**REGULAR MEETING OF THE TRINITY MEDICAL**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

**August 4, 2026**

**Trinity Medical Board Room**

## I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular scheduled meeting of the Trinity Medical Board of Commissioners was called to order at 5:00 PM on Tuesday, Augst 4th, 2026, by Board Chairman, Mr. Jim Graves.

## II. PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Fred Marsalis opened the meeting with prayer, and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Fred Butcher.

## III. ROLL CALL

A roll call revealed the following members present: Mr. Graves, Mr. Butcher, Mr. Marsalis, Mr. King, Mrs. Lipsey, and Mr. Crum. Also present were: Mrs. Nekeisha Smith, Administrator, Mrs. Neely Greene, COO, Mr. Spencer Holder, CFO, Mrs. Lauren Guedon, CCO, Mr. Joey Martin, Concordia Sentinel, and Ms. Jordan Murray, Administrative Assistant.

## OPEN TO PUBLIC COMMENTS

At this time, Chairman Graves opened the meeting to public comments.

## IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Graves asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board of Commissioners Meeting on June 30, 2026. The previous minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. King and a second by Mr. Marsalis. The motion carried unanimously when put to a vote.

## VI. FINANCIAL REPORT

The March 2026 Financial Report, Approval of 2026 Audit, agreed upon Procedures and Cost Report Engagement Letters were presented by Mr. Holder and approved with a motion by Mr. Marsalis and a second by Mrs. Lipsey. The motion passed unanimously when put to a vote.

## VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Administrative Report July 2026 (July Meeting Held August 4th)

The application process for the Rural Health Transformation Program has started and we are working with our attorney Jack Stolier to get the application completed to purchase some new equipment at the hospital. We have submitted for the first Notice of Funding for some equipment in the hospital. We have applied for a new MRI machine, Ultrasound machine, upgraded software, new stretchers and wheelchairs.

We will continue completing Medicaid applications/renewals at the hospital by appointment or walk-in. As stated before, we were informed that we have a 26% decrease in Medicaid applicants in Concordia Parish so we want to do all we can to assist the community in getting in those applications completed.

We have hired another Nurse Practitioner to float through the Ferriday and Vidalia clinics. We are looking at a potential start date of mid-September.

Dr. Aaron Smith, Ophthalmologist from Natchez will start doing procedures at our facility starting in the month of August.

Dr. Jeff Anderson, Family Medicine physician, will start filling in a Hospitalist in the next month or two.

We are also looking to place a Nurse Practitioner or Physician Assistant in our MOB clinic to continue with primary care on the campus. We are currently advertising for this position.

Upcoming Events

Health and Wellness Fair will be on August 28th from 9-12. Several departments will provide health tips to the community on topics such as proper handwashing, self-breast examination, diabetic education and much more. We invite everyone to come out.

## VIII. MANAGEMENT REPORT

Mrs. Greene requested annual approval for Rehabilitation Departmental Policies and Procedures. Mrs. Lipsey made the motion to approve Departmental Policies and Procedures for annual approval with a second from Mr. Crum. The motion was carried unanimously when put to a vote.

## IX. APPOINTMENTS and RESIGNATIONS

On a motion by Mr. Butcher and a second by Mr. Crum, all appointments and resignations were approved as presented. The motion was carried unanimously when put to a vote. The following applicants were granted privileges:

- Satish Gundapuneni, ER
- Jill Ferguson, Pathology
- Grant Michael Breeland, Radiology
- Jeffrey R. Anderson, Family Medicine
- Ruby S. Cooks, DNP, FNP, Temporary Privileges

## X. STRATEGIC PLANNING

Mr. Graves asked for a motion to reserve the right to enter Executive Session. Executive Session was not entered for the month of July.

## XI. NEW BUSINESS

No new business for the month of July.

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business at hand, Mr. Graves thanked everyone for their attendance and support. The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Mr. Marsalis and a second by Mrs. Lipsey. The motion carried unanimously when put to a vote.

JIM GRAVES, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: Nekeisha L. Smith, CEO

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SECRETARY