

EL PASO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 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 Senior District Judge Linda Chew, Board Member Steve DeGroat, Board Member (remote) Miguel Fernandez, Board Member (remote)	R. Jacob Cintron, President & CEO Jennifer Carrasco, Exec. Asst. to the Board of Managers Michael Nunez, District Chief Financial Officer Omar Villa, Chief Legal Officer Maria Zampini, Chief Operating Officer Jon Law, District Chief Strategy Officer Amy Daher, Chief Nursing Officer Dr. Joel Hendryx, Chief Medical Officer Lorena Navedo, Chief Administrative Officer Carol Smallwood, CEO, El Paso Health Eric Johansen, Chief Quality Officer Chris Chacon, CEO, UMC Surgical Hospital
<u>ABSENT</u> None	<i>Several others attended virtually.</i>

1, 2, & 3. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Henry Gallardo, board chair, called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. on Tuesday, October 8, 2024. A quorum was established. No one signed up for public comment.

**4. Minutes of the Board of Managers meetings held on September 10, 2024.
(Tab A)**

There were no corrections to the meeting minutes that were previously distributed. The September 10, 2024 meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: MOTION to approve the consent agenda items #5-12 (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; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Fernandez, Yes. Motion carried.

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

6. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a contract for the Oracle Health Diagnostics Insights and Cerner Registries. (Tab C) (Finance Committee)

**7. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with the Selection Committee's recommendation for Charge Master and Charge Capture (RFP#910-07/24-0001).
(Tab D) (Finance Committee)**

8. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a contract for the migration to Cisco Flex / Contact Center – Cloud Version.
(Tab E) (Finance Committee)

9. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a renewal agreement with SG2/Vizient for Edge Membership and Claims Tools.
(Tab F) (Finance Committee)

10. Approve and adopt the following policies:
(Tab G) (PAC Committee)

1. Ongoing Professional Practice Evaluations (MS-118)
2. Records, Retention and Destruction Policy and Schedule (CP-43)
3. Donation of Paid Time Off (H-2-9)

11. Approve and adopt the proposed amendments to the Medical Staff Bylaws.
(Tab H) (PAC Committee)

12. Approve the following Medical Staff requests:
(Tab I) (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. Other Business
12. 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)
13. Ongoing Professional Practice Evaluations

REGULAR AGENDA

13. 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:

- Dr. Leida Perez Honored with Physician of Excellence Award
 - Dr. Perez, Clinical Chief of Community Medicine, was nominated for her outstanding work and dedication to UMC's patients.

- Dr. Perez has been with UMC since 2006 and has helped expand the clinics as they reach record-breaking numbers.
- UMC adds new provider dedicated to Telehealth Service
 - Dr. Gabriela Rangel is now the dedicated Telehealth provider at UMC's outpatient clinics
 - UMC's Telehealth service opens opportunities for patients to consult and visit with their primary care provider from the comfort of their home
 - Telehealth removes wait times and the need for transportation to appointments
- UMC's SANE Program Recognized by FBI
 - One of UMC's certified SANE RN's was recognized by the FBI in New Mexico for their testimony and expertise which resulted in a perpetrator receiving a long prison sentence
 - UMC is the only local hospital to offer a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner 24/7 that is certified in pediatric, adult and adolescent exams
- El Paso Children's Hospital Opens 8th Floor for Epilepsy Monitoring
 - The floor features 26 beds in a 24,000 sq foot pediatric unit
 - Ribbon cutting ceremony was held on September 25th and largely attended by community physicians and local leaders
- UMC Foundation Helps Bring Chile Pepper Ride to Region
 - The event attracted more than 300 cyclists
 - The proceeds benefitted UMC Foundation
- El Paso Children's Hospital Foundation Receives Donation from Hyundai Hope on Wheels
 - EPCH Foundation received \$100,000 grant from Hyundai Hope on Wheels
 - The grant will go toward research and support for children battling cancer in the community
- El Paso Health Celebrates Another Year of Growth
 - Welcomed 9,500 members to its new STAR+PLUS program
 - Medicare Advantage team hosted their Broker Kick off Meeting
 - UMC Foundation kicked off 11th year of its Car Safety Program
- Government Relations
 - Passage of Continuing Resolution
 - Johnson & Johnson Backs Down on 340B Rebate Proposal
- UMC Minutes Video – a glimpse back at September

ACTION: MOTION to accept the CEO report 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; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Fernandez, Yes. Motion carried.

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

The Board of Managers received an update on General Obligation Bond Process. Dr. Jon Law noted the following:

- Early voting begins October 21
- Election Day
- Team has conducted about 30 presentations educating about 30 various community organizations
- Additional 14 community presentations are scheduled
- Reviewed the education materials in print and media formats
- Mr. Omar Villa provided an update on electoral regulations and notice / posting requirements under State law; Health and Safety Code

ACTION: No action required.

15. Local Provider Participation Fund

A. Receive public comment, both proponents and opponents, on the proposed Local Provider Participation Fund 2024 assessment rate for the El Paso County Hospital District.

Mr. Villa, Chief Legal Officer, provided the legal requirements under State Law; Health and Safety Code, publication requirements, and opportunity provision for public comment.

Note: No one signed up for public comment to comment on this agenda item.

**B. Approve and adopt a resolution for a proposed quarterly rate not to exceed 6.0% (0.06) for the El Paso County Hospital District Local Provider Participation Fund.
(Tab J) (Finance Committee)**

Mr. Michael Nuñez, District Chief Financial Officer, presented this agenda item for approval by the Board of Managers.

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

The Board of Managers convened Executive Session at 4:01 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

16. Discuss information relating to real property for lease located in East El Paso, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.072.

Discussed. No action taken.

17. Discuss lease real property in West El Paso by El Paso First Health Plans, Inc. d/b/a El Paso Health, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.072.

Discussed. Action taken in open session.

18. Consultation with attorney regarding healthcare claims involving Oscar Insurance Company, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071.

Discussed. No action taken.

*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 4:57pm.

19. Take appropriate action on a lease agreement for real property located in East El Paso, and, for the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the lease agreement.

No action taken.

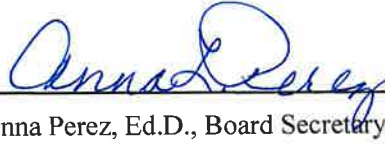
20. Take appropriate action on a lease agreement for real property located in West El Paso for El Paso First Health Plans, Inc. d/b/a El Paso Health.

ACTION: Based on the discussion during executive session a motion to approve was made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Judge Chew. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes; Judge Chew, Yes; Mr. Fernandez, Yes. Motion carried. *(Note: Mr. DeGroat did not vote on this item; due to technical difficulties he was unable to remotely participate for this item.)*

21. Adjournment. Board of Managers meeting adjourned at 4:58pm.



Henry Gallardo, Board Chair



Anna Perez, Ed.D., Board Secretary