

EL PASO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024 – 3:00 P.M.
EIGHTH FLOOR BOARD ROOM

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>
Henry Gallardo, Board Chair Anna Perez, Ed.D., Board Secretary Senior District Judge Linda Chew, Board Member Steve DeGroat, Board Member Miguel Fernandez, Board Member <u>ABSENT</u> Kristina Mena, Ph.D., Board Vice Chair Isidro Torres, 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 Tony Castillo, General Counsel 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 Eric Johansen, Chief Quality Officer Chris Chacon, CEO, UMC Surgical Hospital Cindy Stout, CEO, EPCH Ruben Vogt, District Chief Advocacy Officer Elisa Hernandez, Director of Government Relations Greg Erickson, Asst. Admin., Ancillary Services <i>Several others attended virtually.</i>

1, 2, & 3. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Henry Gallardo, board chair, called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m. on Tuesday, November 12, 2024. A quorum was established. No one signed up for public comment.

4. (Tab A) Minutes of the Board of Managers meetings held on October 8, 2024.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: MOTION to approve the consent agenda items #5-11 (listed below) was made by Mr. Fernandez and seconded by Mr. DeGroat. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Fernandez, Yes; Judge Chew, Yes. Motion carried.

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

6. (Tab C) Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a contract for the Oracle Streamline Health's RevID Charge Reconciliation System. (Finance Committee)

7. (Tab D) Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the Blood Bank Services agreement with Vitalant. (Finance Committee)

8. (Tab E) Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the Diagnostic Imaging Services agreement with Siemens Medical Solutions. (Finance Committee)

9. (Tab F) Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the Correctional Health agreement with Emergence Health Network. (Finance Committee)

10. (Tab G) Approve and accept the Quarterly Investment Report as of September 30, 2024.

11. (Tab H) Approve the Medical Staff Credentialing Requests. (PAC Committee)

REGULAR AGENDA

12. 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 Proposal Approved by Voters
 - Voters approved UMC's \$396.6M Bond Initiative to develop a cancer center, burn center and expanded healthcare access
 - The bond will fund the construction of a geriatric clinic in Central El Paso and an outpatient clinic in Horizon
 - The projects will aid with capacity limitations by adding:
 - Critical care beds
 - New operating rooms
 - Cardiac catheterization rooms
 - Improvements to imaging / lab services
- UMC Obtains a prestigious Level 3 Geriatric Emergency Department Accreditation (GEDA)
 - The GEDA program is a national initiative that recognizes hospitals equipped to handle complex health issues
- UMC's Level I Trauma Center Receives Reverification by the American College of Surgeons
 - UMC is the region's only Level 1 Trauma Center
 - UMC has been recognized with the Texas and New Mexico Trauma Systems since 2001
- UMC Recognized by American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program
 - Recognized in the "All Cases" and "High Risk" categories
- El Paso Children's Hospital Shares Expertise at Annual Cleft Symposium
 - EPCH has the only Cranial and Facial team in the region to be nationally recognized by the American Cleft Palate-Craniofacial Association
- El Paso Health Medicare Advantage Enrollment reached 500 Members
- UMC Minutes Video – a glimpse back at October

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

13. (Tab I) Receive an update on behalf of El Paso Children's Hospital.

The Board of Managers received an update on behalf of EPCH. Dr. Stout presented on the following:

- Pediatric Intermediate Care Unit (IMCU) Ribbon Cutting
- Meet our Physicians
 - Dr. Taj Kahn, PICU Medical Director
 - Dr. Manuel De La Rosa, Interim Chair of Pediatrics – TTUHSC
 - Dr. Alexandria Melendez-Zaidi, Epileptologist
 - Dr. Rodolfo Fierro-Stevens, Chief of Neuroscience
 - Dr. Zyed Makoshi, Medical Director, Neurosurgery
- 8th Floor & Epilepsy Monitoring Unit
- Mobile Clinic
- 9th Annual Pediatric Diabetes Conference
- Symposium on Cleft Lip & Palate Deformities; Cleft Bone Grafts & Cleft Orthognathic
- Continuing Medical Education (CME) Offerings
- Recruitment List
- Noche Cubana – Foundation Event
- Highlights for July, August, September

ACTION: MOTION to accept the EPCH quarterly update was made by Mr. Fernandez and seconded by Mr. DeGroat. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Fernandez, Yes; Judge Chew, Yes. Motion carried.

14. (Tab J) Receive a presentation and take appropriate action on the 89th State Legislature Agenda.

The Board of Managers received a presentation on the 89th State Legislature Agenda. Mr. Vogt presented on the following:

- 89th State Session - Election Results
- 89th State Legislative Session – Key Items
 - House Speakers Race
 - Trending Priorities
 - Budget
- El Paso State Delegation
- Key Dates & Bill Filing Deadlines
- Associations
- Top Five Legislative Priorities
 - Protect hospital district-owned health plans
 - Oppose policies prohibiting facility fees and outpatient payments
 - Protect local financing options
 - Protect the Medicaid-only children's hospital designation
 - Support community funding efforts; cancer center & El Paso Psychiatric Center

ACTION: MOTION to accept the 89th State Legislature Agenda was made by Dr. Perez and seconded by Mr. DeGroat. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Fernandez, Yes; Judge Chew, Yes. Motion carried.

15. (Tab K) Discuss and take appropriate action to adopt a resolution authorizing the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a purchase agreement and related documents relating to the purchase of property in Central El Paso.

ACTION: MOTION to adopt a resolution authorizing the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a purchase agreement and related documents relating to the purchase of property in Central El Paso was made by Dr. Perez and seconded by Mr. DeGroat. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Fernandez, Yes; Judge Chew, Yes. Motion carried.

16. (Tab L) Receive an update on the Series 2024, \$54.8 million Revenue Refunding Bonds.

Mr. Nuñez, District Chief Financial Officer provided an update on the following information:

Summary

On October 16, 2024, the Series 2023, \$55 million Revenue Bonds were refunded with the Series 2024, \$54,800,000 Revenue Refunding Bonds. The results of the refunding are below:

Series 2023, \$55,000,000 Revenue Bonds

Par Value of refunded bonds:	\$55,000,000
Maturity Date:	December 15, 2026

Series 2024, \$54,800,000 Revenue Refunding Bonds

Delivery date:	November 6, 2024
Bond Par amount	\$54,800,000
Bond Premium:	\$1,609,750
Total Bond Proceeds:	\$56,409,750
All in True Interest Cost:	4.5%
Maturity date:	February 2054
Net Present Value Savings:	\$4.8 million

Other

Total Bond orders of \$525 million for a par value of \$54.8 – a 9.6x ratio – resulted in higher bond prices and lower bond yields – creating interest cost savings

Bond insurance cost of \$424 thousand

Bond Ratings

S&P	AA, stable outlook, insured
Fitch	A-, stable outlook, uninsured
KBRA a/k/a Kroll	A-, stable outlook, uninsured

ACTION: None - Informational

17. Receive an update on the General Obligation Bond Election.

Dr. Jon Law, District Chief Strategy Officer provided an update on the following:

- Excited about the 65% approval rate by the voters for the bond initiative
- Grateful for the community support and Dr. Law recognized many others by name who were pivotal in getting the message out to the community
- Approximately 60 community bond presentations were held

Mr. Nuñez, District Chief Financial Officer, discussed briefly the next steps from a financial perspective to include the possibility of a May 2025 Bond sale, the IRS tax law that states that bond proceeds must be expended within 36 months which means the bond initiative may be broken up into two separate bond issues depending on the schedule of project completions and he will continue to work with the financial advisors and bond counsel through the process.

Ms. Zampini, Chief Operating Officer, discussed briefly the next steps from the Planning, Design and Construction perspective. She noted that the team is working on developing an overall project schedule as well as individual project schedules and cash flow requirements for each project. In addition, between now and the issuance of the bonds, the team will be working on updating the prevailing wage rates, procurement process mapping specific to the bond in conjunction with materials management and the legal department. The team will be hosting project opportunity fairs for all vendors, consultants, and contractors. Process map strategies will also be developed for internal support.

The board encouraged the team to continue to communicate with the community through the process of getting the projects completed and to utilize as many, if possible, local contractors and vendors

ACTION: None -Informational

The Board of Managers convened Executive Session at 4:15 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

18. Receive a semi-annual report on current litigation, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071.

Received report.

19. Consultation with El Paso County Hospital District attorney regarding update on legal department matter #HM-24-298, 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

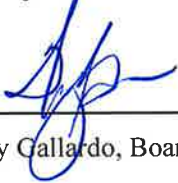
OPEN SESSION

The Board of Managers re-convened Open Session at 4:46pm.

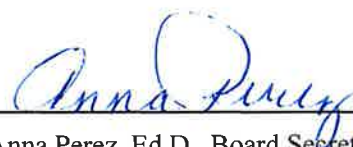
20. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to execute an agreement related to Cause No. 2022DCV3004.

ACTION: Based on the discussion during executive session a motion to approve and authorize the President and CEO to execute an agreement related to Cause No. 2022DCV3004 was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Dr. Perez. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Fernandez, Yes; Judge Chew, Yes. Motion carried.

21. Adjournment. Board of Managers meeting adjourned at 4:46pm.



Henry Gallardo, Board Chair



Anna Perez, Ed.D., Board Secretary