

EL PASO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING MINUTES

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

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>
Henry Gallardo, Board Chair Joy Martinez, Board Vice-Chair Kristina Mena, Ph.D., Board Secretary Isidro Torres, Board Member Miguel Fernandez, Board Member (remote) Anna Perez, Ed.D., Board Member (remote) Steve DeGroat, Board Member (remote)	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 Tony Castillo, General Counsel Maria Zampini, COO Dr. Joel Hendryx, CMO Lorena Navedo, CAO Jon Law, CSO Amy Daher, CNO Ruben Vogt, Asst. Admin., Gov't Relations Ryan Mielke, Director of Public Affairs
<u>ABSENT</u> None	<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, October 10, 2023. A quorum was established. No one signed up for public comment.

**4. Approve the minutes of the Board of Managers meeting held on September 12, 2023.
(Tab A)**

There were no corrections to the meeting minutes that were previously distributed. With no corrections, the meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: MOTION to approve the consent agenda items #5-10 (listed below) was made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Dr. Mena. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Fernandez, Yes. Motion carried.

**5. Acknowledge receipt of the El Paso County Hospital District combined Financial Statements for August 2023.
(Tab B) (Finance Committee)**

**6. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute an amendment to the Patient Satisfaction Services Agreement with National Research Corporation.
(Tab C) (Finance Committee)**

**7. Approve and adopt the following policies:
(Tab D) (Finance & PAC Committee)**

1. Policy H-1-10, "Relocation Reimbursement Assistance"
2. Policy H-2-19, "Performance Merit Increase"
3. Policy H-1-4, "Employment of Relatives"
4. Policy P-20, "Universal Protocol Verification Process"
5. Policy IC-015, "Individual(s) Granted Clinical Authority over the Infection Prevention and Control Program"

**8. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with the Selection Committee's recommendation for the Distributed Antenna System (RFP #844-05-23-001).
(Tab E) (Finance Committee)**

**9. Approve the FY2024 Medical Directors List.
(Tab F)**

**10. Approve the following Medical Staff requests:
(Tab G) (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

11. 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:

- October Breast Cancer Awareness
- UMC's Power of Pink Event to Raise Cancer Awareness
- UMC Surgical Hospital
- UMC Better Health 5K Run, 1-Mile Walk Event
- 2023 Summer Spectacular at Western Playland
- El Paso Children's Hospital
 - Level IV NICU Redesignation
 - Pediatric Diabetes Conference

- El Paso Health
 - STAR+PLUS Procurement Readiness
- Government Relations
 - Federal
 - State
- September UMC Minutes Video

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

**12. Discuss and take appropriate action to adopt a resolution for a proposed quarterly rate not to exceed 6.0% (0.06) for the El Paso County Hospital District Local Provider Participation Fund.
(Tab H)**

Mr. Nunez, District Chief Financial Officer, presented an executive summary for consideration of approval for this request.

ACTION: MOTION to adopt a resolution for a proposed quarterly rate not to exceed 6.0% as presented for the LPPF was made by Dr. Mena and seconded by Mr. DeGroat. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Fernandez, Yes. Motion carried.

**13. Review and take appropriate action to adopt a resolution for the revised bylaws of the University Medical Center Foundation of El Paso and El Paso Children's Hospital Foundation.
(Tab I)**

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

ACTION: MOTION to adopt a resolution for the revised bylaws of the University Medical Center Foundation of El Paso and El Paso Children's Hospital Foundation was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Dr. Mena. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Fernandez, Yes. Motion carried. *(Dr. Perez had technical difficulties and was not able to participate in the vote)*

**14. Review and take appropriate action to adopt a resolution for the appointment of new board member(s) to the Board of Directors for the University Medical Center Foundation of El Paso and El Paso Children's Hospital Foundation.
(Tab J)**

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

ACTION: MOTION to adopt a resolution for the appointment of Shumyle Alam, M.D. to the Board of Directors for the University Medical Center Foundation of El Paso and El Paso Children's Hospital Foundation was made by Dr. Mena and seconded by Mr. Torres. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Fernandez, Yes. Motion carried.

The Board of Managers convened Executive Session at 3:50 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Received.

16. 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 in open session.

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

Received.

18. Consultation with attorney regarding Article 13 of the Board of Manager Bylaws pursuant to Texas Government Code section 551.071.

Discussed. No action taken in open session.

*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 5:10pm.


19. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding Article 13 of the Board of Managers Bylaws.

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

20. Adjournment.

Board of Managers meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.


Henry Gallardo, Board Chair


Kristina Mena, Ph.D., Board Secretary