



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 3, 2023 – 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. Fernando Boccalandro, Chief of Staff
Dr. Jeffrey Pinnow, 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, all members were present except for Richard Herrera. His 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

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

VI. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

A. October 2023 Associates of the Month

Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer, introduced the October 2023 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical – Kayal Chandramohan
- Non-Clinical – Maria Baltierrez
- Nurse – Sophia Figueroa

B. Net Promoter Score Recognition

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

- Dr. Adam Farber
- 5 Central

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 7, 2023**
- B. Consider Approval of Special Meeting Minutes, September 19, 2023**
- C. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, September 26, 2023**
- D. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, August 2023**
- E. Consider Approval of January 2024 through January 2025 Board/Finance Committee Meeting Dates**

David Dunn moved, and Kathy Rhodes 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, 2023.
2. Consent Agenda
 - a. Consider Approval of Airgas Contract Renewal.
 - b. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Funding Agreement
 - c. Consider Approval of 724 Access Services & Support Contract Renewal

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 September 11, 2023 at 11:00 am. The committee reviewed one revised policy and one policy to be retired and approved the two (2) MCH policies meeting the committee guidelines.

Bryn Dodd 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

Dr. Timothy Benton, Regional Dean of TTUHSC, provided the TTUHSC at the Permian Basin report. This report was for information only, and no action was taken.

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

A. Dr. Hulseley – Update

Dr. Hulseley reported that the AHP day will be on October 31, 2023, lunch will be from 11:00am to 1:00pm. Anesthesia has two new providers scheduled to start in November, which will open up another OR room.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

B. Resolution to Appoint ECHD Board Member to the Ector County Appraisal District Board

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, reported that the Ector County Appraisal District needs to have an ECHD Board Member appointed.

Kathy Rhodes nominated David Dunn to represent ECHD on the Ector County Appraisal District Board, and Wallace Dunn seconded the motion. The motion carried.

C. MCH Tax History

The history of MCH's taxing authority was provided in the board packet. This report was informational only. No action was taken.

D. Ad hoc Reports

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer reported that it is time again to schedule a Retiree Luncheon.

The Regional Services report was provided in the 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; 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, David Dunn, Don Hallmark, Wallace Dunn, Kathy Rhodes, Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal.

Adiel Alvarado, President MCH ProCare, presented the provider agreements, an update on urology, and an update on the radiology department to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, provided an update on the cardiology audit.

Adiel Alvarado was excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, led the board in discussion about the new Covid Policy and provided an update on the career ladder.

Wallace Dunn, Board President, led the discussion about the Bylaws Committee and the new board attendance requirement.

Executive Session began at 5:52 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 6:51 p.m.

No action was taken during Executive Session

XIV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreement(s).

Wallace Dunn presented the following new agreements:

- Nilo Napay, N.P. – This a three (3) year Urgent Care Contract.
- Jemimah Omavuezi, PA.– This is a three (3) year Cardiology Contract.
- Ryan Tubre, M.D. – This is a one (1) year Urology Contract.

Wallace Dunn presented the following renewals:

- Joshua Levinger, M.D. – This is a 3-year renewal of an ENT Contract.
- Narendra Sajja, M.D. – This is a 3-year renewal of a Hospitalist Contract

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

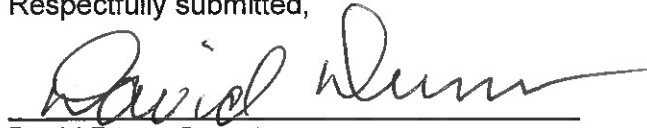
B. Compliance Update and Resolution

No action was taken.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Wallace Dunn adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Dunn". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

David Dunn, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors