



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 12/09/2025

REQUESTER: Norman Regional Hospital Authority

PRESENTER: Kathryn Walker, Assistant City Attorney

ITEM TITLE: CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION, REJECTION, AMENDMENT AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF RESOLUTION R-2526-82: A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORMAN, OKLAHOMA APPROVING THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED TRUST INDENTURE OF NORMAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL AUTHORITY (2025) AND CONFIRMING ITS ACCEPTANCE OF THE BENEFICIAL IN SAID TRUST FOR AND ON BEHALF OF SAID BENEFICIARY AND IN ALL RESPECTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS OF SAID FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE AMENDED AND RESTATED TRUST INDENTURE.

BACKGROUND:

Norman Regional Hospital Authority (the “Authority”) is a public trust operated for the benefit of the City of Norman. Authority operates the Norman Regional Health System, which has grown over the years to include facilities in six surrounding communities in addition to its facilities in Norman. Article X of the City’s Charter sets forth the process for appointing board members to the Authority Board; the Mayor, with the approval of the Council, appoints the board for a term of 3 years. Like other Boards, the Charter language and related Code provisions required that all board members be Norman residents.

In 2019, the Authority asked that the City’s Charter Review Commission consider changes to Article X that would increase the size of the Board of Directors from nine to eleven, and allow for a maximum of two board positions to be appointed from other communities in which the Authority operates facilities. Ultimately, Council sent the question of this Charter amendment to the voters in 2022, and it was adopted. Governor Stitt approved the changes to the Charter in 2023.

In order to fully effectuate this change, the Authority has prepared amendments to its Trust Indenture to increase the board size and amend the residency requirements consistent with the Charter. Resolution R-2526-82 approving the changes and accepting the beneficial interest in the trust will be on Council’s agenda on December 9, 2025. Corresponding amendments to Sections 2-301 and 2-305 of the City’s code to ensure it is consistent with the Trust Indenture and the Charter provisions will be on Council’s agenda on December 9, 2025, for consideration on Second and Final Reading.

DISCUSSION:

Resolution R-2526-82 is a necessary step to effectuate the changes to the trust indenture. Staff has reviewed the proposed First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Trust Indenture (attached) and verified they are consistent with the changes approved by the voters to the Charter. This resolution formalizes Council's acceptance of the amendment to the indenture and its acceptance of its beneficial interest in the Trust.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of Resolution R-2526-82.