COOK COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD AGENDA
Thursday, August 20, 2026
9:00 a.m.
Schaap Community Center - 7401 Gunflint Trail, Grand Marais, MN
and Possible Remote Participation by Members

1. **Call to Order**

2. **Recess to Closed Session**
   9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. (30 minutes)

3. **Closed Session:** The meeting will be closed as permitted pursuant to Minn. Stat. §145.64 subd. 1(d) to discuss decisions, recommendations, deliberations or documentation of a Review Organization and pursuant to. Minn. Stat. § 13D.05, subd. 2 to discuss not public medical data.

4. **Reconvene in Open Session (9:30 a.m.)**

5. **Roll Call and Mission Statement**
   9:30 – 9:35 a.m. (5 minutes)

6. **Public Comments**
   9:35 – 9:45 a.m. (10 minutes)
   (10 minutes, 3 minutes per speaker) - The public is invited to speak at this time. Board members will not interact with the speaker. The speaker is welcome to leave information related to their comments. Topics related to the public comments may be addressed on a future agenda.

7. **Approval of Minutes**
   9:45 – 9:50 a.m. (5 minutes)
   - **July 23, 2026**

8. **Unfinished Business**
   9:50 – 10:10 a.m. (20 minutes)
   Discussion limited to ten (10) minutes per topic unless extended by majority vote.
   a. Board Governance Committee (10 minutes)
   b. Board/Administration Relationships (10 minutes)

9. **Financial Reports**
   10:10 – 10:35 p.m. (25 minutes)
   - July 2026 Financial Statements
   - Financial Education

10. **New Business**
    10:35 a.m. – 10:55 p.m. (20 minutes)
    Discussion limited to twenty (20) minutes per topic unless extended by majority vote.
    a. 2027 Levy Request (20 minutes)

11. **Big Rocks/Strategic Plan Discussion**
10:55 – 11:15 a.m. (20 minutes total)
a. Priority 1 – Establish the most effective and useful strategic partnerships and relationships (5 minutes)
b. Priority 1A – Electronic Health Record (EHR) platform selection (5 minutes)
c. Priority 2 – Attract and retain the best talent and develop succession plans (5 minutes)
d. Priority 3 – Update the safety net plan for the Care Center (5 minutes)

12. **Management Report**
11:15 – 11:25 p.m. (10 minutes)
Written report included in Board materials. Discussion limited to questions and items requiring Board action.

a. Rural Health Transformation Program
b. MQSA Facility Inspection
c. Swallow Studies
d. Rehabilitation Update
e. De-escalation Education
f. Outreach Clinic – Minnesota Eye Associates
g. Bunkhouse Update
h. Board Meeting Locations

13. **Next Meeting –** Regular Meeting – Thursday, September 24, 2026 – 9:30 a.m., Grand Portage Ferry Terminal, Grand Portage, MN
****The September meeting is not on the normal schedule due to the LeadingAge Minnesota and Minnesota Hospital Association Annual Meetings****

14. **Adjournment**
Target Adjournment: 11:30 p.m.

Board Meeting Discussion Expectations
- Time limits will be observed to allow all agenda items to be addressed.
- Comments should be directed to the agenda item currently under consideration.
- Board members should avoid repetition of previously stated positions.
- Discussion should focus on governance, policy, and strategic direction rather than operational management.
- The Chair may redirect discussion that is repetitive or outside the scope of the agenda.
- Matters requiring additional discussion may be referred to a future agenda for further work.