



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
JUNE 6, 2023 – 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Bryn Dodd, President
Wallace Dunn, Vice President
Will Kappauf
David Dunn
Don Hallmark
Kathy Rhodes

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Richard Herrera

OTHERS PRESENT:

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel
Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer
Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing Officer
Dr. Jeff Pinnow, Vice Chief of Staff
Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal
Lisa Russell, Executive Assistant to the CEO
Various other interested members of the
Medical Staff, employees, and citizens

I. CALL TO ORDER

Bryn Dodd, President, called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m. in the Ector County Hospital District Board Room at Medical Center Hospital. Notice of the meeting was properly posted as required by the Open Meetings Act.

II. INVOCATION

Chaplain Doug Herget offered the invocation.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Bryn Dodd led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

IV. MISSION/VISION OF MEDICAL CENTER HEALTH SYSTEM

Will Kappauf presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

V. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

A. June 2023 Associates of the Month

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer, introduced the June 2023 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical – Ellamarie Kalawe
- Non-Clinical – Milagros Guzman
- Nurse – Emmanuel Sirengo

B. Net Promoter Score Recognition

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer, introduced the Net Promoter Score High Performer(s).

- Dr. Mandeep Othee
- Tammy Trollope, FNP
- Wound Care

VI. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE BY ANY BOARD MEMBER

No conflicts were disclosed.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments from the public were received.

VIII. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, May 2, 2023**
- B. Consider Approval of Special Board Meeting Minutes, May 15, 2023**
- C. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, May 23, 2023**
- D. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, April 2023**

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Wallace Dunn seconded the motion to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

1. Financial Report for Month Ended April 30, 2023.
2. Consent Agenda
 - a. Consider Approval of Merge Healthcare – Unity Contract Renewal
 - b. Consider Approval of Advanced Cardiovascular Perfusion Agreement Renewal
3. Consider Approval of Fire Alarm Panel Replacement

Wallace Dunn moved, and David Dunn seconded the motion to approve the Finance Committee report as presented. The motion carried.

X. TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN REPORT

Dr Timothy Benton, Regional Dean of TTUHSC, provided the TTUHSC at the Permian Basin report. This report was for information only, and no action was taken.

XI. CORRECTION TO THE SEPTEMBER 9, 2021 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, advised the Board that there was a clerical error in the September 9, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes that needs to be corrected.

"V. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE FY 2022 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

David Dunn moved to adopt the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Capital Budget as presented.

Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to approve the *FY 2021* Operating and Capital Budget as presented. The motion carried unanimously."

David Dunn moved, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to correct the minutes to change the FY 2021 to **FY 2022** Operating and Capital Budget as presented. The motion carried.

XII. UPDATE ON COVID-19 POLICY

Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing Officer, presented a summary of changes to the "Covid-19 Infection Prevention Preparedness, Response, and Control Measures Plan".

Don Hallmark moved, and David Dunn seconded the motion to accept the changes as presented. The motion carried.

XIII. PRESIDENT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT AND ACTIONS

A. Recognition of Service to the Board – Mary Lou Anderson

This item was postponed.

B. BCBS Update

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, reported that MCH received a thirty (30) day extension of the current contract and is still in negotiations with BCBS for a new contract.

This report was informational only, and no action was taken.

C. COVID-19 Update

Russell Tippin, President/CEO reported that there is currently one in house patient.

This report was informational only, and no action was taken.

D. Ad hoc Report(s)

State Representative Brooks Landgraf, provided a legislative update to the ECHD Board Members:

- Effective September 1, 2023, the ECHD Police Department will have the necessary authority to conduct police escorts. This change was initiated by the previous Chief of Police, Brad Timmons and completed by Chief Cecil.
- TCDRS update
- Texas Tech University received \$10 Million for Telehealth funding.
- In addition to the original \$40 Million, the Permian Basin Behavioral Health Center received an additional \$86 Million in funding.

The Regional Services report was provided in the packet.

These reports were informational only. No action was taken.

