

**SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT**  
**A 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 2008**  
**SEPTEMBER 26, 2007**

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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 2008 was held on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, at Memorial Regional Hospital, in Perry Auditorium, at 5:35 P.M.

The following members were present:

Mr. Kevin P. Tynan	Chairman
Mrs. Kathleen Durham	Vice Chairman
Mrs. Sara E. Wolfer	Secretary Treasurer
Mr. Albert C. Jones	
Mrs. Laura Raybin Miller ( <i>telephonically</i> )	
Mr. Carlos J. Reyes	

The following member was absent:

Mr. Shane Strum

A registration sheet listing all attendees is attached to the Minutes on file in the Executive Office.

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

There being a quorum present, Mr. Kevin Tynan, Chairman, called the Special Annual Meeting of the South Broward Hospital District Board of Commissioners to order and welcomed public participation in the 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 2008**

The Chair opened the final public hearing of the South Broward Hospital District's proposed Tax Budget for Fiscal Year 2008. Mr. Anthony Kraye, Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of Memorial Healthcare System, was invited to address the Board.

Mr. Kraye stated that the purpose of the public hearing was to adopt a final millage rate and budget for Fiscal Year 2008. He referenced the documents included in the Board packets to assist the Board in this process. Copies of these documents are attached to the Minutes on file in the Executive Office. Mr. Kraye recounted that at the September 10, 2007, preliminary tax hearing, the South Broward Hospital District adopted a tentative tax millage rate of 1.1643 mills, a rate 3.01% lower than the rolled-back rate.

At this rate, tax revenues, after applying discounts, uncollectible taxes, and revenue collection fees would be approximately \$57,772,000. Management estimates discount on taxes to be \$2,163,000, uncollectible tax revenues to be approximately \$618,000, and revenue collection fees to be \$1,236,000. It should be noted that, from these tax revenues, the System is required to pay certain property appraiser's fees of approximately \$441,000, community redevelopment agency assessments totaling approximately \$1,608,000, and matching funds for the Medicaid program and Healthy Kids program totaling an estimated \$4,343,000.

Mr. Kraymer further stated that the net tax revenue received is used to subsidize indigent programs for primary care, hospital patient care and physician services. As previously mentioned, the District also uses this revenue to match state funds for the Medicaid program and give back to community redevelopment agencies. There are no capital expenditures included in the Tax Budget. As in prior years, the proposed revenues would fund only a portion of the cost of the District's uncompensated care.

The Fiscal Year 2008 budget, which was approved by the Board in April 2007, included a preliminary tax budget that has since been revised based upon the final assessed valuations for properties within the South Broward Hospital District boundaries. Based on updated operating results through August 2007, Management believes the Board can take reasonable and prudent action to keep the millage rate at 1.1643 mills, which would lower it compared to prior year for the eighth time out of the previous nine years.

Mr. Kraymer then turned the meeting back to the Chair for the Board's discussion and the continuation of the public hearing to adopt a final millage rate and budget.

The Chair then opened the floor to the public for the final public hearing on the South Broward Hospital District's proposed tax budget for Fiscal Year 2008 and invited members of the audience to speak. The Chair asked those wishing to address the Board to stand and be recognized. As no one from the audience asked to be recognized, the Chair then closed the public portion of the hearing and opened the floor for discussion by Board members.

Mrs. Durham stated she was still in favor of adopting the tentative rate of 1.1643 mills, noting it was prudent to give back to the community considering how well the District has done over the past year.

Mrs. Wolfer also agreed with adoption of 1.1643 mills, stating it was wonderful to have the ability to provide a 12.5% decrease over last year; however, would not be in favor of going lower in light of the current healthcare environment.

Mr. Jones stated he was in agreement with 1.1643 mills and expressed pride in Memorial Healthcare System's administrators, staff and others that have worked very hard to enable the District to continue to provide tax relief to the community.

In response to Mr. Reyes' query, it was clarified that Management's recommendation of 1.1643 mills was the legislated rate, which would result in decreased actual gross tax revenue collection this year over last year.

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Mr. Reyes reiterated that he was pleased with the adoption of 1.1643 mills and challenged the System to be a source of real tax relief to the citizens, refraining from implementation of any fees that would undermine the Board's efforts. He also commented on the Board's responsibility to provide oversight to ensure that the Board's efforts are held firm and the System continues its efficient use of taxes, coupled with an increase in services, thus portraying a well-run, streamlined organization to the community.

Mrs. Miller commented on the uncertainty faced by taxpayers relative to real estate, insurance, and taxes and stated she was very comfortable with Management's recommendation. She stated she was pleased to be able to provide the citizens with a real tax decrease and voiced support for adoption of 1.1643 mills.

Mr. Tynan commented on the significance of the District's willingness to go beyond the rolled-back rate to provide real tax relief to the community, in spite of the uncertain environment that could affect the bottom line, and voiced his support of Management's recommendation of 1.1643 mills.

Mr. Tynan announced that the millage rate is lower than the rolled-back rate by the percentage in Line 3 of the Sensitivity Analysis that was presented by staff.

Mr. Kraymer stated that the rolled-back rate was 1,2004 mills. The Resolution before the Board designates a millage rate of 1.1643, which represents a 3.01% decrease from the rolled-back rate, and is equal to the legislated rate.

Mr. Kraymer read Resolution #308 for adoption of a final millage rate of 1.1643 mills, a copy of which is attached to the Minutes on file in the Executive Office.

Mrs. Wolfer *moved, seconded* by Mr. Reyes, that

**THE BOARD ADOPT THE PROPOSED MILLAGE RATE OF 1.1643 MILLS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #308 AS PRESENTED**

The Chair asked for a roll call vote:

Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Reyes	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mrs. Wolfer	Yes
Mrs. Durham	Yes
Mr. Tynan	Yes

The motion *carried* unanimously.

Mr. Kraymer read Resolution #309 for adoption of the final tax budget for Fiscal Year 2008, a copy of which is attached to the Minutes on file in the Executive Office.

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Mr. Jones ***moved, seconded*** by Mrs. Durham, that

***THE BOARD ADOPT THE FINAL BUDGET OF \$1,239,592,000 FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008 WHICH INCLUDES TAX EXPENDITURES OF \$59,008,000 AND NON-TAX EXPENDITURES OF \$1,180,584,000 AND ADOPT RESOLUTION #309 AS PRESENTED***

The Chair asked for a roll call vote:

Mrs. Durham	Yes
Mrs. Wolfer	Yes
Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Reyes	Yes
Mrs. Miller	Yes
Mr. Tynan	Yes

The motion ***carried*** unanimously.

**3. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 5:55 P.M.

THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
SOUTH BROWARD HOSPITAL DISTRICT

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin P. Tynan, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Sara E. Wolfer, Secretary-Treasurer