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ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:
David Dunn, President
Bryn Hill, Vice President
Will Kappauf
Sylvia Rodriguez-Sanchez
Don Hallmark
Wallace Dunn
Kathy Rhodes

OTHERS PRESENT:
Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing Officer
Dr. Timothy Benton, Chief Medical Officer
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer
Sharon Clark, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Nimat Alam, Chief of Staff
Dr. Vijay Borra, Vice Chief of Staff
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, 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

David Dunn called roll of the ECHD Board Members. All members were present.

III. INVOCATION

Chaplain Doug Herget offered the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

David Dunn led the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States and Texas flags.

V. MISSION/VISION OF MEDICAL CENTER HEALTH SYSTEM

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

VI. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

A. October 2026 Associates of the Month

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, introduced the October 2026 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical – Edna Lazo
- Non-Clinical – Lydia Maldonado
- Nurse – Mercedes Madrid

B. Net Promoter Score Recognition

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

- MCH ProCare Infectious Disease
- Melissa Freeman, NP

VII. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE BY ANY BOARD MEMBER

No conflicts were disclosed.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments were received.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Consider Approval of Regular Meeting Minutes, September 1, 2026
B. Consider Approval of Special Meeting Minutes, September 4, 2026
C. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, September 29, 2026
D. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, August 2026
E. Consider Approval of ECHD Finance and Regular Board Meeting Dates FY 2027

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Will Kappauf seconded the motion to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

1. Financial Report for Month Ended August 31, 2026.
2. Consent Agenda
   a. Consider Approval of Fisher and Paykel Technology Acquisition Agreement Renewal.
   b. Consider Approval of MCH Professional Care Funding Agreement Renewal.
3. Consider Approval of MCH TraumaCare Funding Agreement.

Bryn Hill 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 was not able to meet in person. They reviewed and approved via email, three (3) MCH policies meeting the committee guidelines. The committee recommends approval of all of the submitted policies as presented.

Don Hallmark moved, and Sylvia Rodriguez-Sanchez seconded the motion to approve the Executive Policy Committee report as presented. The motion carried.

XI. PUBLIC HEARING – CONSIDER FISCAL YEAR 2027 MANDATORY PAYMENT RATE

David Dunn opened the public hearing as required by Chapter 300 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, to accept comments from the public regarding the adoption of a mandatory payment rate for fiscal year 2027.

No members of public requested to address the board.

XII. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF ORDER AUTHORIZING AND IMPLEMENTING FISCAL YEAR 2027 LOCAL PROVIDER PARTICIPATION FUND MANDATORY PAYMENT RATE UNDER CHAPTER 300 OF THE TEXAS HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

Sharon Clark, Chief Financial Officer, presented the Order Authorizing and Implementing Fiscal Year 2027 Local Provider Participation Fund Mandatory Payment Rate Under Chapter 300 of the Texas Health and Safety Code for approval. The rate for FY 2027 will remain at six percent (6%).

Will Kappauf moved, and Don Hallmark seconded the motion to approve the Order Authoring and Implementing Fiscal Year 2027 Local Provider Participation Fund Mandatory Payment Rate Under Chapter 300 of the Texas Health and Safety Code as presented. The motion carried.

XIII. CONSIDER APPROVAL TO CALL FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR MEDICAL SERVICES

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, presented the request to call for Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Medical Services to the Board.

Don Hallmark moved, and Bryn Hill seconded the motion to approve and call for RFQ for Medical Services. The motion carried.

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

A. Ad hoc Reports

Included in the packet was the Communications and Marketing report.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

XV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

David 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) Deliberation regarding negotiations for health care services, pursuant to Section 551.085 of the Texas Government Code; (3) Deliberation regarding Real Property pursuant to Section 551.072; and (4) Discussion of Personnel Matters pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Texas Government Code.

ATTENDEES for the entire Executive Session: ECHD Board members, Bryn Hill, Will Kappauf, Sylvia Rodriguez-Sanchez, David Dunn, Don Hallmark, Wallace Dunn, Kathy Rhodes and Russell Tippin, President/CEO, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel (via phone), Sharon Clark, Chief Financial Officer, Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, Dr. Timothy Benton, Chief Medical Officer, Adiel Alvarado, President MCH ProCare, and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal.

Sharon Clark, CFO, provided an update on a managed care contract to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, led the ECHD Board of Directors in discussions about TTUHSC.

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

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, led the ECHD Board of Directors in discussions about real estate during Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, provided an update on Permian Basin Medical Center to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Executive Session began at 5:46 p.m.
Executive Session ended at 6:45 p.m.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

XVI. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreements.

David Dunn presented the following new contracts:

- Muhammad Sheraz Raza, M.D. – This is a new three (3) year Pediatrics contract.
- Shantelle Greenwood, N.P. – This is a new three (3) year Hospitalist contract.
- Lyndsey Montgomery, F.N.P. – This is a new three (3) year Urgent Care contract.
- Anjaiah Kodityal, M.D. – This is a new one (1) year Critical Care contract.

David Dunn presented the following renewal contract:

- Narendra Sajja, M.D. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Hospitalist Contract.
- Sung Hwang, M.D. – This is a three (3) year renewal of an Anesthesia Contract.

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

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Will Kappauf, Board Secretary
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors