decided what was important to be tested, they could make that election to not have
18 asset eligibility tested.

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20 Mr. Hansing questioned if the Board could require asset testing but exclude Community
21 Health Clinics.

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23 Mr. MacKay indicated that since this was an important legal question, he did not want to
24 guess at the answer.

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26 Mr. Dickinson opined that this would not be an issue for any of the other clinics, as they
27 just did primary care, and opined that the hospitals might possibly have people going in for
28 surgery with assets that could be repossessed to satisfy a bill.

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30 Mr. Braun clarified that even though they did not repossess boats and cars, they had strict
31 financial assistance policies as part of their Internal Revenue Service (IRS) requirements,
32 which included a type of asset testing and credit checks. He related that they wanted to be
33 able to qualify them for Medicaid, Medicare, or as part of their charity care, and that since
34 they had many patients that came from outside the district that qualified for charity care,
35 they kept track of those numbers as part of their requirements under the IRS.

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37 Mr. Dickinson opined that there were large financial differences between hospitals and
38 clinics, and that the hospitals were trying to qualify people for care, noting that his bills
39 were \$250 at the most.

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41 Ms. Price made a motion to table this item pending legal research, noting that she did not
42 want to take funding away from the clinics if they did not have to.

43
44 Mr. MacKay stated that he would come back to the following meeting with a clear answer
45 so that the Trustees could make a decision on how to move forward.

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1 Ms. Aliberti commented that according to HCRA, assets eligibility support to be provided
2 may consist of those things mentioned, and relayed her understanding that it did not require
3 any type of form, noting that because it said “may,” this could be determined by the Board.

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5 Mr. MacKay confirmed this, and mentioned that if it said “shall,” then it would be
6 mandated.

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8 Mr. Hurley asked if the Board was being compliant with HCRA if they decided not to
9 require asset reports, and wondered if they had to be compliant with HCRA or if they could
10 set their own procedures.

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12 Mr. MacKay replied that even though he felt certain that he knew the answer, because of
13 the public forum, he did not want to guess at anything, and that he would research this and
14 follow up at the September 24, 2026 meeting with a clear answer.

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16 Mr. Truman asked Mr. MacKay to email each member of the Board before the meeting,
17 and Mr. MacKay indicated that he could.

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19 Mr. Harper questioned if proof of identification included a picture identification, and
20 inquired if the NLCHD required two forms of identification at any time.

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22 Mr. Dickinson answered that they required a picture identification, and mentioned that they
23 only ever used one form of identification, noting that this satisfied previous audit
24 procedures.

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26 Ms. Price mentioned that this was discussed previously, and said that she was surprised
27 when it said two forms or identification.

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29 Mr. Harper opined that they were in line pressing forward, and asked if a social security
30 card would work.

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32 Mr. Dickinson commented that they needed to have some sort of real identification and not
33 a social security card.

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35 Mr. Harper opined that the photo identification was a primary identification that should be
36 relevant, and inquired if a social security card would qualify them for reimbursement.

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38 Mr. Davenport replied that this depended on what the Board wanted to list as acceptable,
39 and noted that HCRA and Medicaid eligibility did not clearly define this. He related that
40 when he looked for what was considered a sanctioned government identification, a photo
41 identification was the preference; however, the Board could determine what a State
42 identification included, such as a fishing license. He mentioned that it was a matter of
43 going through this and determining what the Board would deem acceptable, including a
44 State of Florida government identification.

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46 Mr. Harper stated that he would like to mandate a photo identification, and that a secondary
47 form of identification would be okay.

1 Mr. MacKay commented that this could be included in the email he would send, and noted
2 that the criteria stated that the Board shall adopt and promulgate eligibility verification
3 criteria and procedures designed to ensure that all recipients of indigent care, for which
4 payment was sought under this act, were residents of the district, opining that there was
5 latitude.

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7 Mr. Harper opined that even though all the clinics were probably doing this, the NLCHD
8 needed this guideline identified.

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10 Ms. Price asked if a green card had a picture on it.

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12 Mr. Harper opined that this would be a photo identification.

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14 Mr. Dickinson mentioned that they did not encounter this very often, and opined that there
15 were people with green cards legally living in the district.

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17 Mr. Harper related that he had worked with homeless people that did not have money to
18 obtain a photo identification, and that they had helped people do this to help them get to
19 the next step of their journey.

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21 Mr. Hurley wondered if there was a need for an onsite audit, and indicated his
22 understanding that they were all done digitally, noting that no one was showing up at the
23 hospitals and clinics to do an audit. He questioned if this was something the Board wanted
24 to ask for periodically or every time.

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26 Mr. Davenport commented that historically it was done online, and opined that it was easier
27 for the transmission of data, noting that whatever the Board wanted, they would do. He
28 explained that they did the following: received the initial request; went through the
29 samples; put the questions forward; did phone calls and went over data together; and may
30 or may not be done on the same day. He opined that if the Board wanted them to go on a
31 random site visit on a quarterly basis, they could do that, and that this was up to the Board's
32 discretion.

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34 Mr. Dickinson mentioned that for some time, there were onsite visits, and opined that this
35 may have stopped because of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) shutdown, noting
36 that everything was currently done electronically.

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38 On a motion by Ms. Price, seconded by Mr. Hansing and carried unanimously by a vote of
39 6-0, the NLCHD Board tabled this item to the following NLCHD meeting.

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41 ADDITIONAL REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

42 Mr. Truman opined that at the previous meeting, there was some confusion about what
43 clinics and hospitals could ask for, and asked if there were any additional requests for
44 funding that they did not currently have.

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46 Mr. Hansing questioned the amounts that were submitted for the clinics.

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1 Mr. White expressed appreciation to Forvis Mazars for recalibrating those numbers going
2 forward, noting that even though there was no requirement to update the rates, there was
3 an option to update the rates to what would be a more current value.

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5 Mr. Douglas asked how this would affect the budget if the rate was to change.

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7 Mr. White commented that at the September 24, 2026 NLCHD meeting, they sought to
8 have a final millage and a final budget, and that if the Board changed the reimbursement
9 rate, the hospitals and clinics could come back with a new proposal, opining that if a
10 hospital saw 100 people at \$155 per person and the rate changed to \$182 per person, then
11 the request was going to be larger. He remarked that another option was to adopt a new
12 rate for the upcoming year, and opined that this would lessen the burden of reporting. He
13 mentioned that making it effective for the following budget cycle would give the hospitals
14 and clinics time to calibrate their requests for proposals going into the following year.

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16 Mr. Harper indicated his understanding that the current rate was \$155 per person, and that
17 the new analyzed budget that Forvis Mazars reviewed would be \$182 per person.

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19 Mr. Davenport explained that to calculate this, they pulled the most recent set of full cost
20 reports for FQHCs, and that because the 2025 cost reports were not all fully in, they used
21 the previous year's cost reports to come up with an average rate, which went up to an
22 average of \$182 per person. He commented that looking forward one year, there would be
23 more recent data, and opined that this could be reanalyzed; however, in order to include
24 everyone, they went back two reporting cycles.

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26 Mr. Dickinson stated that the 2026 national Medicare base rate for FQHCs was \$207.72,
27 noting that Mr. Davenport's average was a couple of years behind.

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29 Mr. Harper opined that the NLCHD should use the number advised by the auditor, and that
30 if it was to be reanalyzed in the following year, this could be done.

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32 Mr. Hansing questioned how \$155 per person was arrived at.

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34 Mr. Harper indicated his understanding that this had been the rate for 10 to 15 years.

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36 On a motion by Mr. Harper, seconded by Mr. Douglas and carried unanimously by a vote
37 of 6-0, the NLCHD Board approved to accept the new rate of \$182 per person effective
38 July 1, 2027 through June 30, 2028.

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40 RECITATION FOR THE RECORD

41 Mr. White announced for the record that the name of the taxing authority was the North
42 Lake County Hospital District, that the rollback rate was 0.3679 mills, and that the
43 percentage was an increase over the property tax levy of 35.9 percent over the rollback
44 rate.

