

EL PASO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2024 – 3:00 P.M.
EIGHTH FLOOR BOARD ROOM

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>
Henry Gallardo, Board Chair (remote) Kristina Mena, Ph.D., Board Vice Chair Anna Perez, Ed.D., Board Secretary Isidro Torres, Board Member Steve DeGroat, Board Member Judge Linda Chew, Board Member <u>ABSENT</u> Miguel Fernandez, 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 Tony Castillo, General Counsel Boris Galleguillos., Legal Intern Maria Zampini, Chief Operating Officer Amy Daher, Chief Nursing Officer Dr. Joel Hendryx, Chief Medical Officer Eric Johansen, Chief Quality Officer Tina Purintun, Exec. Asst. to the President and CEO Ruben Vogt, District Chief Advocacy Officer Katie McAlarney, Manager, Medical Staff Services Dr. Armando Meza, Associate Dean, Graduate Medical Education <i>Several others attended virtually.</i>

1, 2, & 3. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. Kristina Mena, board vice chair, called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. A quorum was established. No one signed up for public comment.

**4. Minutes of the Board of Managers meeting held on May 14, 2024.
(Tab A)**

There were no corrections to the meeting minutes that were previously distributed. The May 14, 2024 meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

CONSENT AGENDA

Note: Dr. Perez, board secretary, requested to pull consent agenda item #8 from the consent agenda for additional clarification.

ACTION: MOTION to approve the consent agenda items #5-7 and #9-12 (listed below) was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Mr. Torres. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes; Judge Chew, Yes.

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

**6. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a contract(s) with the Selection Committee's recommendation for Temporary Staffing Agencies (RFP#951-02/24-001).
(Tab C) (Finance Committee)**

**7. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with Coca-Cola Southwest Beverages for beverage and vending services.
(Tab D) (Finance Committee)**

Note: Consent agenda item #8 was pulled for additional discussion and is listed under the regular agenda.

**9. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a lease agreement with a buyout option for the Intuitive DaVinci DV5 hardware and applications for the UMC Surgical Hospital.
(Tab F) (Finance Committee)**

**10. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a lease agreement with a buyout option for the Globus Excelsius GPS Robotic Navigation Platform hardware and applications for the UMC Surgical Hospital.
(Tab G) (Finance Committee)**

**11. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a lease agreement with a buyout option for the Stryker Mako Robot hardware and applications for the UMC Surgical Hospital.
(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 Advanced Practice Provider Applications for Approval**
- 4. Medical Staff Reappointments and Renewal of Privileges**
- 5. Advanced Practice Provider Reappointment and Renewal of Privileges**
- 6. Additional Privileges Request**
- 7. Change in Category Status/Privileges**
- 8. Notification of Resignations**
- 9. Leave of Absences /Suspensions and Reinstatements**
- 10. Automatic termination per Bylaws Article VIII 8.1.6**
- 11. Other Business**
- 12. Focused Professional Practice Evaluations**
 - a. Completed FPPE (Initial Requested Privileges)**
 - b. Completed FPPE (Additional Requested Privileges)**
 - c. FPPE – Beyond Biennial Reappointment – Proceed to OPPE**
 - d. FPPE – Extension**
 - e. Additional FPPE (Insufficient Data for Requested Privileges)**
 - f. Completed Additional FPPE (Insufficient Data for Requested Privileges)**
 - g. FPPE Quality Review**
- 13. Ongoing Professional Practice Evaluations**

REGULAR AGENDA

Consent agenda item#8

8. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with the Selection Committee's recommendation for Commissioning Agent for miscellaneous projects (RFP#950-04/23-004). (Tab E) (Finance Committee)

Dr. Perez requested and received additional clarification regarding the scoring.

ACTION: MOTION Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with the Selection Committee's recommendation for Commissioning Agent for miscellaneous projects (RFP#950-04/23-004) as presented was made by Dr. Perez and seconded by Mr. DeGroat. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes; Judge Chew, Yes. Motion carried.

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 an update on behalf of EPCHD d/b/a UMC. Mr. Cintron presented on the following topics:

- PAM Health Rehab and UMC Partnership Anniversary
- Announcement of two robotic systems to bring advanced care for patients
 - Balo Dynamic Standing Frame
 - Tigo Motor-assisted Cycling Trainer
- Hospital District recognize first responders at 2024 EMS Week
- UMC's Security and Safety Leaders Featured at Texas Emergency Management Conference in May
- UMC Night at El Paso Chihuahuas for Associates
- El Paso Children's Hospital and physicians featured in May edition of The City Magazine
- El Paso Children's Hospital recognized the support of community volunteers at a special Volunteer Appreciation Event held at the EPCH Multi-Specialty Center
- El Paso Health donated \$5,000 to the El Paso Center for Diabetes
- El Paso Health donated \$3,000 to Project Amistad
- STAR+PLUS program go live date is September 1, 2024
- Government Relations – State Update
 - Primaries and Primary Runoff Elections
 - House Speaker Race
 - House Human Services Committee Hearing
- UMC Minutes Video for May

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

14. Receive and take appropriate action on a quarterly update on behalf of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso.

The Board of Managers received an update on behalf of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso. Dr. Lange presented on the following topics:

- National Resident Matching Program Results
- Spring 2024 Commencement for Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences
- Spring 2024 Commencement for Gayle Greve Hunt School of Nursing

ACTION: MOTION to accept the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso update was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Judge Chew. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes; Judge Chew, Yes. Motion carried.

15. Discuss and take appropriate action to approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with the Selection Committee's recommendation for Bond Underwriter(s) (RFQ#950-04/24-005).

(Tab J)

The Board of Managers reviewed and discussed this request presented by Mr. Nuñez.

ACTION: MOTION to approve as presented was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Judge Chew. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes; Judge Chew, Yes. Motion carried.

Note: Agenda item #16 was received and discussed after executive session.

The Board of Managers convened Executive Session at 3:48 pm.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Quality report received.

18. Discuss potential real property acquisition located in east El Paso, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.072.

Tabled.

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 required.

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 4:16pm.

16. Receive analysis of community needs related to potential capital projects.

The presentation by Ms. Pandya covered the following topics:

- An evaluation of the market suggests gaps in the care El Pasoans can receive either in a timely manner or close to home include:
 - Access to specialty care
 - Limited access to primary care across the community
 - Insufficient acute bed capacity across the market
 - Insufficient inpatient psychiatric bed capacity across the market
 - Extended wait times for outpatient diagnostics and imaging
 - Lack of Senior focused clinics
 - Gaps with in-town Cancer care
- Over the Past Few Years, The Hospital District has invested across the market to solve for these needs to include:
 - UMC Surgical Hospital Acquisition (additional 40 acute care and 6 ORs)
 - Partnership with PAM Rehab
 - Westside and Eastside Outpatient Clinics
 - Free Standing Emergency Rooms (East and Northeast)
- Future forecasting of needs
 - Gaps remain in UMC's ability to serve the community in the following areas:
 - Critical Care Capacity
 - Inpatient Capacity
 - Surgical Capacity
 - Geographic Distribution
 - Ambulatory Footprint
 - In-Town Cancer Care
 - Access for the Underinsured
 - Critical Care and Acute Bed Capacity
 - Outpatient Access Points
 - Operating Room Capacity
 - Programmatic Expansion
- Qualitative Insights presented by Mr. Tameez
 - Listening Sessions
 - El Pasoans have a high affinity for UMC and recognize it for its healthcare quality but are not as aware of all the clinics and locations under the UMC umbrella available to them across the El Paso County.
 - Participants are experience economic anxiety but are willing to support reasonable measures to expand healthcare access in this rapidly growing El Paso County.
 - El Pasoans have a personal and familial connection to UMC.
 - Strong Quantitative Support
 - 91.8% of respondents believe it is important to fund the first comprehensive cancer center in partnership with Texas Tech University.
 - 87.8% of respondents believe that it is crucial to provide funding for a trauma center to enhance emergency care and improve patient outcomes.

- 82.3% of respondents believe that El Paso's population is growing quickly, necessitating an increase in the capacity of our local health system.
- 87.5% of respondents believe it is important to improve the education of future healthcare professional in El Paso County.

ACTION: Received the Analysis of Community Needs related to Potential Capital Projects. No action was required.

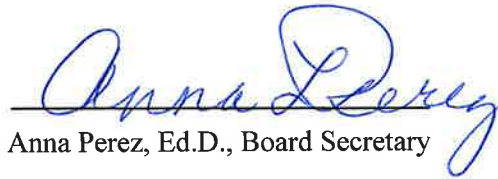
20. Subject to final approval by the El Paso County Commissioners Court, take appropriate action regarding real property acquisition located in east El Paso.

ACTION: TABLED

21. Adjournment. Board of Managers meeting adjourned at 4:30pm.



Henry Gallardo, Board Chair



Anna Perez, Ed.D., Board Secretary