

**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 – 3:00 p.m.**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** David Dunn, President  
Will Kappauf  
Syliva Rodriguez-Sanchez  
Don Hallmark  
Wallace Dunn  
Kathy Rhodes

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Bryn Dodd

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Russell Tippin, President/Chief Executive Officer  
John Grigson, Interim Chief Financial Officer  
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel  
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer  
Kim Leftwich, Interim Chief Nursing Officer  
Dr. Timothy Benton, Chief Medical Officer  
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**

David Dunn called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Board Room of Medical Center Hospital. Notice of the meeting was properly posted as required by the Open Meetings Act.

**II. ROLL CALL**

David Dunn called roll of the ECHD Board Members. Bryn Dodd was absent and her absence was excused. Don Hallmark moved, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to accept the roll call. The motion carried.

**III. REVIEW OF THE PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2026 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET**

John Grigson, Interim Chief Financial Officer, presented the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating and Capital Budget.

No action was taken.

#### **IV. REVIEW OF LOCAL PROVIDER PARTICIPATION FUND PRESENTATION**

The mandatory payment rate shall be determined annually by the Board of Directors and for fiscal year 2026 shall be six percent (6%) of net patient revenue.

#### **V. PUBLIC HEARING**

*David Dunn stated "As required by Ector County Hospital District Enabling Legislation, the Special Meeting of the ECHD Board of Directors is open to accept comments from the public regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 Operating and Capital Budget. Pursuant to Chapter 300 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, the Ector County Hospital District will hold a public meeting to consider the adoption of a Local Provider Participation Fund mandatory payment rate for fiscal year 2026. For those wishing to make public comments and who have not already done so, please sign in with Ms. Connolly. Comments to the Board will be limited to 3 minutes. Counsel will give each speaker a 1-minute warning prior to the expiration of the 3-minute time limit."*

No members of the public requested to address the ECHD Board of Directors.

#### **VI. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE 2026 OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET.**

Don Hallmark moved to adopt the Fiscal Year 2026 Operating and Capital Budget as presented. Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **VII. Consider Approval of Order Authorizing and Implementing Fiscal Year 2026 Local Provider Participation Fund Management Payment Rate Under Chapter 300 of the Texas Health and Safety Code**

Kathy Rhodes moved to approve the Order Authorizing and Implementing Fiscal Year 2026 Local Provider Participation Fund Management Payment Rate Under Chapter 300 of the Texas Health and Safety Code as presented. Sylvia Rodriguez-Sanchez seconded the motion. The motion carried.

#### **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, David Dunn adjourned the meeting at 3:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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Will Kappauf, Secretary  
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors