



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 1, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

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

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Richard Herrera

OTHERS PRESENT:

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel
Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer
Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing Officer
Dr. Nimat Alam, Vice Chief of Staff
Grant Trollope, Assistant Chief Financial Officer
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

Wallace Dunn, 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. ROLL CALL AND ECHD BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE/ABSENCES

Wallace Dunn called roll, and there was one member absent: Richard Herrera was unexcused.

III. INVOCATION

Chaplain Doug Herget offered the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Wallace Dunn led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

V. MISSION/VISION OF MEDICAL CENTER HEALTH SYSTEM

Don Hallmark presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

VI. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

A. October 2024 Associates of the Month

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, introduced the October 2024 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical – Jackielyne Cruz
- Non-Clinical – Fanny Huerta
- Nurse – Javier Pavia

B. Net Promoter Score Recognition

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

- Getnet Aberra, M.D.

VII. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE BY ANY BOARD MEMBER

No conflicts were disclosed.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments from the public were received.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, September 5, 2024**
- B. Consider Approval of Special Meeting Minutes – Public Hearing on Tax Rate, September 17, 2024**
- C. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, September 24, 2024**
- D. Consider Approval of Special Meeting Minutes to Adopt Tax Rate and Budget, September 24, 2024**
- E. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, July 2024**
- F. Consider Approval of 2024 Compliance Program Manual**
- G. Consider Approval of January 2025 - January 2026 Board/Finance Committee Meeting Dates**

Don Hallmark moved, and David Dunn seconded the motion to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

1. Financial Report for Month Ended August 31, 2024
2. Consent Agenda
 - a. Consider Approval of Additional Funds Request for PACS System - Merge

b. Consider Approval of MCH Professional Care Funding Agreement

Don Hallmark moved, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to approve the Finance Committee report as presented. The motion carried.

B. Executive Policy Committee

The Executive Policy Committee met on September 26, 2024 to review and approve four (4) MCH policies meeting the committee guidelines. The committee recommends approval of the submitted policies as presented.

Don Hallmark moved, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to approve the Executive Policy Committee report as presented. The motion carried.

XI. TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN REPORT

No report was provided.

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

A. Resolution to Nominate ECHD Board Member to the Ector County Appraisal District Board

Don Hallmark moved to nominate David Dunn to serve on the Ector County Appraisal District Board, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

B. Hospital Elevator Update

The report showing hospital elevator data was provided.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

C. November Election Update

Russell Tippin, CEO, went over the updated information for the November 5, 2024 Election.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

D. Ad hoc Reports

Russell Tippin, CEO, provided the following updates:

Flu shots have started.

There were 9 Town Halls held last week, with good attendance.

Voter registration was available at the Town Halls and is being offered at the hospital and different locations.

UMC – Lubbock and TTUHSC are dealing with IT issues, and it could be a ransomware attack. MCH has blocked access for TTUHSC to the ECHD network.

MCH is hosting a Cyber Security table top exercise that THA is putting on. That will be held October 2, 2024 in the Board Room.

The Regional Services Update report was provided in the board packet.

These reports were informational only. No action was taken.

XIII. 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) Discussion of Personnel Matters pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code; (3) Deliberation regarding Real Property pursuant to Section 551.072 and (4) Deliberation 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, Bryn Dodd, Will Kappauf, David Dunn, Don Hallmark, Wallace Dunn, Kathy Rhodes and Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal.

Adiel Alvarado, President of ProCare, presented the ProCare provider agreement to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, led the board in discussions about possibly selling the property at 42nd Street during Executive Session.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, reported to the board about a compliance issue

Adiel Alvarado and Matt Collins were excused from Executive Session.

Wallace Dunn, ECHD Board President, led the board in discussions about the Certified Healthcare Trustee changes that THT will be implementing in January.

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, led the board in discussions about the establishment of a PAC – Friends of MCH, for the up-coming election.

Wallace Dunn, ECHD Board President, reported to the board that the revised MCHS Bylaws will be ready to approval at the next board meeting.

Executive Session began at 6:15 p.m.
Executive Session ended at 7:31 p.m.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

XIV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreements.

Wallace Dunn presented the following renewal:

- Reyna Barrera, PA. – This a three (3) year Cardiology Contract.
- Nathanael Longacre, PA – This is three (3) year Orthopedics Contract.
- Suzanne Cearley, APRN – This is three (3) year Pediatrics Contract.

Wallace Dunn presented the following amendments:

- Chittur Ramanathan, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Family Medicine Contract.
- Angela Green, N.P. - This is an amendment to a Walk-in Clinic Contract.

Wallace Dunn presented the following new contracts:

- Nancy Baquirin, N.P. – This a three (3) year Urgent Care Contract.

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Don Hallmark seconded the motion to approve the MCH ProCare Provider Agreements as presented. The motion carried.

B. Consider Approval of Compliance Confidentiality Agreement

Will Kappauf moved, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to approve the Compliance Confidentiality Agreement as presented. The motion carried. All board members present signed the confidentiality agreement.

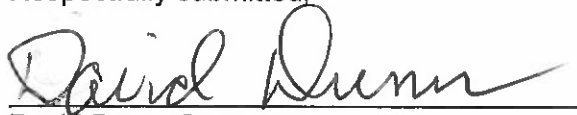
C. Consider Approval to Sell Real Estate – 42nd Street

No action was taken.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Wallace Dunn adjourned the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Dunn, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors