



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
FEBRUARY 3, 2026 – 5:30 p.m.**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

- MEMBERS PRESENT:** David Dunn, President  
Bryn Dodd, Vice President  
Will Kappauf  
Sylvia Rodriguez-Sanchez  
Don Hallmark  
Wallace Dunn  
Kathy Rhodes
- OTHERS PRESENT:** Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer  
Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing Officer  
Dr. Timothy Benton, Chief Medical Officer  
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel  
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer  
Sharon Clark, Chief Financial Officer  
Grant Trollope, Assistant 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**

Sylvia Rodriguez-Sanchez presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

**VI. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

**A. February 2026 Associates of the Month**

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

- Clinical – Araceli Guzman
- Non-Clinical – Veronica Molinar
- Nurse – Yeethir Adam Cherid

**B. Net Promoter Score Recognition**

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

- Dr. Santiago Giraldo
- Dr. Mavis Twum-Barimah

**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, January 6, 2026**
- B. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, January 27, 2026**
- C. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, December 2025**

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Sylvia Rodriguez-Sanchez seconded the motion to approve the items listed on the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion carried.

**X. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Finance Committee**

1. Quarterly Investment Report – Quarter 1, FY 2026
2. Quarterly Investment Officer's Certification
3. Financial Report for Month Ended December 31, 2025.
4. Consent Agenda
  - a. Consider Approval of Stryker Master Service Agreement Amendment/Renewal.
  - b. Consider Approval of Abbott iSTAT Pricing Amendment.
  - c. Consider Approval of Fresenius Inpatient Dialysis Contract Renewal.

Bryn Dodd moved, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to approve the Finance Committee report as presented. The motion carried.

#### **B. Executive Policy Committee**

The Executive Policy Committee met on Thursday, January 29, 2026 at Noon to review and approve five (5) MCH policies meeting the committee guidelines. The committee recommends approval of five (5) policies as presented.

Don Hallmark moved, and Will Kappauf seconded the motion to approve the Executive Policy Committee report as presented. The motion carried.

#### **C. Bylaws Committee**

The Bylaws Committee met on Tuesday, January 20, 2026 to review and modify Article 5.01 and 5.02. The suggested language change to 5.01 and 5.02 is as follows:

### **ARTICLE V. OFFICERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

5.01 The officers of the Board of Directors shall be a President, a Vice-President and a Secretary. The President and Vice-President shall be elected by the Board of Directors from among its members at the first regular meeting of the Board held in June of each odd year. The Board shall also appoint a Secretary. The Secretary need not, but may be a Director. Nominations for officers of the Board will be made from the floor at the meeting at which officers are to be elected.

5.02 Each officer shall hold office for a period of two (2) years or until his/her successor shall have been duly elected and qualified. The Board shall fill a vacancy in a Board office for the unexpired term.

Don Hallmark moved and Bryn Dodd seconded the motion to approve the revised language as presented. Will Kappauf voted to oppose the change, the motion carried.

#### **XI. TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN REPORT**

No report was given.

#### **XII. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SANE RESOLUTION**

Alison Pradon, Vice President of Development, presented the following resolution for approval:

**WHEREAS**, The Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors finds it in the best interest of the citizens of Ector County that the Maintaining Status of a SAFE Ready Facility be operated as early as the year 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, The Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors agrees to provide support for the said project as required by the SE-SAFE Ready Facilities Program grant application; and

**WHEREAS,** The Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors agrees that in the event of loss or misuse of the Office of the Governor funds, The Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors assures that the funds will be returned to the Office of the Governor in full.

**WHEREAS,** The Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors designates the President and Chief Executive Officer of Medical Center Health System as the grantee’s authorized official. The authorized official is given the power to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate the grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

**WHEREAS,** The Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors designates the Chief Financial Officer as the grantee’s financial officer. The financial officer is given the power to submit financial and/or programmatic reports or alter a grant on behalf of the applicant agency.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that The Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors approves submission of the grant application for the Maintaining Status of a SAFE Ready Facility to the Office of the Governor.

Passed and Approved by the Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors this 3rd of February, 2026.

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David Dunn, President

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Bryn Dodd, Vice President

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Will Kappauf, Member

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Sylvia Rodriguez-Sanchez, Member

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Don Hallmark, Member

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Wallace Dunn, Member

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Kathryn “Kathy” Rhodes, Member

Grant Number: 5722101

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

### **XIII. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SIGNING AUTHORITY RESOLUTION**

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, presented the following resolution for approval:

#### **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT**

#### **A RESOLUTION Clarifying Signatory and Binding Authority**

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors and ECHD Executive Team deem it beneficial to clarify which individuals are authorized to legally obligate ECHD and/or its affiliated entities;

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2019 the Board of Directors of ProCare designated that the individual serving as President of ProCare, Vice President Physician Enterprise or equivalent authority shall have the authority to sign all MCH ProCare documents in an effort to maintain the corporate identity of ProCare.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors desires to grant signing and authority to certain person(s) described hereunder. Signatory authority relates to the ability to obligate an ECHD entity or affiliated entity to a binding contract, not a check request.

