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commonly referred to as the Florida Government in the Sunshine Law, and the Uniform Special District Accountability Act of 1989, as each is amended from time to time.

**Section 7. Quorum; Public Records.** Four (4) of said trustees shall constitute a quorum, and an affirmative vote of at least three(3) of said trustees shall be necessary to the transaction of any business of the district. The trustees shall cause true and accurate minutes and records to be kept of all business transacted by them, and shall keep full, true and complete books of accounts and minutes. The district shall comply with chapter 119 Florida Statutes, commonly referred to as the Florida Public Records Act, as amended from time to time.

**Section 8. Travel Expenses.** The trustees under this Act, the employees of the district, and other authorized travelers shall be paid per diem and travel expenses provided in section 112.061, Florida Statutes, as amended from time to time, to be substantiated by paid bills therefor.

**Section 9. Expenses.** The board is authorized to pay from the funds of the district all expenses of the organization of said board and all expenses necessarily incurred with the formation of said district and all other reasonable and necessary expenses, including the fees and expenses of any attorney in the transaction of the business of the district and in carrying out and accomplishing the purposes of this Act.

This section, however, shall not be construed to limit or restrict any of the powers vested in said board of trustees by any other section or provision of this Act.

**Section 10. Vacancies.** Vacancies in the board of trustees occasioned by resignations, removals or otherwise, shall be reported to the Governor of the state, who shall fill such vacancies by appointment within forty-five (45) days of the occurrence thereof. Any vacancies not so filled within such time shall remain vacant until the next general election and at such general election the vacancies shall be filled by the election of a trustee to serve for the remainder of the term in which such vacancy occurred. Any appointments made by the Governor to fill vacancies shall hold office until the next general election and at such general election the vacancies shall be filled by the election of a trustee to serve for the remainder of the term in which the vacancy occurred.

**Section 11. Rules and Regulations.** The board of trustees of the Indian River County Hospital District is further authorized and empowered to establish reasonable rules and regulations to govern the operation of district owned or operated health facilities in or through which the district provides health and medical services and to govern and control the conduct of all employees, patients, private duty nurses, sitters, guests and visitors, or any other party or persons who are, in any manner, upon or using the premises and facilities of the district health facilities so that the health and welfare of the patients and the best interest of the district will at all times be served.

**Section 12. Medical Staff.** (1) In the management of such hospital no discrimination shall be made against any medical doctors, commonly known as M.D.'s, duly licensed to practice materia medica in the state, and graduate dentists licensed to practice in the state, and who shall qualify under the bylaws, rules and regulations established by the board and under the bylaws of the medical



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staff as approved by the board, and all such regular medical doctors and dentists shall have equal privileges in treating patients in said hospital. The patient shall have the right to employ at his or her own expense, his or her own medical doctor or dentist, so qualified as aforesaid, and when acting for any patient in such hospital, such medical doctor or dentist employed by such patient shall have exclusive charge of the care and treatment of such patient, and nurses therein as to such patient shall be subject to the direction of said medical doctor, subject always to such general rules and regulations as shall be established by the board of trustees under the provisions of this law.

(2) The board of trustees shall organize a staff of medical doctors and dentists of every practicing medical doctor and dentist who shall qualify under the rules and regulations established by the board. The board of trustees is hereby authorized and empowered to establish reasonable rules, regulations and bylaws to govern said staff, and the members thereof, and to prescribe and establish in said rules, regulations and bylaws reasonable duties and responsibilities for the staff, and member thereof, so that the welfare and health of the patients and the best interests of the hospital may at all times be best served. It shall be the duty of said staff to organize in a manner prescribed by the said board so that there shall be a rotation of service among the members of said staff to give proper medical and surgical attention to the indigent sick, injured or maimed who may be admitted to said hospital for treatment.

(3) The board of trustees is hereby authorized and empowered to grant or refuse, revoke or suspend, membership on the said staff, and to grant or refuse, revoke or suspend, any privileges attendant to such membership so that the welfare and health of the patients and the best interests of the district may at all times be best served; provided further:

(a) The board of trustees is hereby authorized and empowered to require members of the staff to abide by all reasonable rules, regulations and bylaws established by the board of trustees under the authorization of this Act, and to require the performance of those duties and responsibilities prescribed by said rules, regulations and bylaws, and to enforce such requirements by the revocation or suspension of staff membership and privileges, under the terms of this Act.

(b) The board of trustees shall adopt rules and bylaws providing the procedure for considering the refusal, revocation, or suspension of staff membership of any person, or suspension or modification of privileges attendant to such membership. The procedure adopted shall afford due process to the parties and shall provide for an orderly, fair, and impartial proceeding.

(c) In those instances when the board of trustees, under its rules or bylaws, considers the refusal, revocation, or suspension of staff membership of any person, or suspension or modification of privileges which are attendant to such membership, the vote of five (5) of the seven (7) trustees shall be required to revoke, suspend, or modify staff membership or privileges of any staff member for any reason whatsoever or to refuse to grant staff membership to any practitioner. The right of judicial review shall at all times be preserved.

**Section 13. Bank Accounts; Investments; Procurement of Personal Property or Services.** (1) The board of trustees shall designate a bank or banks, or other depository or