



**March 30, 2026**  
**MCHD Board Minutes**  
**Teresa Stephens, Chairman**

**Call to Order**

The Marion County Hospital District Board of Trustees regular monthly meeting was called to order by Teresa Stephens on March 30, 2026, with a quorum present at 5:00 PM at 2547 E. Silver Springs Blvd. Ocala, FL.

**5:00 PM Roll Call**

Upon roll call the following Board Members were present in the office: Teresa Stephens, Rusty Branson, Loretha Tolbert -Rich, Ken Kirkpatrick, Mark Ortolani, Harvey Vandeven

**Absent**

Stephanie Harrell

**Other Present in Office**

Curt Bromund, Debra Velez, Jessica Cole, Crystal Pfriender, Matt White, Kimberly Glancy, Kenneth Mackay, Tim Westgate, Alison Stone, Bruce Ackerman, Nathan Howes (via Zoom), Iffy Akwule Udochi (via Zoom), Jadon Milton (via Zoom), Brian Creekbaum

**Invocation**

The meeting opened with invocation by Ken Kirkpatrick.

**Public Comment (3 Minutes)**

None.

**ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**The MCHD February 23, 2026 Board Meeting Minutes were presented for approval. Ken Kirkpatrick made a motion, seconded by Loretha Tolbert-Rich, to adopt the previous minutes. With no further discussion or objections, the motion was unanimously approved.**

**New Business**

**CEO Update** –Curt Bromund delivered his CEO update, as outlined in the board packet.



**Purvis Gray Audit Financial FY 2024-2025** – Tim Westgate and Alison Stone of Purvis Gray presented the Marion County Hospital District’s Financial Statements and Independent Auditor’s Report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2025, to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Westgate confirmed that the audit complies with the external financial reporting requirements outlined in Florida Statutes and reported that Purvis Gray found no issues in their Auditor’s Report.

**A motion was made by Ken Kirkpatrick to accept the September 30, 2025 Audit Report from Purvis Gray, motion was seconded by Rusty Branson. Motion accepted by the board.**

### **INVESTMENT REPORT**

#### **New Business**

Teresa Stephens opened the Investment Report.

**Wilshire Overview** – Nathan Howes provided Wilshire’s investment overview via Zoom.

**Alternative RFP Update** – Debra Velez provided an update on the RFP, noting that the process is progressing as planned. Proposals are due on April 9, after which submissions will be reviewed for compliance and evaluation by staff, the investment advisor, Crippen and Co., and the Board Chair. The proposals will then be presented to the Board for consideration.

#### **Old Business**

None.

### **OPERATIONS REPORT**

Rusty Branson opened the Operations Report.

#### **New Business**

**Proposed Transition to Ramp Credit Cards**– MCHD’s current accounts payable platform, utilized by Crippen, is Bill.com, which is being phased out and replaced with a new platform, Ramp. As part of this transition, Crippen is recommending a shift from Truist credit cards to Ramp’s no-cost corporate card platform to further streamline and strengthen financial operations.



**A motion was made by Rusty Branson to accept the transition from Truist Credit Cards to Ramp Credit Cards, motion was seconded by Mark Ortolani. Motion accepted by the board.**

#### **Old Business**

None.

#### **STRATEGIC INITIATIVES REPORT**

Debra Velez opened the Strategic Initiatives Report.

#### **New Business**

**AMP: Elected Officials Step Challenge** – Debra Velez provided a brief history of Active Marion Project’s (AMP) Elected Officials Step Challenge, noting that the Elected Officials Step Challenge was introduced at the request of a Marion County School Board member as a way to promote health and community leadership.

Beginning each April 1, elected officials from the School Board, Ocala Police Department, Marion County Sheriff’s Office, City Council, County Commissioners, and the mayors of Ocala and Belleview participate in a friendly wellness-focused competition. The winning team earns the honor of displaying the AMP horse at their location for one year. A video created by the elected officials for the challenge was also shared with the trustees.

**Beacon Point Parking Lot Update** – Harvey Vandeven provided an update on the Beacon Point parking lot, noting that work is continuing to progress.

#### **Old Business**

None.

#### **FINANCE REPORT**

**February 2026 Financials** – Matt White reviewed the February 2026 financial statements, as presented in the board packet.

**Rusty Branson made a motion, seconded by Ken Kirkpatrick to approve the February 2026 financials. With no further discussion or objections, the motion was unanimously approved.**



**Old Business**

None.

**Open Discussion**

Ken Kirkpatrick reported that it had been brought to his attention that Heart of Florida is interested in purchasing equipment that would allow them to produce dentures in-house for clients. Staff will follow up with Heart of Florida to discuss the request.

**Teresa Stephens adjourned the meeting at 5:42 PM.**