

EL PASO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9, 2022 – 3:00 P.M.
EIGHTH FLOOR BOARD ROOM

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>
Henry Gallardo, Board Chair (remote) Joy Martinez, Board Vice Chair Kristina Mena, Ph.D., Board Secretary Anna Perez, Ed.D., Board Member Carlos Martinez, Board Member Steve DeGroat, Board Member <u>ABSENT</u> Veronica Carbajal, Board Member	R. Jacob Cintron, President & CEO Jennifer Carrasco, Exec. Asst. to the Board of Managers Michael Nuñez, District Chief Financial Officer Omar Villa, Chief Legal Officer Dr. Joel Hendryx, Chief Medical Officer Amy Daher, Chief Nursing Officer Dave Thomsen, Chief Quality Officer Ray Davis, Chief Information Officer Dr. Richard Lange, President of TTUHSC Eddie Sosa, First Assistant County Attorney Brandon, Cerner Corporation Dr. Jorge Guzman <u>REMOTE PARTICIPANTS:</u> Henry Gallardo Jon Law Anne Mumford Leticia Flores Brandon Gardner Lorena Navedo Sosa Carol Smallwood Maria Zampini Jeremy Elkins Omar Garza Gustavo Gonzalez Ruben Vogt Janel Lujan Sito Negro John Runkles Gerald Akin

1, 2, & 3. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Joy Martinez, board vice-chair, called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 12, 2022. A quorum was established. No one signed up for public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: MOTION to approve the consent agenda items #4-12 (listed below) was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Dr. Mena. The vote was Ms. Martinez, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. Martinez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes. Motion carried.

4. Approve the minutes of the Board of Managers meeting held on July 12, 2022 and July 21, 2022.
(Tab A)

5. Approve the El Paso County Hospital District combined Financial Statements for June 2022.
(Tab B) (Finance Committee)

6. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute an agreement with Vaya Workforce Solutions, LLC for clinical contingent staff in the areas of nursing and allied health.
(Tab C) (Finance Committee)

**7. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a renewal agreement with Everbridge for Secure Messaging and Mass Notification.
(Tab D) (Finance Committee)**

**8. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a renewal agreement with LogMeIn (GoToMeeting).
(Tab E) (Finance Committee)**

**9. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with the Selection Committee's recommendation for CORE Lab Automation and Standardized Chemistry Solution (RFP#705-03-22-001) for automated chemistry instruments.
(Tab F) (Finance Committee)**

**10. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute an amendment to the agreement with Ortho Diagnostics for chemistry instruments.
(Tab G) (Finance Committee)**

**11. Approve the following Medical Director appointments:
(PAC Committee)**

- 1. Neurosurgery Medical Director – David Jimenez, M.D.**
- 2. Neuro Rehab Medical Director – Zainab Al Lawati, M.D.**

**12. Approve the following Medical Staff requests:
(Tab H) (PAC Committee)**

- 1. Temporary Privileges**
- 2. Initial Medical Staff Applications**
- 3. Initial Allied Health Professional Applications**
- 4. Medical Staff Reappointments and Renewal of Privileges**
- 5. Allied Health Professional Reappointment and Renewal of Privileges**
- 6. Additional Privileges**
- 7. Change in Category Status/Privileges**
- 8. Request for Leave of Absence/Resignation/Relocation**
- 9. Suspensions and Reinstatements**
- 10. Automatic termination per Bylaws Article VIII 8.1.6**
- 11. Other Business**
- 12. Focused Professional Practice Evaluations**
- 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 a verbal update on behalf of EPCHD d/b/a UMC. Mr. Cintron presented on the following topics:

- Certificates of Obligation
 - UMC continues its community outreach and education to the public

- UMC continues to meet with various community organizations to inform and educate the public on the project
- Several forms of media are being utilized to inform and educate the public of what the project is about
- Attendees of the various community meetings are surprised at what little portion of the tax dollar that UMC represents
- The overall tax dollar increase will be less than a 2% increase
- Some have shared their positive experiences with UMC, EPCH, and with our partners with Texas Tech which confirms that value is being added to the services provided to the community
- Vascular Surgery Quality
 - UMC Healthcare Partners Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Center recently received notification of its membership into the Society for Vascular Surgery VQI (Vascular Quality Initiative) Registry
 - Membership into the Registry demonstrates the UMC Vascular and Endovascular Surgery Centers commitment to quality and offering a higher level of vascular surgery care for the region
 - This is the first in the region and one of only 945 participating centers
 - Thanked Dr. Aidinian and his team at the center
 - Recognized and thanked Dr. Lange for the partnership that UMC has with Texas Tech
- COVID-19 Update
 - Numbers have been decreasing
- Monkeypox Update
 - El Paso's Public Health Department received 200 doses of the vaccine
 - No confirmed cases in El Paso
- Government Relations – Federal
- CMS Approves Directed Payment Programs for FY2023
- Hospital Augmented Reimbursement Program

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

14. Receive a presentation, “Population Health – Addressing Gaps in Care”.

The Board of Managers discussed the presentation received on a product/service that will improve the transferability of information to a physician taking care of a patient. The information will show not only visits and diagnosis from the care they provided to the patient but also the care received from other physicians. Having a complete picture of a patient's history will improve the quality of care received by the patient.

No Action Required.

15. Discuss and take appropriate action on the El Paso County Hospital District FY2023 Operating and Capital Budgets and the proposed Tax Rate for the El Paso County Hospital District.

Mr. Nuñez, district chief financial officer, noted that the Board of Managers held a joint budget work session with the County Commissioners on August 2, 2022 and are pending whether or not a second joint meeting will take place on August 16, 2022. In addition, Mr. Nuñez noted that there are no new proposed changes to the FY2023 Capital and Operating Budget or the proposed tax rate since it was last presented. Mr. Nuñez requested to move forward with approval by the Board of Managers subject to any revisions requested by the County Commissioners.

Mr. Villa, chief legal officer, noted that the board has the authority to propose the tax rate for final consideration by the County Commissioners (the board does not adopt the tax rate under state law) and secondarily the board approves the budget with final approval to be made by the County Commissioners.

Mr. Villa proceeded to read into the record the following motions:

Motion #1

In accordance with Texas Health & Safety Code §281.096 propose a tax rate of .235153 per \$100 assessed value that consists of .193259 per \$100 assessed value for the purpose of maintenance and operations and .041894 per \$100 assessed value for interest and debt service for consideration and adoption by El Paso County Commissioners.

Motion #2

Approve the FY2023 Operating & Capital Budget and recommend for consideration and final approval by the El Paso County Commissioners, pursuant to Texas Health & Safety Code §281.091.

ACTION: MOTION to approve motion #1 as read into record was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Mr. Martinez. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. Martinez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes. Motion carried.

ACTION: MOTION to approve motion #2 as read into record was made by Mr. Martinez and seconded by Dr. Martinez. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. Martinez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes. Motion carried.

16. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the pending request to the El Paso County Commissioners Court for the issuance of certificates of obligation.

Mr. Gallardo, board chair, requested to receive an update on the community meetings and requested to know if there is any information pending for Commissioners Court. In addition, this agenda item is to address any questions that any of the board members may have in relation to the community presentations. Mr. Cintron updated the board of managers on the following points:

- The leadership team has presented to 27 community organizations and will continue setting up several more meetings
- Mr. Cintron thanked Dr. Perez for all of her assistance with organizing and attending some of the community meetings held to educate and inform the public of what the certificates of obligation will be used for
- In addition, the team has educated the community on the facts of some of the misinformation that is circulating in the community
 - There is a false narrative that the tax increase due to the certificates of obligation would make UMC the highest taxing entity when in fact, UMC is the second to lowest taxing entity in El Paso
 - Another false accusation is that taxes would increase by 20% if the certificates of obligation are approved but because UMC is only 8% of the overall tax dollar, the increase is actually less than 2%

The board of managers continued to discuss the utilization of media resources to combat the misinformation that is circulating around the issuance of certificates of obligation such as newspaper, social media, mailers, radio, etc. Over all the team is making every effort to educate and inform the community on the facts surrounding the tax increase should the certificates of obligation be issued and to inform the community of the projects that the certificates of obligation would be used for.

No Action Required.

16. Adjournment.

ACTION: MOTION to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Martinez and seconded by Dr. Mena. The meeting was adjourned at 4:23 p.m.


Henry Gallardo, Board Chair


Kristina Mena, Ph.D., Board Secretary