

**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 4, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT: Don Hallmark, Vice President
Bryn Dodd
Richard Herrera
David Dunn
Will Kappauf

MEMBERS ABSENT: Wallace Dunn
Kathy Rhodes

OTHERS PRESENT: Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel
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

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. ROLL CALL AND ECHD BOARD MEMBER ATTENDANCE/ABSENCES

Don Hallmark called roll, Wallace Dunn and Kathy Rhodes were absent.

David Dunn moved, and Bryn Dodd seconded the motion to approve the absences for Wallace Dunn and Kathy Rhodes as excused. The motion carried.

III. INVOCATION

Chaplain Doug Herget offered the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

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

V. MISSION/VISION OF MEDICAL CENTER HEALTH SYSTEM

David Dunn presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

VI. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

A. March 2025 Associates of the Month

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, introduced the March 2025 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical – Teresa Sanchez Deleon
- Non-Clinical – Maria Guadalupe Lopez Garcia
- Nurse – Abigail Levario Carrasco

B. Net Promoter Score Recognition

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, introduced the Net Promoter Score High Performer(s).

- MCH ProCare Walk-in Clinic

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, February 11, 2025**
- B. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, February 25, 2025**
- C. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, January 2025**

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 January 31, 2025
2. Consent Agenda
 - a. Consider Approval of Morrison Agreement Renewal.
 - b. Consider Approval of the Newborn Hearing Screening Services Contract Renewal.

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

B. Executive Policy Committee

The Executive Policy Committee met on February 27, 2025 to review and approve three (3) MCH policies meeting the committee guidelines. The committee recommends approval of the submitted policies as presented.

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

XI. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ENDOWMENT FUNDS DISTRIBUTION

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, presented the Endowment Funds Distribution Agreement from Prosperity Bank for approval.

As noted in the investment agreement, the total net income for Odessa Junior College Trust is \$39,112.52. Ninety percent of that amount is \$35,201.27, and this amount will be paid to Odessa Junior College. Ten percent, \$3,911.25 will be retained as an addition to principal.

The total net for the TTUHSC-PB Trust is \$138,602.71. Ninety percent of that amount is \$124,742.44, and this amount will be paid to TTUHSC-PB. Ten percent, \$13,860.27 will be retained as an addition to principal.

The total net income for University of Texas-PB is \$32,697.13. Ninety percent of that amount is \$29,427.42, and this amount will be paid to University of Texas-PB. Ten percent, \$3,269.71 will be retained as an addition to principal.

David Dunn moved, and Richard Herrera seconded the motion to approve the Endowment Funds Distribution Agreement from Prosperity Bank as presented. The motion carried.

XII. TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN REPORT

Dr. Timothy Benton provided the TTUHSC at the Permian Basin report. This report was informational only and no action was taken.

XIII. CONSIDER CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES

Bryn Dodd moved, and David Dunn seconded the motion to table this agenda item until after Executive Session. The motion carried.

XIV. CONSIDER ORDER OF CANCELLATION OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS DISTRICT 1 AND 5

Bryn Dodd moved, and David Dunn seconded the motion to table this agenda item until after Executive Session. The motion carried.

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

A. Measles Update

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, reported to the Board that the measles numbers in Ector County remain low. They continue to increase in Gaines County, Texas.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

B. FEMA Funds

Grant Trollope, Assistant Chief Financial Officer, reported that \$800,000 has been received in FEMA funds, but MCH is holding the funds in case FEMA decides to pull back any of the funds. This report was informational only and no action was taken.

C. Pilot Payment – 1PointFive

No report was given.

D. Ad hoc Reports

The Communications and Marketing report was provided In the board packet. This report was informational only and no action was taken.

XVI. 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) 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, and Russell Tippin, President/CEO, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, Adiel Alvarado, President MCH ProCare, and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal.

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

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, led the board in discussion about the upcoming election.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, provide the board an update on the CCU Compliance matter.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, led the board in discussion about the PAC.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, led the board in discuss amount the ECHD insurance renewal process.

Executive Session began at 5:52 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 6:43 p.m.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

XVII. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreements.

Don Hallmark presented the following new contracts:

- Tochukwu Noh, M.D. – This is a new three (3) year Hospitalist Contract.

- Keren Preciado Guiab, M.D. – This is a new three (3) year Hospitalist Contract.
- Harika Thummala, M.D. – This is a new one (1) year Hospitalist Contract.

Don Hallmark presented the following renewal:

- Bertha Nunez, FNP-C – This is three (3) year renewal of a Pediatrics Contract.

Don Hallmark presented the following amendment:

- Elias Marquez, NP – This an amendment to a Urgent Care Contract

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

B. Consider Approval of Enterprise Zone Tax Abatement Agreement

No action taken.

C. CONSIDER CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, presented the Certification of Unopposed Candidates (District 1 and 6). This certification confirms that the Ector County Hospital Board Member for District 1 is running unopposed in the May 3, 2025 election. The Certification is as follows:

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Prescribed by Secretary of State
Section 2.051 – 2.053, Texas Election Code
9/2023

**CERTIFICATION OF UNOPPOSED CANDIDATES FOR OTHER
POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (NOT COUNTY) CERTIFICACIÓN DE
CANDIDATOS ÚNICOS
PARA OTRAS SUBDIVISIONES POLITICAS (NO EL CONDADO)**

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 election to office for the election scheduled to be
held on May 3, 2025.

*Como autoridad a cargo de la preparación de la boleta de votación oficial, por la presente
certifico que los siguientes candidatos son candidatos únicos para elección para un cargo en
la elección que se llevará a cabo el 3 de mayo 2025.*

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

Office(s) Cargo(s)	Candidate(s) Candidato(s)
Ector County Hospital District, District 1 Distrito del Hospital del Condado de Ector, Distrito 1	Bryn Dodd

Lisa Sertuche
Signature (Firma)

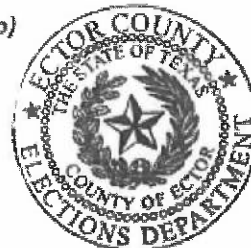
LISA SERTUCHE
Printed name (Nombre en letra de molde)

ELECTIONS ADMINISTRATOR
Title (Puesto)

2-25-25
Date of signing (Fecha de firma)

See reverse side for instructions
(Instrucciones en el reverso)

(Seal) (sello)



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

D. CONSIDER ORDER OF CANCELLATION OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS DISTRICT 1 AND 5

Steve Steen presented the Order of Cancellation of Election of Directors District 1 and 5. This order cancels the election for those districts. District 1 candidate is unopposed and thereby elected. District 5 does not have an eligible candidate running The Order is as follows:

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

The Ector County Hospital District hereby cancels the election for Director District 1 scheduled to be held on May 3, 2025 in accordance with Section 2.053(a) of the Texas Election Code. The following candidates have been certified as unopposed and are hereby elected as follows:

El Distrito Hospitalario del Condado de Ector cancela la elección para el Director del Distrito 1 programada para el 3 de mayo de 2025 de acuerdo con la Sección 2.053(a) del Código Electoral de Texas. Los siguientes candidatos han sido certificados como sin oposición y por la presente se eligen de la siguiente manera:

<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)

The Ector County Hospital District hereby cancels the election for Director District 5 scheduled to be held on May 3, 2025 as no eligible candidates have filed for the position.

El Distrito Hospitalario del Condado de Ector cancela la elección para el Director del Distrito 5 programada para el 3 de mayo de 2025 ya que no se han presentado candidatos elegibles para el puesto.

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.

President (Presidente)

Secretary (Secretario)

Date of adoption (Fecha de adopción)

Richard Herrera moved, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to approve the Order of Cancellation of Election of Directors District 4 and 6. The motion carried.

XVIII.ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Don Hallmark adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Dunn", written in dark ink. The signature is fluid and extends to the right with a long, sweeping tail.

David Dunn, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors