

Memo

To: Logan Grant, Executive Director
From: Lowavia Eden-Hoback, Office & Resource Manager
CC: HFC Staff and Members
Date: March 25, 2026
Re: Speakers attending the March Commission Hearing-Meeting

NOTE: REP – Representing WBS – Will Be Speaking WBP – Will Be Present (Available to Speak)
 + - Will be heard under Simultaneous Review Procedures. * - Consent Calendar

Certificate of Need Applications:

Project No.	Project Name	Names of Speakers
CN2509-036	Ascension St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Warren Gooch, Esq., Kramer Rayson – REP • Bryce Fitzgerald, Esq., Kramer Rayson – REP • John Winters, Esq., Kramer Rayson – REP • Daphne David, President/CEO, Ascension St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital – WBS • Dr. David Whetstone, COS, Ascension St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital – WBS • Fahad Tahir, President/CEO, Ascension St. Thomas – WBP • Robyn Morrissey, CSO, Ascension St. Thomas – WBP • Betsy Bernstein, V.P., Ascension St. Thomas - WBP • Melanie Bull, CAO, Ascension St. Thomas - WBP • Robert Suggs, Director, St. Thomas Health – REP • Gordon Ferguson, VP, Ascension St. Thomas Rutherford Hospital - WBP • Marisa Strumeyer, VP, Ascension St. Thomas - WBP • Kimberly Wells, VP, Ascension St. Thomas - WBP
CN2511-041	Heart N Soul - Nashville (OPPOSED)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim Looney, Esq., KL Gates – REP • Brook James, Director, Heart & Soul Hospice – WBS • Merideth Portwood, Community Education Rep., Heart & Soul Hospice - WBS

OPPOSITION:

- Travis Swearingen, Esq., Caris Healthcare - **REP**
- Michelle Stutz, SR V.P., Caris Healthcare – **WBP**
- Darrah Whittaker, V.P., Caris Healthcare – **WBP**

CN2511-043 Heart N Soul - Memphis

- Kim Looney, Esq., KL Gates – **REP**
- Brook James, Director, Heart & Soul Hospice – **WBS**
- Merideth Portwood, Community Education Rep., Heart & Soul Hospice – **WBS**

**CN2601-001 Covenant Health Diagnostics
Blount County**

- Brady John, Esq., Kirkland Ellis – **REP**
- Chad Clabough, SR V.P., Covenant Health - **WBS**
- Travis Swearingen, Esq., Kirkland Ellis – **WBP**