

North Broward Hospital District Board of Commissioners
1700 Northwest 49th Street, Suite #150, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida 33309

SPECIAL BOARD TAX ANNOUNCEMENT MEETING 1:30 P.M., WEDNESDAY, JULY 22, 2020

The Special Board meeting of the North Broward Hospital District was held on July 22, 2020, at 1:30 p.m., via WebEx video conference.

1. NOTICE

Official notice and agenda of this meeting is attached to the Minutes, as EXHIBIT I and EXHIBIT II, as presented for consideration of the Board.

2. CALL TO ORDER

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chair Ray T. Berry at 1:30 p.m.

3. BOARD MEMBERS

Present: Commissioner Ray T. Berry, Chair
Commissioner Nancy W. Gregoire, Vice Chair
Commissioner Stacy L. Angier, Secretary/Treasurer
Commissioner Marie C. Waugh
Commissioner Christopher T. Ure

Senior Leadership

Additionally Present: Gino Santorio/President/Chief Executive Officer, Alan Goldsmith/Chief Administrative Officer, Alex Fernandez/Chief Financial Officer, Linda Epstein/Corporate General Counsel, Jerry Del Amo/ Sr. Associate, General Counsel.

4. GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER ANNOUNCEMENT

General Counsel delivered the Governor's Executive Order for the record, as seen below.

"This Special Committee (*sic*) Meeting is being conducted through communications media technology in accordance with the Governor's Executive Order No. 2020-69, as extended by the Governor's Executive Order No. 2020-150 and § 120.54(5)(b)2 of the Florida Statutes. This meeting is open to the public, and the public may attend this meeting via telephone conference call. The conference call information is currently posted on Broward Health's website. All requirements of Florida's Sunshine Law are still in effect including the memorialization of minutes. While not a requirement under Florida law, we will attempt to record this meeting and post it on Broward Health's website for the public and for those who may not be able to attend this live telephone conference."

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5. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chairman Berry.

6. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

7. TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

7.1. MILLAGE RATE AND TAX HEARING

7.1.1 2020 Rolled-Back Millage Rate

Mr. Fernandez, Chief Financial Officer, shared background information within Florida Statutes, Section 200.065 regarding specific requirements for all taxing authorities in establishing annual millage rates.

MOTION It was *moved* by Commissioner Gregoire, *seconded* by Commissioner Angier, that:

Staff Recommendation: That the Board of Commissioners of the North Broward Hospital District should, by appropriate motion, determine the rolled-back millage rate for 2020 is 0.9854 mills.

Chair Berry opened the floor for public comments, in which there were none.

Motion confirmed by roll call vote:

YES Commissioner Nancy W. Gregoire, Vice Chair

YES Commissioner Stacy L. Angier, Secretary/Treasurer

YES Commissioner Christopher T. Ure

YES Commissioner Marie C. Waugh

YES Commissioner Ray T. Berry, Chair

Motion *carried* 5/0.

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7.1.2 Adoption of Proposed 2020 Millage Rate

MOTION It was *moved* by Commissioner Gregoire, *seconded* by Commissioner Waugh, that:

Staff Recommendation: Upon Statutory Requirements and Process Criteria, the North Broward Hospital District sets the Proposed Millage Rate for 2020 at 1.2889.

Commissioner Ure noted for the record that the tax increase was significant and that he would be supportive under the condition that the tax assessment would not be accompanied by any furloughs, layoffs, or mass terminations of Broward Health staff.

Commissioner Waugh clarified that an elected early retirement should not to be considered an act of termination, layoff, or furlough.

Mr. Santorio stated that, from a quality perspective, management positioned Broward Health well financially to endure the pandemic in a successful manner and have the least amount of impact on employees. He further confirmed that there were no employee furloughed or cut as a result of the COVID-19 situation.

Motion confirmed by roll call vote:

YES Commissioner Nancy W. Gregoire, Vice Chair

YES Commissioner Stacy L. Angier, Secretary/Treasurer

YES Commissioner Christopher T. Ure

YES Commissioner Marie C. Waugh

YES Commissioner Ray T. Berry, Chair

Motion *carried* 5/0.

7.1.3 Setting of Date, Time and Place of First and Second Tax Hearings

Mr. Fernandez listed requirements within the dates, times, and places established for the first and final tax hearings.

MOTION It was *moved* by Commissioner Gregoire, *seconded* by Commissioner Angier, that:

Staff Recommendation: Upon statutory requirements and requisite timelines, the North Broward Hospital District advises that the following dates, times, and places be used to hold the 2020 Trim Public Hearings:

A.) First Hearing – Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at Broward Health Corporate Spectrum location: 1700 Northwest 49th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33309,

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B.) Second and Final Hearing – Thursday, September 24, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at Broward Health Corporate Spectrum location: 1700 Northwest 49th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, 33309.

Please note that subsequent to this meeting, it was determined by Governor DeSantis through Executive Order that the hearings would be held using communications media technology via telephone conference call.

Chair Berry opened the floor for public comments, in which there were none.

Motion confirmed by roll call vote:

YES Commissioner Nancy W. Gregoire, Vice Chair
YES Commissioner Stacy L. Angier, Secretary/Treasurer
YES Commissioner Christopher T. Ure
YES Commissioner Marie C. Waugh
YES Commissioner Ray T. Berry, Chair

Motion *carried* 5/0.

7. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business on the agenda, Chair Berry adjourned the meeting at 2:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Commissioner Marie C. Waugh, Secretary/Treasurer