



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 2, 2021 – 5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Don Hallmark, President  
Bryn Dodd, Vice President  
Mary Lou Anderson  
David Dunn  
Ben Quiroz  
Richard Herrera

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Wallace Dunn

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer  
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer  
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel  
Adiel Alvarado, President of MCH ProCare  
Christin Timmons, Chief Nursing Officer  
David Chancellor, Vice President of Human Resources  
Mary Gallegos, Risk Manager  
Grant Trollope, Assistant Chief Financial Officer  
Dr. Donald Davenport, Chief of Staff  
Dr. Timothy Benton, Vice Chief of Staff  
Dr. Gregory Shipkey  
Dr. Gary Ventolini, TTUHSC Permian Basin  
Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal  
Michaela Johnson, Executive Assistant to CEO

**OTHERS VIRTUALLY  
PRESENT:**

Various other interested members of the  
Medical Staff, employees, and citizens

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Don Hallmark, President, called the meeting to order at 5:30 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**

Don Hallmark led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

#### **IV. MISSION/VISION OF MEDICAL CENTER HEALTH SYSTEM**

Richard Herrera presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

#### **V. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

##### **A. March 2021 Associates of the Month**

Russell Tippin introduced the 2021 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical – Veronica Castro, Housekeeping
- Non-Clinical – Molly Whitten, Human Resources Coordinator
- Nurse – John Gutierrez, RN 5C

#### **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, February 2, 2021**
- B. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, February 23, 2021**
- C. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, January 2021**

Ben Quiroz moved and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

##### **A. Audit Committee**

1. FY2020 MCHS External Audit Report

Bryn Dodd moved and Mary Lou Anderson seconded the motion to accept the Audit Committee report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

##### **B. Finance Committee**

1. Financial Report for Month Ended January 31, 2021
2. Consent Agenda
  - a. Consider Approval of InterQual Software Solution Agreement Renewal
3. Capital Expenditure Requests
  - a. Consider Approval of CER Purchase of GE Mac Lab Upgrade/Cedaron/Cerner M640 Server/Cerner Storage
4. Consider Approval of Enterprise Security Awareness Training Program

Bryn Dodd moved and David Dunn seconded the motion to approve the Finance Committee report as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**X. TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN REPORT**

Dr. Gary Ventolini provided the TTUHSC at the Permian Basin Report for information only. No action was taken.

**XI. PRESIDENT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT AND ACTIONS**

**A. COVID-19 Update**

Russell Tippin, President/CEO provided a report on Medical Center Hospital and the response to the COVID-19 virus.

The Volunteers are coming back to the hospital on Monday and will be working at the Front Desk and Popcorn Station. MCH has 27 COVID-19 patients in house today. We went all day Saturday with no COVID-19 admissions. 42,000 people in the county have received the 1<sup>st</sup> dose. MCH held its last mass vaccine clinic at Ratliff Stadium on Sunday and 3,001 vaccines were administered. The MCH Urgent Care Clinics are now administering the 1<sup>st</sup> dose of the vaccine and Odessa Regional Medical Center is providing the 2<sup>nd</sup> doses.

This report was for information only. No action was taken.

**B. ED Efficiency Update**

Dr. Gregory Shipkey and David Graham, RN provided an update on the efficiency project the Emergency Department has implemented.

This report was for information only. No action was taken.

**C. Ad-hoc Reports**

The Regional Services Report was provided.

The new Vice President of Human Resources, David Chancellor, was introduced to the Board of Directors.

All eligible employees will be receiving a 2-1/2% salary increase in April as was previously budgeted.

These reports were for information only. No action was taken.

**XII. CONSIDER CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES**

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel presented the Certification of Unopposed Candidates (Districts 1, 3 and 5). This certification confirms that the Ector County Hospital Board Members for Districts 1, 3 and 5 are running unopposed in the May 1, 2021 election. The Certification is as follows:

AW12-1  
Prescribed by Secretary of State  
Section 2.051 – 2.053, Texas Election Code  
2/14

**CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES**  
**CERTIFICACIÓN DE CANDIDATOS SIN OPOSICIÓN**

**To: Presiding Officer of Governing Body**  
**Al: Presidente de la entidad gobernante**

As the authority responsible for having the official ballot prepared, I hereby certify that the following candidates are unopposed for Ector County Hospital Board Members, Districts 1, 3 and 5 scheduled to be held on May 1, 2021.

*Como autoridad responsable de preparar la boleta de votación oficial, por la presente certifico que los siguientes candidatos son candidatos sin oposición para los miembros de la mesa directiva del Distrito del Hospital del Condado de Ector, Distritos 1, 3 y 5 que se llevará a cabo el 1 de mayo del 2021.*

**List offices and names of candidates:**  
**Lista de cargos y nombres de los candidatos:**

**Office(s)/Cargo(s)**

***Ector County Hospital District, District 1***  
***Distrto del Hospital del Condado de Ector, Distrito 1***

***Ector County Hospital District, District 3***  
***Distrto del Hospital del Condado de Ector, Distrito 3***

***Ector County Hospital District, District 5***  
***Distrto del Hospital del Condado de Ector, Distrito 5***

**Candidate(s)/Candidato(s)**

***Bryn Dodd***

***Richard Herrera***

***Don Hallmark***



Signature (*Firma*)

David Dunn  
Printed name (*Nombre en letra de molde*)

ECHD Board Secretary  
Title (*Título*)

March 2, 2021  
Date of signing (*Fecha de firma*)

(Seal) (*sello*)

Richard Herrera moved and Bryn Dodd seconded the motion to approve the Certification of Unopposed Candidates. The motion carried unanimously.

**XIII. CONSIDER ORDER OF CANCELLATION OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS DISTRICT 1, 3, AND 5**

Steve Steen presented the Order of Cancellation of Election of Directors District 1, 3, and 5. This order cancels the election for those districts whose candidates are unopposed and thereby elected. The Order is as follows:

**ORDER OF CANCELLATION OF ELECTION  
(DIRECTOR DISTRICT 1, 3 AND 5)  
ORDEN DE CANCELACIÓN DE LA ELECCIÓN  
(DIRECTOR DE DISTRITO 1, 3 y 5)**

The Ector County Hospital District hereby cancels the election for Director District 1, District 3 and District 5 scheduled to be held on May 1, 2021 in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and is hereby elected as follows:

*El distrito del Hospital del Condado Ector por este medio cancela la elección de Director del Distrito 1 y del Distrito 3 y del Distrito 5 que estaba programada para el 1 de mayo de 2021, de acuerdo con la Sección 2.053(a) del Código de Elecciones de Texas. Los candidatos siguientes han sido certificados como candidatos sin oposición y son por este medio elegidos como sigue:*

<u>Candidate (Candidato)</u>	<u>Office Sought (Cargo al que presenta candidatura)</u>
Bryn Dodd	Board of Directors - District 1 (Junta de Directores – Distrito 1)
Richard Herrera	Board of Directors – District 3 (Junta de Directores – Distrito 3)
Don Hallmark	Board of Directors – District 5 (Junta de Directores – Distrito 5)

A copy of this order will be posted on Election Day at each polling place that would have been used in the election.

*El día de las elecciones se exhibirá una copia de esta orden en todos los centros electorales que se hubieran utilizado en la elección.*

  
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President (Presidente)

  
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Secretary (Secretario)

*March 2, 2021*  
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Date of adoption (Fecha de adopción)

Richard Herrera moved and Bryn Dodd seconded the motion to approve the Order of Cancellation of Election of Directors District 1, 3 and 5. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **XIV. ORDER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS OF THE ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

Steve Steen advised the board that the we are waiting for the Ector County Elections office to provide information to complete the Order of Election of Directors of the Ector County Hospital District This report is for information only. No action was taken.

#### **XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Don Hallmark 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; and (2) Deliberations regarding negotiations for health care services, pursuant to Section 551.085 of the Texas Government Code.

**ATTENDEES for the entire Executive Session:** ECHD Board members Don Hallmark, Bryn Dodd, Mary Lou Anderson, David Dunn, Richard Herrera and Ben Quiroz, Steve Steen, and Russell Tippin.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, reported to the Board of Directors regarding MCH On-call Agreement during Executive Session and then he was excused.

Adiel Alvarado, President of MCH ProCare, reported to the Board of Directors regarding ProCare provider agreements and an Income Guarantee Agreement. during Executive Session and then he was excused.

Mary Gallegos, Risk Manager, reported to the Board of Directors regarding the Risk Management Update and then she was excused.

Russell Tippin, President and Chief Executive Officer, led the Board of Directors in discussions about the search for a Chief Medical Officer.

Michaela Johnson, Executive Assistant to CEO and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal were excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

**Executive Session began at 6:23 pm.**

**Executive Session ended at 7:52 p.m.**

No action was taken during Executive Session.

#### **XVI. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

##### **A. Consider Approval of MCH Income Guarantee**

Don Hallmark presented the MCH Income Guarantee Agreement with Dr. Nathan Wolkenfeld. This is an 18 month agreement for General Surgery.

Ben Quiroz moved and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the MCH Income Guarantee Agreement as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**B. Consider Approval of MCH On-call Agreement**

Don Hallmark presented the MCH On-call Agreement for Premier Physicians. This is for Cardiovascular/Thoracic Surgery

Ben Quiroz moved and Bryn Dodd seconded the motion to approve the MCH Income Guarantee Agreement as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreements**

Don Hallmark presented the following renewals:

- Avelino Garcia, M.D. This is a 3-year renewal for OB/GYN Agreement.
- Pragnyadipta Mishra, M.D. This a 3-year renewal for Anesthesia Agreement.

Don Hallmark presented the following new agreement:

- Paul Baquirin, F.N.P. This is a 3-year agreement for Gastroenterology.

Don Hallmark presented the following amendments:

- West Texas Ear, Nose, Throat & Sinus Institute – Amended the Lease Agreement.
- Manohar Angirekula, M.D. – Amended the employment agreement to add the Divisional Directorship.

Richard Herrera moved and Bryn Dodd seconded the motion to approve the ProCare provider agreements as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**D. Inpatient Rehabilitation Agreement with Encompass Health**

David Dunn moved and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to table this item. The motion carried unanimously.


**E. Consider Approval of Forming a Non-profit Corporation in Regards to the Agreement with Encompass Health**

David Dunn moved and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the Forming of a Non-profit Corporation in Regards to the Agreement with Encompass Health as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, Don Hallmark adjourned the meeting at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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David Dunn, Secretary  
Ector County Hospital District