1 WAIVER OF THE READING OF THE ENTIRE PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS

2 By consensus, the NLCHD Board approved to read the proposed Resolutions 2026-01 and
3 2026-02 by title only.

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5 PUBLIC COMMENT – RESOLUTION 2026-01 FOR SETTING THE MILLAGE

6 Mr. White read the title of Resolution 2026-01, providing for the adoption of the millage
7 rate for the 2026-2027 Fiscal Year (FY).

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9 The Chairman opened the floor for public comment.

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11 There being no one who wished to address the Board regarding this matter, the Chairman
12 closed the floor for public comment.

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14 BOARD ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2026-01

15 Mr. Hurley commented that at the previous meeting, 0.50 mills was proposed with the
16 understanding that the rate could be lowered but not raised, and that Resolution 2026-01
17 had the proposed rate, noting that what was settled on the current night would be the
18 tentative rate.

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20 Mr. White remarked that there was a budget worksheet given to the Board to help them
21 understand that the current proposed millage of 0.50 mills would provide a surplus of about
22 \$1.5 million, and that they certified this rate on behalf of the Trustees by the August 4,
23 2026 deadline. He related that during that process, they found that there were procedures
24 that needed to be followed in the current year for the setting of a final millage, and that
25 even though this was not being done at the current meeting, he wanted the Trustees to
26 understand what they would be bound by at the following meeting. He explained that the
27 rollback rate was 0.3679 mills, and that the intent of this was to levy tax revenue to match
28 prior years. He commented that if the Trustees wanted to approve a millage that was at the
29 rollback rate or less, a simple majority was required, and that if the Trustees wanted to pass
30 a millage at the final hearing that was greater than the rollback rate but less than 110 percent
31 of the rollback rate, then a supermajority would be required, which was four out of six;
32 furthermore, if the Trustees wanted a millage that was 110 percent of the rollback rate or
33 higher, then it would require unanimous consent of all six Trustees, not just the Trustees in
34 attendance. He mentioned that included in the budget worksheet, there was a column that
35 showed the current 0.50 mills, and that to the right of this was 0.4047 mills, which reflected
36 what 110 percent of the rollback rate would be. He elaborated that anything less than
37 0.4047 mills would require a supermajority, and that anything more would require a
38 unanimous vote. He stated that according to the current total administrative expenses as
39 well as the expenditures for medical care, this would create a deficit of \$788,000 without
40 surplus to fund, based on the current requests, and that if there were only five Trustees
41 available, then they would not be able to pass 0.4047 mills or greater to be compliant with
42 the Truth in Millage (TRIM) regulations.

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44 Mr. Harper questioned if this was a new direction.

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46 Mr. White answered that this was new, and that the forms were updated by TRIM to
47 preclude any other options.

1 Mr. Hurley relayed his understanding that because there would only be five Trustees in
2 attendance on September 24, 2026, there was no way 0.4455 mills or 0.4047 mills could
3 be approved, and that they were locked into the rollback rate.

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5 Mr. White clarified that with five Trustees, a four person vote could approve an amount
6 that was above the rollback but below 0.4047 mills.

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8 Mr. Harper indicated his understanding that the 0.3679 mills put them below \$1.6 million.

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10 Mr. Hurley opined that the amount needed to be 0.4455 mills.

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12 Mr. White commented that for everything to be fully funded, it would require a millage of
13 0.4455; however, a unanimous consent would not be possible.

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15 Mr. MacKay agreed that this would not be possible.

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17 Mr. Harper inquired if the proposed 0.50 mills was not acceptable at all.

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19 Mr. White relayed his understanding that the Board was capped at the millage rate of
20 0.4046, which would be below the 110 percent mark, and that this would require some
21 changes to the budget to be solvent for the following year.

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23 Mr. Harper indicated his understanding that the five people on the Board could pass 0.4046
24 mills, and that this would result in a \$790,000 deficit for funding.

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26 Mr. Hansing pointed out that this would be result if the Board gave everybody everything
27 they were asking for.

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29 Mr. Harper asked if there were funds being carried over from the prior budget.

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31 Mr. White replied that they were projecting a carryforward of about \$103,000, and noted
32 that this was their total liquidity. He stated that they would be in a deficit of about \$790,000
33 if everything on the budget remained intact and the millage was set at 0.4046 mills.

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35 Mr. Hansing commented that according to financial filings from AdventHealth Waterman,
36 they had about \$107 million in surplus, and that their request of \$3.6 million may be more
37 of a want than a need. He asked if this was an option to review as a Board, opining that
38 the NLCHD would be losing money at 0.4046 mills.

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40 Mr. White answered that this budget was fungible to the Board's desires, and that the
41 funding to the hospitals, clinics, and administrative expenses were determined by this
42 group, noting that at 0.4046 mills they would not be able to fund the current budget.

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44 Mr. Harper opined that the Board could make cuts somewhere; however, AdventHealth
45 Waterman had also supplied indigent care.

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1 Mr. Braun opined that the Board did not have to decide on the budget on the current
2 evening, and that how to maneuver the budget could be considered. He mentioned that he
3 had always supported the clinics being taken care of, and opined that since the clinics were
4 not one of the targets for reduction based on the limitations of the TRIM notice, the Board
5 should pass up to 110 percent of the rollback rate and then make the decision about the
6 budget. He opined that because they did not know where the indigent patients would go,
7 this budget would be difficult to determine. He said that he considered funding the clinics
8 as separate than funding the hospitals, as their bills were less, noting that the clinics were
9 dealing with illness or minor injuries as opposed to heart attacks, strokes, and orthopedic
10 surgery, which cost more. He suggested that since the NLCHD funding had always been
11 about providing funding to cover the cost of care for indigent patients and relieve indigent
12 patients of their bills, the clinics should be fully funded and the remaining funds evenly
13 distributed to all the hospitals because they did not know where the indigent would seek
14 healthcare. He opined that UF Health Central Florida and the other hospitals were partners
15 in providing care to the community, and that they provided a safety net for these people.
16 He opined that the Board could do the millage and put it in the budget for discussion when
17 everybody was there to discuss it.

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19 Mr. Hansing commented that he did not mean to target AdventHealth Waterman, and said
20 that they could not be in attendance on the current evening.

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22 Mr. Hurley remarked that the clinics were not asking for funds to go spend, and that they
23 were asking for and receiving reimbursement for funding they had already spent for
24 indigent care.

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26 Mr. Harper opined that AdventHealth Waterman could have received funding in other
27 ways, and asked how short the NLCHD would be in funding.

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29 Mr. White reiterated that it would be about \$790,000.

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31 Ms. Price opined that funding should be taken from both hospitals to make up the
32 difference.

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34 Mr. White recommended that there should be some surplus budgeted for unexpected
35 expenses, and that instead of breaking even at zero, there should be about \$100,000 in
36 surplus for unaccounted for expenditures.

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38 Mr. White asked whose funding should be reduced to get to that amount, noting that he
39 could do the calculations.

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41 Mr. Harper opined that the hospital funding could be reduced.

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43 Mr. Braun opined that the budget could be based on what could be raised, and that since
44 more than 110 percent of the rollback rate would be needed to fund all the hospitals and
45 clinics as requested, the Board could workshop with 110 percent, knowing that the
46 hospitals would be impacted by it. He opined that if the Board was trying to back into a

1 number, then a lower millage might be set, and that this would short fund the hospitals
2 more than was needed.

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4 Mr. MacKay stated that this would be leaving the option open.

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6 Mr. White commented that figuring 0.4046 mills, which was the top end of what the Board
7 would be able to pass in the following meeting, would reduce funding to the hospitals by
8 a combined \$950,000, and that this would give them a \$150,000 surplus for the year. He
9 agreed with Mr. Braun and Mr. MacKay, and opined that the Board should leave the option
10 open in case Ms. Price was able to attend and there was unanimous consent, as opposed to
11 setting a tentative amount below what the true maximum was.

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13 Mr. Hurley opined that the Board would not do anything less than 0.4046 mills, and that
14 there would still have to be some trimming.

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16 Mr. Douglas relayed his understanding that their original option of setting the preliminary
17 rate was at 1.00 mills.

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19 Mr. White explained that 1.00 mills was the maximum this Board was able to levy in
20 taxation.

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22 Mr. Douglas indicated his understanding that this new rule was dropped on them at the last
23 minute, and that even though the Board approved 0.50 mills at the previous meeting, they
24 currently could not even get that without a unanimous vote.

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26 Mr. White clarified that the Florida Statute generally would allow the Trustees all the
27 power up to the full millage of 1.00 mills with all six members present; however, due to
28 the circumstance of having only five trustees, they had to work within the constraints of
29 the TRIM regulations. He commented that on the current evening, the Board could seek
30 motions and acceptance at the current proposed millage; however, the Board should be
31 aware of what would need to happen both on the millage setting as well as on the budget
32 at the final budget hearing and millage adoption meeting on September 24, 2026.

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34 Mr. Harper relayed his understanding that the Board could accept Resolution 2026-01 at
35 0.50 mills or make an adjustment, and opined that there was no reason to make an
36 adjustment at the current time.

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38 On a motion by Mr. Harper, seconded by Mr. Douglas and carried by a roll-call vote of 5-
39 1, the NLCHD Board approved Resolution 2026-01 setting the tentative millage rate for
40 the FY 2026-2027 budget year at 0.50 mills.

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42 Ms. Price voted no.

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44 BOARD ACTION ON RESOLUTION 2026-02

45 Mr. White summarized that Resolution 2026-01 was specific for the millage rate, and that
46 Resolution 2026-02 was specific to the budget of expenditures. He remarked that there
47 was a list of expected expenditures by administrative type as well as medical care type, and

1 that those were for the current tentative millage, noting that the Board had to pass a
2 tentative budget.

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4 Mr. MacKay related that the Board was adopting a tentative millage rate and a tentative
5 budget, and that since Resolutions 2026-01 and 2026-02 were dated for September 24,
6 2026, he wanted the Board to be aware that they were adopting a tentative budget and not
7 these resolutions precisely as written.

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9 Mr. Harper commented that he did not see anything about it being tentative.

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11 Mr. MacKay mentioned that this was why he was concerned and why the Board should be
12 very careful when passing the motion, opining that the motion should be to pass a tentative
13 budget and a tentative millage rate. He suggested amending the prior motion for an
14 amended resolution for a tentative millage with the final millage rate to be decided at the
15 September 24, 2026 meeting.

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17 On a motion by Mr. Harper, seconded by Mr. Hansing and carried by a roll-call vote of 5-
18 1, the NLCHD Board approved to amend Resolution 2026-01 to say a tentative millage
19 rate of 0.50 mills for the FY 2026-2027 budget year.

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21 Ms. Price voted no.

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23 On a motion by Mr. Harper, seconded by Mr. Hansing and carried by a roll-call vote of 5-
24 1, the NLCHD Board approved to amend Resolution 2026-02 to say a tentative budget of
25 \$12,223,327 under the current proposed rate of 0.50 mills for the FY 2026-2027 budget
26 year.

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28 Ms. Price voted no.

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30 ANY OTHER MATTERS NECESSARY TO ACHIEVE THE AFOREMENTIONED
31 GOALS

32 Mr. White related that the next meeting would be on September 24, 2026 at 5:30 p.m.

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34 Mr. Harper asked Mr. White to include the \$100,000 surplus needed in any future scenario.

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36 Mr. White commented that he could distribute those scenarios soon so that the Board would
37 have a chance to review the budgets, noting that they would have more data. He mentioned
38 that because Sunshine Law prohibited group conversations, he could be contacted by phone
39 if there was anything else the Trustees wanted to see, and that he could give them some
40 idea leading into the meeting where their preference might put them.

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42 Mr. Hurley expressed appreciation for all in attendance, and hoped they had safe travel
43 home.

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1 ADJOURNMENT

2 The meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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8 Trueman Hurley, Chairman