

**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 6, 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
Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing Officer
Dr. Meredith Hulsey, Chief Medical 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 there was one member absent: Richard Herrera 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

Kathy Rhodes presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

VI. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

A. August 2024 Associates of the Month

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer, introduced the August 2024 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical – Ira Madrid
- Non-Clinical – Danny S. Bava
- Nurse – Cynthia Bell

B. Net Promoter Score Recognition

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

- Dr. Daniel Babbel
- Hanah Lee Yee, NP

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, July 2, 2024**
- B. Consider Approval of Special Meeting Minutes, July 17, 2024**
- C. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, July 23, 2024**
- D. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, June 2024**

David Dunn, and Don Hallmark 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. Quarterly Investment Report – Quarter 3, FY 2024
2. Quarterly Investment Officer's Certification
3. Financial Report for Month Ended June 30, 2024
4. Consent Agenda
 - a. Consider Approval of Breakaway Promise/Point/Community Services Renewal
5. Consider Approval of Cardiovascular Suite – Wheatley Stewart
6. Consider Approval of 6W Telemetry Implementation

Don Hallmark 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 August 1, 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.

XI. TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN REPORT

Dr. Timothy Benton provided the TTUHSC at the Permian Basin report for information only. No action was taken.

XII. DIABETES CLINIC UPDATE

Grant Trollope, Assistant Chief Financial Officer, presented an update on the operations of the Community Diabetes Clinic.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

XIII. NICU RESOLUTION

Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing Officer, presented the NICU Resolution to the Board.

David Dunn moved, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to approve the NICU Resolution as presented. The motion carried.

XIV. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDER OF ELECTION FOR THE ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, presented the Order of Election for the Ector County Hospital District to call for an election on the tax rate at the November General Election.

David Dunn moved, and Don Hallmark seconded the motion to approve the Order of Election for the Ector County Hospital District as presented. The motion carried.

XV. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF CONTRACT WITH ELECTIONS OFFICE

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, presented the contract with the Ector County Elections Office for the November General Election.

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

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

A. Dr. Hulseley - Update

No report was provided.

B. Review of Certified Property Valuations

The Certified Property Valuations from the City were provided in the board packet. Russell Tippin, President/CEO reminded the board members that the next budget will be built around the numbers provided by the city.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

C. Board Budget Workshop Meeting – 9/17/24

Russell Tippin, President/CEO reminded the everyone that the Board Budget Workshop Meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2024.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

D. Ad hoc Reports

Courtney Look-Davis, Chief Experience & Quality Officer, reported that MCH received a Star Rating of 3 Stars.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, reported that he was notified the Advanced Care Hospital located in Odessa has been closed.

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

These reports were informational only. No action was taken.

XVII. 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 Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel.

Adiel Alvarado, President of ProCare, presented the ProCare provider agreement to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session, and then he was excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, presented the MCH Property Lease Agreements to the Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, led the board in discussions about Level II Trauma Center.

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, led the board in discussions about the November election.

Russell Tippin, Matt Collins, Steve Ewing, Grant Trollope, Assistant Chief Financial Officer, and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal were excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, led the board in discussions about the CEO Evaluation during Executive Session.

Russell Tippin and Kerstin Connolly rejoined Executive Session and board discussed the CEO Evaluation.

Executive Session began at 6:15 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 7:53 p.m.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

XVIII. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreements.

Wallace Dunn presented the following renewal:

- Timothy Townsend, M.D. – This a three (3) year Radiology Contract.

Wallace Dunn presented the following amendments:

- Timothy Townsend, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Radiology Contract.
- Errol Anderson, M.D. - This is an amendment to a Radiology Contract.
- Aseem Kumar Bhandari, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Radiology Contract.

Wallace Dunn presented the following new contracts:

- Barath Rangaswamy, M.D. – This a three (3) year Family Health Clinic Contract.
- Thao Dang, M.D. – This is a three (3) year Pulmonology Contract.
- Clare Savage, M.D. – This is a one (1) year Radiology Contract.
- Rizwan Asim, M.D. – This is a one (1) year Hospitalist Contract.
- Alaaedin Alhomosh, M.D. – This is a one (1) year Neurology 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 MCH Property Lease Agreements

Wallace Dunn presented the following MCH Property Lease Agreements:

- MCH ProCare Otolaryngology (ENT) – This is a 3-year property lease agreement.
- MCH ProCare Internal Medicine – This is a 3-year property lease agreement.
- MCH ProCare Orthopedics – This is a 3-year property lease agreement.

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

C. Chief Executive Officer Evaluation

No action was taken.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,



David Dunn, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors