

**EL PASO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 13, 2024 – 3:00 P.M.
EIGHTH FLOOR BOARD ROOM**

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>
Henry Gallardo, Board Chair Kristina Mena, Ph.D., Board Vice Chair Anna Perez, Ed.D., Board Secretary Isidro Torres, Board Member Steve DeGroat, Board Member Senior District Judge Linda Chew, Board Member <u>ABSENT</u> Miguel Fernandez, Board Member	R. Jacob Cintron, President & CEO Jennifer Carrasco, Exec. Asst. to the Board of Managers Michael Nuñez, District Chief Financial Officer (remote) Omar Villa, Chief Legal Officer Daniel Collins, Senior Staff Attorney Maria Zampini, Chief Operating Officer Jon Law, District Chief Strategy Officer Amy Daher, Chief Nursing Officer Dr. Joel Hendryx, Chief Medical Officer Chris Chacon, CEO, UMC Surgical Hospital Lorena Navedo, Chief Administrative Officer Ruben Vogt, Chief Advocacy Officer Ryan Mielke, Admin. Director, Public Affairs <i>Several others attended virtually.</i>

1, 2, & 3. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Henry Gallardo, board chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, August 13, 2024. A quorum was established. No one signed up for public comment.

**4. Minutes of the Board of Managers meeting held on July 8, 2024 and July 24, 2024.
(Tab A)**

There were no corrections to the meeting minutes that were previously distributed. The July 8, 2024 and July 24, 2024 meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: MOTION to approve the consent agenda items #5-9 (listed below) was made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Dr. Perez. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes; Judge Chew, Yes. Motion carried.

**5. Acknowledge receipt of the El Paso County Hospital District combined Financial Statements for June 2024.
(Tab B) (Finance Committee)**

**6. Accept the Quarterly Investment Report for period ended June 30, 2024.
(Tab C) (Finance Committee)**

**7. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a three year agreement with Project ARRIBA for placement of healthcare professionals.
(Tab D) (Finance Committee)**

**8. Adopt the following policies:
(Tab E) (PAC Committee)**

- 1. Referral Bonus Program(H-1-2)**
- 2. Assessment of Patients (P-25))**
- 3. Automatic Stop Orders for Medications (PMM16)**
- 4. Thrombolytic Enzyme Administration (PMM18)**
- 5. Temperature, Humidity and Differential Pressure (S-UT-75)**

**9. Approve the following Medical Staff requests:
(Tab F) (PAC Committee)**

- 1. Temporary Privileges**
- 2. Initial Medical Staff Applications for Approval**
- 3. Initial Advanced Practice Provider Applications for Approval**
- 4. Medical Staff Reappointments and Renewal of Privileges**
- 5. Advanced Practice Provider Re-Appointment and Renewal of Privileges**
- 6. Additional Privileges Request**
- 7. Change in Category Status/Privileges**
- 8. Notification of Resignations**
- 9. Leave of Absences/Suspensions and Reinstatements**
- 10. Automatic Termination for Expired License, Insurance, etc. per Bylaws Article VIII 8.1.6**
- 11. Focused Professional Practice Evaluations**
 - a. Completed FPPE (Initial Requested Privileges)**
 - b. FPPE – Beyond Biennial Reappointment – Proceed to OPPE**
 - c. FPPE – Extension**
 - d. Completed FPPE (Additional Requested Privileges)**
 - e. Additional FPPE (Insufficient Data for Requested Privileges)**

REGULAR AGENDA

10. Receive and take appropriate action on the CEO Report for the El Paso County Hospital District d/b/a University Medical Center of El Paso.

The Board of Managers received an update on behalf of EPCHD d/b/a UMC. Mr. Cintron presented on the following topics:

- **UMC Bond Initiative**
 - El Paso County Commissioners have approved adding UMC's Bond Initiative on the November ballot
 - UMC patients, Texas Tech physicians testify in support
 - Education campaign on the bond will begin across the borderland
 - Election Day is November 5
- **Governor Abbott's Executive Order**
 - Requires hospitals to collect/report patients' immigration status & associated healthcare costs
 - Issued on August 8, 2024
 - HHSC will begin to:
 - Direct hospitals to collect information regarding the cost of medical care provided to migrants, beginning by November 1, 2024
 - Direct hospitals to report data to HHSC quarterly, with initial submissions due March 1, 2025

- Direct hospitals to inform the patient that federal law mandates that any response to such questions will not affect patient care
- Report annually, beginning on January 1, 2026, to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, and the Speaker of the House on the preceding year's costs for medical care provided to illegal immigrants
 - Applies to "hospitals enrolled in Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program, and any additional providers identified by the Health and Human Services Commission."
- UMC, Media Honor Five-Year Anniversary of August 3, 2019
 - This year marked the five-year anniversary of the Cielo Vista Walmart on Aug. 3, 2019
 - UMC joined the El Paso community in honoring the victims with a moment of silence and a remembrance video
 - The hospital was lit in orange lights, the defining color of gun violence awareness, and Associates were given orange "El Paso Strong" wristbands
- UMC Launches New Mobile App: UMC Cares
 - Provides educational information about UMC's bond initiative and services for our community
 - Allows El Pasoans to stay up-to-date with hospital events
 - Available in English and Spanish through the Apple App Store and Google Play
- Congressional Update to EPCHD Administrators
 - Congresswoman Veronica Escobar will provide an informative session for our EPCHD team to stay up-to-date on the latest happenings in Congress
 - Scheduled for August 16
- El Paso Children's Hospital participates in Back to School Community Events
- El Paso Health HHSC Readiness Review for STAR+PLUS program
- UMC Minutes Video – a glimpse back at August

ACTION: MOTION to accept the CEO report was made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Judge Chew. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes; Judge Chew, Yes. Motion carried.

11. Receive an update on the El Paso Children's Hospital.

The Board of Managers received an update on the El Paso Children's Hospital. Dr. Cindy Stout, CEO of El Paso Children's Hospital, presented on the following topics:

- 2023-2024 Respiratory Season Update
- Operational Improvements
- 8th Floor Construction Update
 - Projected to open in October
 - 26 total additional beds includes:
 - 10 bed IMCU Step-Down Unit (2 Bed EMU)
 - 16 bed General Pediatric Bed
 - Reviewed the layout
- FY24 – 3rd Qtr El Paso Children's Hospital Foundation Contributions to El Paso Children's Hospital
- Foundation major events & fundraisers
- Children's Miracle Network Campaigns and Events
- A look back at April-May events/recognition

ACTION: MOTION to accept the El Paso Children's Hospital update was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Mr. Torres. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes; Judge Chew, Yes. Motion carried.

12. Receive an update on the General Obligation Bond Process.

The Board of Managers received an update on the General Obligation Bond Process. Mr. Jon Law, district chief strategy officer, noted the following:

- Unanimous decision by the El Paso County Commissioners to add UMC's Bond Initiative on the November ballot
- Thanked several physicians and patients for their testimony as support for the bond initiative
- Team collaboration
- Tele Town Hall in July to inform the Associates – over 800 participants
- Public outreach
 - Focus groups
 - Surveys
- Associate forums in October
- Education versus Advocacy training

ACTION: No action required.

13. Approve and adopt a resolution delegating to the President and CEO the authority to execute patient transfer agreements in accordance with Policy P-7.

Mr. Daniel Collins, senior staff attorney, presented this item for approval by the Board of Managers.

ACTION: MOTION to adopt the resolution as presented was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Dr. Mena. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes; Judge Chew, Yes. Motion carried.

14. Discuss and take appropriate action on the El Paso County Hospital District FY2025 Operating and Capital Budget and the proposed Tax Rate for the El Paso County Hospital District.

The Board of Managers received an update on this agenda item. The following was noted:

- The joint budget work session with the County Commissioners was held on August 7th
- The budget was presented with a no new revenue rate
- The FY2025 and proposed tax rate will be formally approved by the County Commissioners on Monday, August 26th

ACTION: No action required.

The Board of Managers convened Executive Session at 4:05 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. Receive a quality report regarding head and neck service line, pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code §161.032(b)(2).

Report received. No action required.

16. Discussion regarding provider #153346, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071.

Discussed. Action taken in open session.

Any action taken as a result of this discussion will be taken at the opening of this meeting after closed session, or at a subsequent meeting

OPEN SESSION

The Board of Managers re-convened Open Session at 5:05pm.

17. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the provision of legal representation for provider #153346, pursuant to the Bylaws of the Board of Managers and to approve and authorize the President and CEO to execute an engagement for legal services on behalf of the provider.

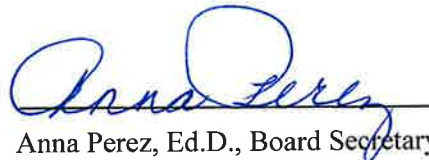
Based on the discussion during executive session, the Board of Managers took action.

ACTION: MOTION to authorize the President and CEO to execute a contract for legal representation for provider #153346 cap pursuant to the discussion under executive session and that such representation is in the interest of the public in that the provider was acting in good faith within the scope of his/her duties as read into record by Mr. Villa was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Judge Chew. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes; Judge Chew, Yes. Motion carried.

18. Adjournment. Board of Managers meeting adjourned at 5:06pm.



Henry Gallardo, Board Chair



Anna Perez, Ed.D., Board Secretary