

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

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2022 – 3:00 P.M.  
EIGHTH FLOOR BOARD ROOM**

<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>OTHERS</u></b>
Henry Gallardo, Board Chair Kristina Mena, Ph.D., Board Secretary Anna Perez, Ed.D., Board Member Carlos Martinez, Board Member  <b><u>ABSENT</u></b> Joy Martinez, Board Vice Chair Steve DeGroat, 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 Dr. Salvador Cruz-Flores, Past Chief of Staff Dave Thomsen, Chief Quality Officer Jon Law, DsC., Chief Strategic Officer Ruben Vogt, Asst. Admin., Government Relations Carol Smallwood, CEO, El Paso Health Eddie Sosa, First Assistant County Attorney  <b><u>REMOTE PARTICIPANTS:</u></b> Cynthia Renteria      Gus Gonzalez John Runkles          Brandon Gardner Janel Lujan            Cindy Stout Lorena Navedo        Leticia Flores Cathy Gibson

**1, 2, & 3. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Henry Gallardo, board chair, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. on Tuesday, October 11, 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 Dr. Mena and seconded by Mr. Gallardo. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. Martinez, Yes. Motion carried.

**4. Approve the minutes of the Board of Managers meeting held on September 13, 2022.**  
(Tab A)

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

**6. Approve and adopt policy F-3, "Travel, Mileage and Expense Reimbursement".**  
(Tab C) (Finance Committee)

**7. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the renewal agreement with Cerner Corporation for Regulatory Advisory Services.**  
(Tab D) (Finance Committee)

**8. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute an amendment to the El Paso Imaging Consultants (EPIC) Agreement for radiology services.  
(Tab E) (Finance Committee)**

**9. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Selection Committee's recommendation for Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP Lawson) System Replacement (RFP#844-11-21-001).  
(Tab F) (Finance Committee)**

**10. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the Medicaid 2023 and 2024 Disproportionate Share Program Agreement with Gjerset & Lorenz.  
(Tab G) (Finance Committee)**

**11. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the Medicaid 2023 and 2024 Waiver Program Agreement with Gjerset & Lorenz.  
(Tab H) (Finance Committee)**

**12. Approve the following Medical Staff requests:  
(Tab I) (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
- La Rosa Del Desierto Award
- Annual Picnic
- COVID-19
- Government Relations – Federal
- Government Relations - State

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

**14. Receive an update on behalf of the Medical Staff.**

The Board of Managers received a verbal update on behalf of the Medical Staff. Dr. Cruz-Flores, Past Chief of Staff, presented on the following topics:

- Improvement of Quality
- Culture of Safety
- Successful Stroke Re-certification
- Dr. D. Mukherjee is the new Chief of Staff
- Dr. A. Vellipuram is the new Chief of Staff-Elect
- Expressed continued support for the hospitals initiatives
- Expressed thankfulness for the honor of serving as Chief of Staff and now the Past Chief of Staff
- Mr. Cintron publicly acknowledged Dr. Cruz-Flores for his tenure and his leadership

**ACTION: MOTION** to accept the update on behalf of the Medical Staff was made by Mr. Martinez and seconded by Dr. Mena. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. Martinez, Yes. Motion carried.

**15. Receive an update on behalf of El Paso Children's Hospital.**

The Board of Managers received a verbal update on behalf of El Paso Children's Hospital. Ms. Stout, CEO of EPCH, presented on the following topics:

- Volumes
- Respiratory illnesses
- Capacity
- Operational Improvements
- Service Line Growth
  - Working with EHN to ensure children have access to mental health care
  - Announced the new ear, nose & throat doctor
  - Announced the new immunologist and allergist
  - Announces the start of the first cystic fibrosis clinic
- Events/Outreach
  - Special Olympics
  - Received 5 year NICU designation – Level IV, which is the highest level of care
  - Family advocacy day

**ACTION: MOTION** to accept the update on behalf of the El Paso Children's Hospital was made by Dr. Perez and seconded by Dr. Mena. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. Martinez, Yes. Motion carried.

**16. Discuss and take appropriate action to adopt a resolution for a proposed quarterly rate not to exceed 3.0% (0.030) for the El Paso County Hospital District Local Provider Participation Fund.  
(Tab J)**

Mr. Nuñez, District CFO, presented this item for consideration of approval by the Board of Managers.

**ACTION: MOTION** to adopt the resolution for a proposed quarterly rate not to exceed 3.0% for the EPCHD LPPF was made by Mr. Martinez and seconded by Dr. Mena. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. Martinez, Yes. Motion carried.

The Board of Managers convened Executive Session at 3:41 pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**17. Receive a quality report, pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code §161.032(b)(2).**

*Received quality report. No action required.*

**18. Receive legal advice pertaining to the request to the El Paso County Commissioners Court for the issuance of certificates of obligation, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071.**

*Discussed. No action taken.*

**19. Discuss information relating to proposed service lines or product lines of hospital district, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.085(a)(2).**

*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 5:44pm.

**20. Adjournment.**

**ACTION: MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Martinez and seconded by Mr. Gallardo. The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

  
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Henry Gallardo, Board Chair

  
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Kristina Mena, Ph.D., Board Secretary