XIV. ECHD BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS / APPOINTMENT

A. PRESIDENT

David Dunn nominated Wallace Dunn for President. Don Hallmark seconded the nomination. Wallace Dunn was elected.

B. VICE PRESIDENT

David Dunn nominated Don Hallmark for Vice President. Wallace Dunn seconded the nomination. Don Hallmark was elected.

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Don Hallmark nominated Bryn Dodd for Executive Committee Member. David Dunn seconded the nomination. Bryn Dodd was elected.

D. SECRETARY

Bryn Dodd nominated David Dunn as Secretary. Wallace Dunn seconded the nomination. David Dunn was elected.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Wallace Dunn stated that the Board would go into Executive Session for the meeting held in closed session involving any of the following: (1) Consultation with attorney regarding legal matters and legal issues pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code; (2) Deliberation regarding Real Property pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code; (3) Deliberation regarding negotiations for health care services, pursuant to Section 551.085 of the Texas Government Code; and (4) Deliberation regarding Economic Development Negotiations pursuant to Section 551.087 of the Texas Government Code.

ATTENDEES for the entire Executive Session: ECHD Board members, Bryn Dodd, Will Kappauf, David Dunn, Don Hallmark, Wallace Dunn, Kathy Rhodes, Russell Tippin, President and CEO, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, Gingie Sredanovich, Chief Compliance Officer, Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal.

Adiel Alvarado, President MCH ProCare, presented the provider agreements and an update on Anesthesia to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, presented the MCHS Lease Agreement and the purchase of two (2) vacant lots to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO led the board in discussions about terminating the TIRZ Agreement with the City of Odessa.

Bryn Dodd, Board Member and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, reported to the board that the first board meeting for the Permian Medical Center was held.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO reported to the board that there are discussions about a new Pediatric Hospital with funding from Don Evans.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, Gingie Sredanovich, Chief Compliance Officer, Lesley Reynolds and Katie Pawlitz with Reed Smith, led the board in discussion about the cardiology audit.

Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, Matt Collins, Adiel Alvarado, Dr. Jeff Pinnow, Vice Chief of Staff, Lesley Reynolds and Katie Pawlitz were excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Wallace Dunn, Board President, led the board in discussions about board communications.

Executive Session began at 6:09 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 7:54 p.m.

XVI. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreement(s).

Wallace Dunn presented the following new agreements:

- Eduardo J. Morfa Romero, M.D. – This a three (3) year Infectious Disease Contract.
- Mahusmita Panda, M.D.– This is a three (3) year Family Medicine Contract.
- Bharat Bhushan, M.D. – This is a three (3) year Hospitalist Contract.

Wallace Dunn presented the following amendment:

- Deephak Swaminath, M.D. – This is an amendment to an Electrophysiology Contract.

Wallace Dunn presented the following renewals:

- Punaepalli Reddy, M.D. – This is a 3-year renewal of a Anesthesia Contract.
- Kalyan Chakrala, D.O. – This is a 3-year renewal of a Gastroenterology Contract.

David Dunn moved, and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the MCH ProCare Provider Agreements as presented. The motion carried.

B. Consider Approval of MCHS Lease Agreement

Wallace Dunn presented the following MCHS Lease agreement:

- Midessa Neurosurgery and Complex Spine – Dr. Macauley Nwojo, M.D. – This is 3-year property lease agreement.

David Dunn moved, and Don Hallmark seconded the motion to approve the MCHS Property Lease Agreement as presented. The motion carried.

C. Consider Approval of Terminating the TIRZ Agreement.

Bryn Dodd moved, and David Dunn seconded the motion to terminate the TIRZ Agreement with the City of Odessa. The motion carried.

D. Consider Approval of Purchase of Vacant Lots.

Wallace Dunn recommended approving the purchase of two (2) vacant lots, located at 717 and 721 N. Alleghaney.

Don Hallmark moved, and Bryn Dodd seconded the motion to approve the purchase of the two (2) lots as presented. The motion carried.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Wallace Dunn adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Dunn, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors