



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2024 – 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wallace Dunn, President
Don Hallmark, Vice President
Bryn Dodd
Richard Herrera
Will Kappauf
David Dunn

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Kathy Rhodes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel
Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing Officer
Gingie Sredanovich, Chief Compliance and Privacy Officer
Staci Ashley, Chief Human Resources Officer
Dr. Jeffrey Pinnow, Chief of Staff
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 Kathy Rhodes was absent. Her absence was excused.

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

Bryn Dodd presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

VI. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

A. December 2024 Associates of the Month

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

- Clinical – Tori Yeley
- Non-Clinical – Heather Maddox
- Nurse – Alicia Smith-Furlow

B. Net Promoter Score Recognition

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

- Dr. Sanchita Yadalla

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, November 5, 2024**
- B. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, November 26, 2024**
- C. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, October 2024**
- D. Consider Approval of Compliance Program Resolution**
- E. Consider Approval of Compliance Program Charter**
- F. Consider Approval of Compliance Program Manual**
- G. Consider Approval of MCHS Standards of Conduct**

David Dunn moved, and Richard Herrera 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 October 31, 2024
2. Consent Agenda
 - a. Consider Approval of Cisco SmartNet Hardware/Software Maintenance Support Contract Renewal.
 - b. Consider Approval of Roche Diagnostics Contract Extension.
 - c. Consider Approval of NovaRad PACS Agreement.

- d. Consider Approval of WebMD Ignite Call Center Contract Renewal.
3. Consider Approval of Stryker Surgicount Tablets Purchase.

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

B. Executive Policy Committee

The Executive Policy Committee met on November 21, 2024 to review and approve six (6) MCH policies meeting the committee guidelines. The committee recommends approval of the submitted policies as presented.

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

C. Audit Committee

- a. Consider Approval of Updated Bylaws

Don Hallmark moved, and David Dunn seconded the motion to approve the Audit 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. Ad hoc Reports

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, provided an update on the nationally IV fluid shortage.

This report was 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; and (2) 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, Richard Herrera, David Dunn, Don Hallmark, Wallace Dunn, and Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal.

Russell Tippin, CEO, presented the ProCare provider agreement to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session, and then was excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, CEO, provided an update on the Chief Medical Officer position.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, reported to the Board about a pending litigation involving ECHD Board President, Wallace Dunn.

Russell Tippin, CEO, and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, led the Board in discussions about a patient and possible litigation issue, but the matter is currently being handled by the Risk Department.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, provided an update on the CCU matter.

Russell Tippin, CEO, provided the Board election data and led the discussion about the creation of a PAC.

Wallace Dunn, ECHD Board President, led the board in discussion about Dave Ramsey's Smart Dollar Financial Program for employees.

Executive Session began at 5:45 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 6:53 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:

- Daniel Babbel, M.D. – This a three (3) year Orthopedics Contract.
- Sridhar Enuganti, M.D. – This is a three (3) year Hospitalist Contract.
- Ngan Vu Kim Hill, NP – This is a three (3) year Cardiology Contract.
- Benjamin Luis Aguilar, NP – This a three (3) year Cardiology Contract.

Wallace Dunn presented the following amendments:

- Daniel Babbel, M.D. – This is an amendment to an Orthopedics Contract.

Wallace Dunn presented the following new contracts:


- Mary Jane Dunaway, CRNA – This a one (1) year Anesthesia Contract.

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

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Wallace Dunn adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



David Dunn, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors