

**SUMMARY MINUTES  
CHAIRMAN'S MEETING  
Indian River County Hospital District Conference Room/ Zoom  
January 14, 2026  
10:00 AM**

TRUSTEES:	William Cooney Paul Westcott Kerry Bartlett Chuck Mackett	Michael Kint Allen Jones Karen Deigl
STAFF:	Dawn Carboni Kate Voss Kaytlin Dickens	Jennifer Frederick Frank Isele Shanen Cox
LEGAL COUNSEL:	Jennifer Peshke, Esq.	Dana McNally(zoom)
ZOOM:	Wayne Creelman Kimberly Jeansonne Lauretta Farrell Ann Marie McCrystal Kellie Hensley	Vicki Soule Matt Riser Lisa Zahner Anne Posey Michael Hammes
ATTENDEES:	Mary Linterman Heather Miranda Lisa Kahle Carrie Lester	Ginny Blossom Marie Address Wes Samons Kyleigh Mohwala

***Convene Meeting***

Dr. Cooney convened the Chairman's meeting of the IRCHD Board of Trustees at 10:00 AM by welcoming those participating via Zoom and in person. Dr. Cooney acknowledged the services held for Kimberly Westcott over the weekend and stated that the event was beautiful and well attended.

***10<sup>th</sup> Street Property Update***

Mr. Isele provided an update on the 10<sup>th</sup> street property matter. The discussion focused on future use of the property and the proposals received from various organizations for its use. The Trustees now must determine the best option for the community, balancing financial sustainability with service provision. There was also discussion surrounding the two proposals which were a medical model and would need a special exception approval from the county. Some Trustees were not in favor of moving forward with those proposals due to the potential complexities of special exception process. Mr. Westcott recommended that the Trustees fully

consider selling the property and utilizing the proceeds to support the expansion of a level 2 neonatal intensive care unit at CCIRH. Additionally, he cautioned the Districts involvement as a landlord which could become burdensome. As the Trustee liaison for this project Ms. Deigl stated that a sale and potential lease agreement are two separate issues which must be addressed as such. She made a recommendation to move forward with the Thrive request as it was the stronger proposal for a non-medical model. She recommended that they provide a detailed proforma outlining startup costs and funding sustainably for a 3–5-year period, as well as their desire or ability to purchase the property from the District. After further Trustee discussion Ms. Deigl made a motion per her recommendation which was seconded by Mr. Jones. The motion carried 4-3.

### ***VCOM Lease Addendum Update***

Ms. McNally provided an update on the VCOM lease addendum matter. She stated that in December the Trustees approved a 60-day extension for further discussions on the proposed deliverables within the agreement. There was Trustee discussion and questions were raised about VCOM ability to join current legislation to become a preferred medical school in the state of Florida. Mr. Isele stated that representatives from VCOM are working with CCIRH lobbyists and Mr. Westcott also offered his assistance in those efforts. The Trustees also agreed that they would like to see further clarity regarding dollar commitments and construction timelines, as well as their efforts towards an accredited medical school. It was decided that the Trustees would have individual meetings with legal counsel to discuss this matter in further detail in order to create a document encompassing all elements from Trustee feedback.

### ***Trustee Officer Elections Process & Discussion on Trustee Meeting Frequency***

Ms. Peshke stated that in the meeting packet a detailed memorandum outlining the governing legal framework, the parliamentary procedure under Robert's rules of order for the ballot voting roadmap which will be followed tomorrow for the Trustee officer elections. This process has also been adopted into the Districts bylaws and is a change from prior years where the vote was conducted by voice vote. She reviewed the process which included paper ballots for each of the five officer positions. There was Trustee discussion and all were in favor of the transition to this process. Next, there was discussion surrounding the Districts annual meeting schedule and Ms. Peshke stated that a formal vote will take place tomorrow on this matter.

### ***FY 26-27 Budget Timeline Update***

Ms. Frederick stated she received feedback from the community partner surveys and has made some modifications to the originally proposed FY 26-27 funding cycle dates. She provided the Trustees with a new schedule which has the letter of intent process beginning February 9<sup>th</sup> and closing February 20<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, the application for funding process will begin on March 9<sup>th</sup> and close April 7<sup>th</sup>. Trustees and staff will have from April 13<sup>th</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup> to complete their reviews of the funding requests and budget discussion meetings are slated to begin in early June. There was Trustee discussion about the process and Mr. Isele stated that the staff intends to prepare a one-page summary of each request for the Trustees to review. Additionally, there was

discussion surrounding the programs from the current fiscal year which are to be sunset and if Trustees would still review the funding requests from those agencies.

Next Mr. Isele discussed the transition for the mental health court program. He reminded the board that last month the mental health court successfully transitioned its administrative staff from Treasure Coast Community Health ("TCCH") to the Mental Health Collaborative ("MHC"). Therefore, beginning January 1 all District reimbursement payments for the program will be made to the MHC. The long-term plan for next fiscal year is to have the program be assumed by the County. Next Ms. Frederick stated that the current budget of \$278,283 has been transitioned to the MHC from the TCCH budget. Additionally, MHC has requested an advancement of \$46,380.50 in funds to help assist in covering initial administrative expenses. The advancement of these funds will not increase their total budget, and it will be reconciled each month until the end of the fiscal year. After further Trustee discussion Ms. Bartlett made a motion to approve the advancement of \$ 46,380.50 in funding to the MHC, which was seconded by Mr. Kint. The motion carried unanimously.

### ***Other Business***

Dr. Cooney asked the Trustees to revisit the matter of additional advertising in the local newspapers to attract further participation to District meetings. He asked Ms. Voss to provide a cost estimate for publications in 32963 and TC Palm. Ms. Voss stated that the cost for a ¼ page advertisement ran between \$500- \$1000 in both publications. There was Trustee discussion and the majority were not in favor of spending tax payer dollars on additional publications outside of the legal notices already posted on the website and TC Palm. It was recommended that if there was a special event or community town hall hosted by the District, special publications would be considered.

Mr. Kint provided some additional comments related to the District monthly meetings and frequency and asked the Trustees to consider adding an additional chairman's meeting or workshop to the beginning of each month in an effort to conduct further business. It was agreed that further discussion on this matter would take place at tomorrow's meeting, when a final scheduled would be voted on.

Mr. Jones stated that earlier in the year the District Trustees had discussions on how to address capital funding requests. However, except for the new purchasing and procurement policy which addresses capital funding, he does not believe that the Trustees have finalized a process. Specifically, if any exceptions are made to support a capital request, he believes there should be super majority approval by the Trustees. Mr. Westcott echoed Mr. Jones' comments and acknowledged that the approval of the TCCH capital requests may have been premature, pending a formal process and policy. Ms. Peshke stated that this would most likely constitute a change in the Bylaws and stated she could come back before the board next month with further feedback.

Mr. Westcott addressed the board and stated that he has been asked by a few people about his intentions of continuing his commitment to the District board after his term ends at the end of 2026. He stated that he will not seek reelection in the coming year and is grateful for the time he has spent on the District board.

***Public Comment & Adjournment***

There was no additional Trustee discussion or public comment. The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM.