

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024 – 3:00 P.M.
EIGHTH FLOOR BOARD ROOM**

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>
Henry Gallardo, Board Chair Joy Martinez, Board Vice-Chair Isidro Torres, Board Member Anna Perez, Ed.D., Board Member Steve DeGroat, Board Member (remote) <u>ABSENT</u> Miguel Fernandez, Board Member Kristina Mena, Ph.D., Board Secretary	R. Jacob Cintron, President & CEO Jennifer Carrasco, Exec. Asst. to the Board of Managers Michael Nuñez, District Chief Financial Officer Tony Castillo, General Counsel Maria Zampini, COO Amy Daher, CNO Ryan Mielke, Admin. Dir., of Public Affairs Jon Law, CSO Lorena Navedo, CAO Ruben Vogt, Asst. Admin., Government Relations Kristin Daugherty, EHN Rene Hurtado, EHN Gabriela Rodriguez, UMC <i>Several others attended virtually.</i>

1, 2, & 3. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Henry Gallardo, board chair, called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m. on Tuesday, March 12, 2024. A quorum was established. No one signed up for public comment.

**4. Minutes of the Board of Managers meeting held on February 20, 2024.
(Tab A)**

There were no corrections to the meeting minutes that were previously distributed. The February 20, 2024 meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

CONSENT AGENDA

ACTION: MOTION to approve the consent agenda items #5-11 (listed below) was made by Dr. Perez and seconded by Mr. Torres. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes. Motion carried.

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

**6. Review and accept the Quarterly Investment Report for period ended December 31, 2023.
(Tab C) (Finance Committee)**

**7. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute an agreement with One Source for a district subscription for six "Instruction for Use" (IFU) modules.
(Tab D) (Finance Committee)**

8. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with the Selection Committee's recommendation for Automated Autoimmune and Infectious Disease Testing (RFP#702-06-23-002).

(Tab E) (Finance Committee)

9. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the renewal of the Vizient Aesculap Instrument Repair Contract.

(Tab F) (Finance Committee)

10. Adopt the following policies:

(Tab G) (PAC Committee)

1. Laboratory Waived Testing CLIA Requirements (A-4)
2. Equal Employment Opportunity (H-1-6)

11. 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

12. 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:

- Dedication wall to honor COVID-19 Heroes
- Dr. Gasco is one of three neurosurgeons in the country to obtain level 3 certification in Oblique Lateral Lumbar Interbody Fusion operations.
- UMC's Telehealth Program is featured in local media
- Government Relations
 - Federal
 - State
- UMC Minutes for February highlights

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. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes. Motion carried.

13. Receive and take appropriate action on the annual report from Emergence Health Network.

The Board of Managers received an update on behalf of Emergence Health Network. Ms. Daugherty presented on the following topics:

- Number of Individuals Served
 - Saving Lives
 - Mental Health Awareness
 - Helping our Community
 - Investing in our Employees
 - Advancing Services
 - Demographics of those served
- Financial Snapshot
- Expanding School-Based Mental Health
- “Cool” Mental Health Awareness Outreach Event
- Improving Mental Health Crisis Response
- Grand Opening of Veterans One Stop Center
- Highlights positively impacted by EHN services

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

14. Receive and take appropriate action on a quarterly update on behalf of El Paso Children’s Hospital.

ACTION: TABLED.

The Board of Managers convened Executive Session at 3:58pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

15. Receive FY2023 Nursing Services Staffing Effectiveness Annual Report, pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code §161.032.

Report received. Action taken in open session.

16. Discuss physician contract compensation models, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.085(a)(1) and §551.071.

Discussed. Action taken in open session.

17. 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 required.

18. Discuss potential litigation regarding appeal of Medicaid DSH payments, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071.

Discussed. 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 6:24pm.

19. Take appropriate action on the FY2023 Nursing Services Staffing Effectiveness Annual Report.

ACTION: MOTION to accept the FY2023 Nursing Services Staffing Effectiveness Annual Report as presented in executive session was made by Dr. Perez and seconded by Ms. Martinez. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes. Motion carried.

20. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding physician contract compensation models.

ACTION: MOTION to approve the physician contract compensation models as presented in executive session was made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Dr. Perez. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes. Motion carried.

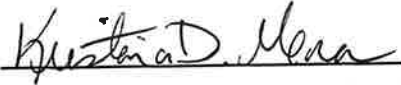
21. Take appropriate action to authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute an agreement for legal services for litigation related to appeal of Medicaid DSH payments.

ACTION: MOTION based on the discussion during executive session, authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute an agreement for legal services for litigation related to appeal of Medicaid DSH payments was made by Mr. Torres and seconded by Dr. Perez. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes. Motion carried.

22. Adjournment.

Board of Managers meeting adjourned at 6:26pm.


Henry Gallardo, Board Chair


Kristina Mena, Ph.D., Board Secretary