

EL PASO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024- 3:00 P.M.
EIGHTH FLOOR BOARD ROOM

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>
Kristina Mena, Ph.D., Board Vice Chair Anna Perez, Ed.D., Board Secretary Isidro Torres, Board Member Steve DeGroat, Board Member 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 Lorena Navedo, Chief Administrative Officer Eric Johansen, Chief Quality Officer Chris Chacon, CEO, UMC Surgical Hospital Jose Rodriguez, COO, CNO UMC Surgical Hospital Jerry Akin, Asst. Admin., Planning, Design & Construction
<u>ABSENT</u> Henry Gallardo, Board Chair Senior District Judge Linda Chew, Board Member	<i>Several others attended virtually.</i>

1, 2, & 3. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Kristina Mena, board vice-chair, called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2024. A quorum was established. No one signed up for public comment.

4. (Tab A) Minutes of the Board of Managers meetings held on November 12, 2024.

There were no corrections to the meeting minutes that were previously distributed. The November 12, 2024 meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: MOTION to approve the consent agenda items #5-13 (listed below) was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Dr. Perez. The vote was Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes; Mr. Fernandez, Yes. Motion carried.

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

6. (Tab C) Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with Artisight for the Nursing Virtual Care with AI Platform. (Finance Committee)

7. (Tab D) Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a renewal agreement for the Up to Date Enterprise Subscription with Wolters Kluwer. (Finance Committee)

8. (Tab E) Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the general contractor agreement with Noble Contractors, LLC for administrative offices and physician lounge. (Finance Committee)

9. (Tab F) Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Selection Committee's recommendation for general contractor for Eastlake Urgent Care (RFP#950-11/24-015). (Finance Committee)
10. (Tab G) Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a lease agreement for the Intuitive DaVinci DV5 hardware and applications for UMC.
11. (Tab H) Approve the Medical Staff Credentialing Requests. (PAC Committee)
12. (Tab I) Adopt the following policies (PAC Committee):
 - 12.A. Announcement of Position Vacancy (H-1-0)
 - 12.B. Employment of Relatives (H-1-4)
 - 12.C. Associate Selection Process (H-1-5)
13. Adopt an amendment to the Medical Directors List to reflect Aimee Hechanova, M.D. as the Nephrology / Dialysis Medical Director. (PAC Committee)

REGULAR AGENDA

14. 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 East Clinic Obtains Level 2 Age Friendly Designation
 - UMC's East Clinic has earned a Level 2 Age Friendly designation from the Institute of Healthcare Improvement (IHI).
 - Becoming an Age-Friendly Health System means we provide a set of four evidence-based elements of high-quality care, known as the "4Ms"
 - What Matters
 - Medication
 - Mentation
 - Mobility
- UMC is El Paso's first to perform a urological procedure using the Da Vinci Single Port Robotic System
 - Using the Single Port for this partial nephrectomy procedure allowed the surgeon to avoid touching the peritoneal cavity, which is beneficial for patients with pulmonary issues.
 - Using the Single Port allows for faster recovery, less pain and overall better patient satisfaction.
- UMC Recognizes National Injury Prevention Day
 - The El Paso County Commissioners Court adopted a resolution proclaiming Nov. 18 as "National Injury Prevention Day" in El Paso County.
 - As the only Level I Trauma Center in the region, UMC is dedicated to educating and empowering our community to make a difference and work toward reducing preventable injuries and deaths.
 - UMC joined other entities across the city in shining a "green light" to spread awareness. UMC Recognized by American College of Surgeons National Surgical Quality Improvement Program
- UMC's 110-Year Celebration Kicks Off
 - UMC kicked off its 110-year anniversary countdown with a luncheon to thank physicians, leadership and community partners for their contributions to UMC's history.

- State Sen. Cesar Blanco presented UMC with a resolution honoring UMC's anniversary and service to the community.
- UMC to Celebrate 110-Years of Service with Community
 - UMC is one month away from celebrating its 110-year anniversary in January.
 - In honor of this milestone, the public is invited to a community celebration on Jan. 11 at the El Paso Convention Center.
 - UMC officially celebrates 110 years of service to the Borderland on Jan. 26.
- El Paso Children's Hospital Events
 - Endoscopic Craniosynostosis Symposium
 - Cardiac Conference
- El Paso Health Provides Thanksgiving Meals for Members, Community
- UMC Minutes Video – a glimpse back at November

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

15. Receive an update on behalf of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso (TTUHSC).

The Board of Managers received an update on behalf of TTUHSC. Dr. Lange on the following:

- UTHealth Houston and Texas Tech Health El Paso announce research partnership for greater impact on underserved communities
 - Clinical Transitional Science Awarded
- Presented the proposed Cancer Center Design
 - Collaborative effort
 - Working on mass layouts and square footage
 - Looking to break ground in the spring
- Lighting Campus for Hope Event – December 6th
 - Celebrate the Season
 - Celebrate Hope for cancer survivors, cancer warriors, and cancer prevention
 - Fund raiser for cancer prevention

ACTION: MOTION to accept the TTUHSC update was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Mr. Fernandez. The vote was Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes; Mr. Fernandez, Yes. Motion carried.

The Board of Managers convened Executive Session at 3:38 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

16. Receive annual Nurse Staffing Report, pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code §161.032(b)(2).

Received report.

17. Discuss employment agreement of the President and CEO, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.074.

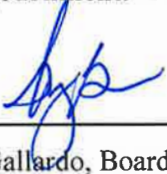
Discussed.

*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*

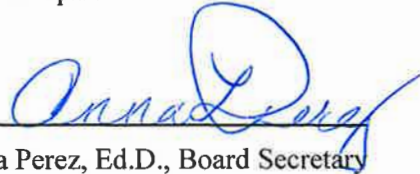
OPEN SESSION

The Board of Managers re-convened Open Session at 4:52pm.

18. Adjournment. Board of Managers meeting adjourned at 4:52pm.

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Henry Gallardo, Board Chair

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Anna Perez, Ed.D., Board Secretary