WHEREAS, the foregoing signing and authority granted shall include, but shall not be limited to, powers of attorney, transfers, assignments, contracts, obligations, certificates, and other instruments of whatever nature entered into by ECHD and/or its affiliated entities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT:

That the Board of Directors of Ector County Hospital District acknowledge the ProCare Board's designation of President of ProCare, Vice President Physician Enterprise as the authorized individual, capable of entering into employment and related documents on behalf of ProCare. Such documents shall continue to be reviewed by both the ProCare Board of Directors and the ECHD Board of Directors through the PTRC and related governance review processes.

That the Board deems it appropriate for certain designated ECHD executive employees to have authority to bind ECHD d/b/a MCH System and/or its affiliates in certain designated agreements, as long as such agreements are in the best interest of MCH System and/or its affiliates and otherwise in compliance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations.

We, the Board of Directors of the Ector County Hospital District, resolve that the CEO of the System and/or his designee are hereby authorized to take all actions necessary to effectuate this resolution.

RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors hereby authorizes and approves signing authority to conduct business to the following identified positions under the conditions described below:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Approval</b>	<b>Signatory Authority</b>	<b>Entity</b>
CEO/President	Agreements for goods, items, and services necessary for daily operations of the Hospital and/or Health System	Up to \$250,000	MCH System, MCH, MCH affiliates
CEO/President	Emergency agreements for goods, items, and services necessary for urgent needs/operations of the Hospital and/or Health System	Exceeding \$250,000 - As required for emergency response, upon telephonic communication with the ECHD Executive Committee least 2 Board members and full review at next regularly scheduled Board meeting	MCH System, MCH, MCH affiliates
CEO/President	Agreements for goods, items, and services previously approved by the Board	Exceeding \$250,000	MCH System, MCH, MCH affiliates
VP, Physician Enterprise; President ProCare	Board approval, ProCare Board approval	All provider employment and related contracts; any contract up to \$50,000	ProCare
In the absence of the CEO/President  CFO, with one other Executive Team Member	Agreements for goods, items, and services necessary for daily operations	Up to \$250,000, unless an emergency	MCH System, MCH, MCH affiliates
In the absence of the CEO/President  CFO, with one other Executive Team Member	Agreements for goods, items, and services that the Board approved through budget process/approval	Exceeding \$250,000	MCH System, MCH, MCH affiliates
CFO, CLO, COO	CNDAs	Non-Monetary	MCH System, MCH, MCH affiliates
CLO	Legal issues and agreement regarding the same	Up to \$100,000	MCH, MCH System, MCH affiliates, ProCare

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors of the Ector County Hospital District this the 3rd day of February, 2026.

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David Dunn, Chairperson  
Ector County Hospital District

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Bryn Dodd, Vice President  
Ector County Hospital District

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Don Hallmark, Member  
Ector County Hospital District

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Sylvia Rodriguez-Sanchez, Member  
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Will Kappauf, Member  
Ector County Hospital District

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Wallace Dunn, Member  
Ector County Hospital District

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Kathryn “Kathy” Rhodes, Member  
Ector County Hospital District

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Wallace Dunn seconded the motion to approve the resolution as presented. The motion carried.

#### **XIV. PRESIDENT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER’S REPORT AND ACTIONS**

##### **A. PBBHC Update**

No update was provided.

##### **B. Ad hoc Reports**

Included in the packet was the Communications and Marketing Report.

These reports were 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; and (3) Deliberation regarding Real Property pursuant to Section 551.072 of the Texas Government Code.

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

Kelly Cecil, Chief of ECHD Police, presented the Annual Racial Profiling Report during Executive Session. He was excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

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

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, presented the Annual Litigation update to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Don Hallmark, Board Member, led the board in discussion about selling the property at 1940 E. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, which is currently being used for the Free Community Diabetes Clinic.

**Executive Session began at 5:57 p.m.**

**Executive Session ended at 7:42 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 renewal contract:

- Genevieve Okafor, M.D. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Family Medicine Contract.
- Ellen Novicio, N.P. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Cardiology Contract.
- Samsadeen Issah, CRNA – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Anesthesia Contract.

David Dunn presented the following new contract:

- Kiana Ortiz, N.P. – This is a new three (3) year Cardiology Contract.
- Crystal Lewis, N.P. – This is a new three (3) year Urgent Care Contract.
- Amarachi Eke-Okoro, N.P. – This is a new three (3) year Urgent Care Contract.

Will Kappauf moved, and Wallace Don Hallmark seconded the motion to approve the MCH ProCare Provider Agreements as presented. The motion carried.

### **B. Consider Approval to Sell 1940 E. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Clinic.**

David Dunn presented the option to sell and accept bids to purchase the 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Clinic.

Don Hallmark moved, and Wallace Dunn seconded the motion to sell the 1940 E. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Clinic and accept bids to purchase the property.

Will Kappauf and Kathy Rhodes voted to oppose the motion. The motion carried.

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, David Dunn adjourned the meeting at 7:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'W. Kappauf', written over a horizontal line.

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