COOK COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD AGENDA
Thursday, September 24, 2026
9:00 a.m.
Lutsen Town Hall, 116 Caribou Trail, Lutsen, 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)
- **August 20, 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. New Business
10:10 a.m. – 10:10 p.m. (0 minutes)
a. None (0 minutes)

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

11. Board Presentation (10:35 a.m.) – Minnesota Hospital Association 2027 Advocacy Focus Areas, A Statewide Crisis of Care – Bob Hume, Minnesota Hospital Association Vice President of Policy and Communication

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12. Management Report

11:05 – 11:15 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. Nursing Home Rate Adjustment
c. Minimum Wage Standards for Nursing Homes
d. Minnesota Hospital Association Annual (MHA) Meeting
e. MHA Foundation/MN ACHE Scholarship Awards
f. MHA 2026 State Legislative Report

13. Next Meeting – Regular Meeting – Thursday, October 22, 2026 – 9:30 a.m., **Grand Portage Lodge and Casino, Grand Portage, MN**

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.

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