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**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

September 4, 2020

**TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:**

Governmental entities are required to comply with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551, when convening a meeting of their governing body. On March 16, 2020, Governor Abbott temporarily suspended certain open meetings requirements imposed by the Open Meetings Act to slow the spread of COVID-19.

COVID-19, also called coronavirus, provides a unique concern in that gathering members of the public and/or entity staff in a physical setting might constitute a public health risk. The Open Meetings Act does not conceptualize an instance where a governing body meeting might be completely virtual to avoid further spread of contagion. However, Governor Abbott's suspension of certain requirements of the Open Meetings Act permits open meetings to occur in a fully virtual setting (e.g. telephonic or videoconference meeting), provided certain requirements are met. These suspensions are described below.

The Texas Department of Information Resources recommends governing bodies convene in a virtual forum (e.g. webinar, teleconference) to avoid public health risks to employees, members of the governing body, and the public.

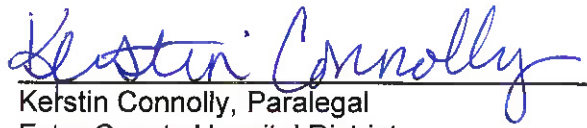
A webinar or teleconference of an open meeting provides a fully-virtual forum in which:

- the public, entity employees, and members of the governing body can engage in self-isolation or social distancing as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and the State of Texas;
- the public can hear open deliberations by an entity's governing body; and
- the public can interact with an entity's governing body during public comment

A special meeting of the Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors is scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2020, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Board Room of Medical Center Hospital.

Anyone interested in listening to the meeting and/or providing public comment may do so by calling 832-791-2356 and using access Conference ID: 293 495 579#.

An agenda for the meeting is attached.

  
Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal

Ector County Hospital District

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ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 – 5:30 P.M.  
MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL BOARD ROOM (2<sup>ND</sup> FLOOR)  
500 W 4<sup>TH</sup> STREET, ODESSA, TEXAS

AGENDA

I. CALL TO ORDER..... Don Hallmark, President

II. PUBLIC HEARING

Accept comments from the public regarding the proposed 2020 Ad Valorem Tax Rate.

III. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT OF  
OBSERVATION UNIT ..... Christin Timmons

IV. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH HEALTHGRADES ....Alison Pradon

V. EXECUTIVE SESSION

*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) MCH-2045 Advance Directives - Advice, recommendations, opinions, or other material reflecting the policymaking processes of the Ector County Hospital District as per Section 552.111 of the Texas Government Code.*

VI. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

VII. ADJOURNMENT

*If during the course of the meeting covered by this notice, the Board of Directors needs to meet in executive session, then such closed or executive meeting or session, pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, will be held by the Board of Directors on the date, hour and place given in this notice or as soon after the commencement of the meeting covered by this notice as the Board of Directors may conveniently meet concerning any and all subjects and for any and all purposes permitted by Chapter 551 of said Government Code.*