

SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

**FINAL TAX BUDGET HEARING FOR ADOPTION OF MILLAGE AND BUDGET
FOR SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024**

November 15, 2023

A Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the South Broward Hospital District (S.B.H.D.) for adoption of Final Millage and Budget for Fiscal Year 2024 was held at 3111 Stirling Road, Hollywood, Florida, in the Perry Board Room, and by video and telephone conference, on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 5:40 p.m.

The following members were present:

Ms. Elizabeth Justen	Chairwoman	In person
Mr. Steven Harvey	Vice Chairman	By video
Mr. Douglas Harrison	Secretary Treasurer	In person
Mr. Brad Friedman		In person
Dr. Luis Orta		By video
Ms. Laura Raybin Miller		In person

The following member was absent:

Mr. Jose Basulto

A registration sheet listing attendees in person is on file in the Executive Office.

1. CALL TO ORDER / PUBLIC MEETING CERTIFICATION

There being a physical quorum present, Ms. Justen called the Special Meeting to order, noting that public attendance and participation is welcome.

Mr. Frank Rainer, Senior Vice President and General Counsel, confirmed and provided his certification as General Counsel that all public notice and open meeting (Sunshine) legal requirements had been complied with for this meeting.

2. FINAL PUBLIC HEARING OF THE SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FOR ADOPTION OF FINAL MILLAGE AND BUDGET FOR SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024

Mr. David Smith, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, confirmed that at the Final Tax Hearing on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, the Board of Commissioners adopted a final millage rate of 0.0937 mills. The State Department of Revenue then advised that Memorial had incorrectly published the notice of the Final Tax Hearing, explaining that the millage rate of 0.0937 mills, which was tentatively adopted at the Preliminary Tax Hearing on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, should have been advertised as an increase, as it was higher than the rolled-back rate. As a result, the Final Tax Hearing had to be re-noticed and re-held.

Mr. Smith then read some comments into the record, stating that the tentative millage rate of 0.0937 mills adopted at the Preliminary Tax Hearing resulted in the lowest rate in the history of the District. He then confirmed that the millage rate of 0.0937 mills was 2.18% higher than the rolled-back rate and reflected a decrease of 7.23% from last year's rate.

Mr. Smith then referred to various charts highlighting other important information about the South Broward Hospital District and its ad valorem tax history, in addition to the trend in uncompensated care, and voting requirements. He confirmed that the final millage rate adopted at tonight's meeting could be decreased from the tentative rate adopted of 0.0937 mills; however, it could not be increased.

Ms. Justen stated that public participation is welcome and invited members of the public to speak. There being none, the public portion of the meeting was closed.

Ms. Justen opened the floor for discussion by the Board.

Dr. Orta asked why the millage rate had to be advertised as a tax increase, because the chart regarding the Tax Effect on a Sample Home reflected that an average homeowner would pay roughly the same amount of taxes as the prior year. Mr. Smith responded that the rate is 2.18% higher than the rolled-back rate of 0.0917 mills, and in accordance with Florida Statutes, it must be advertised as a tax increase.

Mr. Harvey confirmed he had no issue with the way the millage rate had to be advertised.

Ms. Miller asked Mr. Smith to reconfirm that this was the lowest millage rate in the history of the District, which he did. She stated she was proud of this achievement.

Mr. Harrison stated he had no issue with the situation. He asked if Memorial had considered charging a fee on property instead, as the cities do. Mr. Matthew Muhart, Executive Vice President and Chief Strategy Officer, replied that this option had been investigated many years ago, but was not pursued further, for a variety of reasons.

There were no further comments from the Board.

Mr. Smith read into the record Resolution No. 496 for adoption of the final millage rate for the South Broward Hospital District for the Fiscal Year commencing on May 1, 2023, and ending on April 30, 2024, a copy of which is on file in the Executive Office.

Mr. Friedman ***moved, seconded*** by Mr. Harrison, that:

THE BOARD ADOPTS THE FINAL MILLAGE RATE OF 0.0937 MILLS FOR FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING ON MAY 1, 2023, AND ENDING ON APRIL 30, 2024, AND ADOPTS RESOLUTION NO. 496 AS PRESENTED

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

Dr. Orta	No
Mr. Harvey	Yes
Ms. Miller	Yes
Mr. Harrison	Yes
Mr. Friedman	Yes
Ms. Justen	Yes

The Motion **carried**.

Mr. Smith then read into the record Resolution No. 497 for adoption of the final tax budget for the South Broward Hospital District for the Fiscal Year commencing on May 1, 2023, and ending on April 30, 2024, a copy of which is on file in the Executive Office.

Mr. Harrison **moved, seconded** by Mr. Friedman, that:

THE BOARD ADOPTS THE FINAL TAX BUDGET OF \$3,131,741,000, INCLUDING TAX REVENUES OF \$7,764,000 AND OTHER NON-AD VALOREM OPERATING REVENUES OF \$3,123,977,000, AND ADOPTS RESOLUTION NO. 497 AS PRESENTED

There being no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

Dr. Orta	Yes
Mr. Harvey	Yes
Ms. Miller	Yes
Mr. Harrison	Yes
Mr. Friedman	Yes
Ms. Justen	Yes

The Motion **carried** unanimously.

Mr. Smith confirmed for the record that the adopted millage rate of 0.0937 mills was 2.18% higher than the rolled-back rate.


3. NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Justen reported the sad news that former South Broward Hospital District Commissioner Albert Jones' wife had recently passed away.

4. ADJOURNMENT

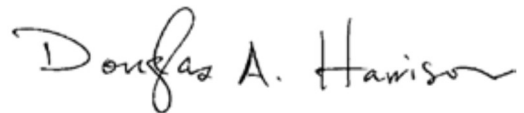
There being no further business to come before the Board, Ms. Justen declared the meeting adjourned at 5.56 p.m.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT



BY: _____

Elizabeth Justen, Chairwoman



ATTEST: _____

Douglas Harrison, Secretary Treasurer