

EL PASO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2023 – 3:00 P.M.  
EIGHTH FLOOR BOARD ROOM

<u><b>PRESENT</b></u>	<u><b>OTHERS</b></u>												
Henry Gallardo, Board Chair Joy Martinez, Board Vice Chair Kristina Mena, Ph.D., Board Secretary (remote) Anna Perez, Ed.D., Board Member Carlos Martinez, Board Member Steve DeGroat, Board Member  <u><b>ABSENT</b></u>	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 Dr. Richard Lange, President of TTUHSC Amy Daher, Chief Nursing Officer Maria Zampini, Chief Operating Officer Jon Law, DsC., Chief Strategic Officer Lorena Navedo, Chief Administrative Officer Ruben Vogt, Asst. Admin., Government Relations Ryan Mielke, Director of Public Affairs Jerry Akin, UMC Carol Smallwood, CEO El Paso Health Cindy Stout, CEO El Paso Children’s Hospital  <u><b>REMOTE PARTICIPANTS:</b></u> <table><tr><td>Cathy Gibson</td><td>Cheri Shapleigh</td><td>Cynthia Renteria</td></tr><tr><td>Dave Thomsen</td><td>Diana Shearer</td><td>Eddie Sosa</td></tr><tr><td>Gus Gonzalez</td><td>Janel Lujan</td><td>John Runkles</td></tr><tr><td>Leticia Flores</td><td>Ray Davis</td><td></td></tr></table>	Cathy Gibson	Cheri Shapleigh	Cynthia Renteria	Dave Thomsen	Diana Shearer	Eddie Sosa	Gus Gonzalez	Janel Lujan	John Runkles	Leticia Flores	Ray Davis	
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**1, 2, & 3. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Henry Gallardo, board chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. A quorum was established. No one signed up for public comment.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**ACTION: MOTION** to approve the consent agenda items #4-6 (listed below) 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.

**4. Approve the minutes of the Board of Managers meetings held on December 9, 2022 and December 13, 2022.**  
(Tab A)

**5. Adopt policy MS-103, "Impaired Practitioner".**  
(Tab B) (PAC Committee)

**6. Approve the following Medical Staff requests:  
(Tab C) (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**

**7. 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 Advancement
  - Region's first portable MRI
- UMC's First Baby of 2023
- Proclamation Commending UMC's Surgical Excellence
- El Paso Children's Hospital voted a Gold Winner of Best of the City
- Respiratory Illnesses Update
  - COVID-19
  - FLU
  - RSV
- Government Relations - Federal
- Government Relations - State

**ACTION: MOTION** to accept the CEO report 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.

**8. Receive an update on behalf of El Paso Health.**

The Board of Managers received an update on behalf of El Paso Health. Ms. Carol Smallwood, CEO of El Paso Health, presented on the following topics:

- El Paso Health Lines of Business
- STAR Membership and Market Share
- CHIP Membership and Market Share

- New Membership Breakdown – December 2022
- Authorization Intake by Week – All Programs
- Claim Counts by SFY by Month – All Products
- Call Volume by Week – All Programs
- RFP's
  - STAR+PLUS
    - Anticipated Notice of Award - March 2023
    - Contract Operational Start - February 2024
  - STAR & CHIP
    - Draft RFP Posted – October 6, 2022
    - Date of Release – December 7, 2022
    - Submission Date – February 17, 2023
    - Oral Presentation – July through August 2023
    - Anticipated Notice of Award – February 2024
    - Anticipated Operational Start – February 2025

**ACTION: MOTION** to accept the El Paso Health update was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Dr. Mena. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. Martinez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes. Motion carried.

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

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

- COVID-19 Vaccinations
- Respiratory Season
- Volume Statistics – 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter FY2023
- Operational Enhancements
  - Capital Equipment
- Operational Improvements
  - Multi-Specialty Center
- Service Growth
  - First Cranial Synostosis Symposium, attendees traveled internationally to attend
  - Opened new child and adolescent child psychiatry and pediatric neuropsychology clinic
  - Launched Cystic Fibrosis clinic
  - Recruited pediatric urologist (February 1, 2023)
  - Recruited pediatric allergy and immunologist (July 1, 2023)
- El Paso Children's Hospital Foundation
- El Paso Children's Hospital Major Events & Fundraisers
- Children's Miracle Network Campaigns
- October – November 2022 Events
- Legislative & Outreach
- New Advertising

**ACTION: MOTION** to accept the El Paso Children's Hospital update 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.

**10. Adopt a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to execute an affidavit regarding El Paso First Health Plans, Inc. d/b/a El Paso Health as it relates to the application by El Paso Health to the State of Texas Health and Human Commission for STAR/CHIP program participation.**

Mr. Villa, Chief Legal Officer, presented this item for approval.

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

The Board of Managers convened Executive Session at 3:54 pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**11. Consultation with attorney regarding 1115 Waiver Days claim, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071.**

**12. Consultation with attorney regarding claim for FEMA reimbursement for COVID 19 expenses, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071.**

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

**14. Discuss disposition of property in Central El Paso and acquisition of properties in Central and East El Paso, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.072.**

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

*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 5:00pm.

Based on the discussions during executive session, no action was taken.

**16. Adjournment.**

**ACTION: MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Dr. Mena. The meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.



Henry Gallardo, Board Chair



Kristina Mena, Ph.D., Board Secretary