



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** 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. Kathy Rhodes was absent.

Wallace Dunn moved, and Don Hallmark seconded the motion to approved Kathy Rhodes' absence as excused. The motion carried.

**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**

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

#### **VI. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

##### **A. March 2026 Associates of the Month**

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

- Clinical – Rosa Weishaar
- Non-Clinical – Martha McKown
- Nurse – Francis Dapanas

##### **B. Net Promoter Score Recognition**

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

- Dr. Saima Mahmood
- Dr. Gia Marotta

#### **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, February 3, 2026**
- B. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, February 24, 2026**
- C. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, January 2026**
- D. Consider Approval of Compliance Program Manual – 2026 Review**

Will Kappauf 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. Financial Report for Month Ended January 31, 2026.
2. Consent Agenda
  - a. Consider Approval of Oracle Remote Hosting Scope-of-Use True Up.

Bryn Dodd moved, and Wallace 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 Thursday, February 26, 2026 at Noon to review and approve five (5) MCH policies meeting the committee guidelines. Three (3) policies were retired. The committee recommends approval of all the policies as presented.

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

**C. Audit Committee**

1. Presentation of FY25 Audited Financial Statements
2. Report to Management

Bryn Dodd moved and Don Hallmark seconded the motion to approve the Audit Committee report as presented. The motion carried.

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

Dr. Brian Schroeder, Interim Regional Dean, Odessa Campus, Texas Tech University provided an update on Texas Tech University Health Science Center. This report was informational only. No action was taken.

**XII. PATIENT SAFETY AND WORKFORCE SAFETY UPDATE**

Don Hallmark moved, and Wallace Dunn seconded the motion to table this item. The motion carried.

**XIII. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF 2026 EOC MANAGEMENT PLANS**

Amanda Everett, Director of Emergency Management and Safety, presented the 2026 EOC Management plans for approval.

Will Kappauf moved, and Don Hallmark seconded the motion to approve the 2026 Management Plans as presented. The motion carried.

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

**A. Consider Moving the April Board Meeting to Monday, April 6, 2026**

After discussion, it was decided to keep the April meeting as originally scheduled on Tuesday, April 7, 2026.

**B. Ad hoc Reports**

No additional reports were provided.

**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, 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.

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 Medical Director Agreement to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO and Sharon Clark, Chief Financial Officer, led the board in discussion about the BlueCross BlueShield contract.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, and Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, reported to the ECHD Board of Directors about a Cardiology issue.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, led the ECHD Board in discussions about the 2 bids received to purchase the property at 1940 E. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street.

Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, led the ECHD Board in discussions about the Quarterly Risk Report.

Sharon Clark, Chief Financial Officer, led the ECHD Board in discussions about the updated signing authority matrix.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, led the ECHD Board of Directors in discussions about supporting the partnership with the Permian Basin Behavioral Health Center.

**Executive Session began at 5:56 p.m.**

**Executive Session ended at 7:15 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:

- Mason Crumrine, N.P. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Orthopedics Contract.
- Merry Beth Hart, M.D. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Pediatrics Contract.
- Francisco Baeza, N.P. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Electrophysiology Contract.

David Dunn presented the following new contract:

- Sanjay Patel, M.D. – This is a new three (3) year Neonatology Contract.

David Dunn presented the following amendments:

- Chineme Chima-Nlewem, PA-C. – This is an amendment to a Pain Management Contract.
- MidWest Anesthesia Alliance, LLC– This is an amendment to an Anesthesia Contract.

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

**B. Consider Approval of Medical Director Agreement**

David Dunn presented the following Medical Director Agreement:

- Dr. Alejandra Garcia Fernandez – This is a one (1) year medical director agreement for Cardiopulmonary.

Wallace Dunn moved, and Don Hallmark seconded the motion to approve the medical director agreement as presented. The motion carried.

**C. Consider Bids to Purchase 1940 E. 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Clinic**

Wallace Dunn moved, and Don Hallmark seconded the motion to accept the high bid received from Wheelhouse Development, LLC in the sum of \$1,050,600.00.

Will Kappauf voted to oppose the acceptance of the winning bid to purchase the property located at 1940 E 42<sup>nd</sup> Street, Odessa, Texas. The motion carried.

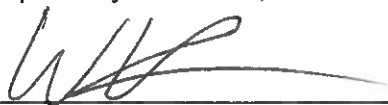
**D. Consider Short Term Financing to Permian Basin Behavioral Health Center.**

Wallace Dunn moved, and Bryn Dodd seconded the motion to approve short term partnership funding up to \$5,000,000.00 to the Permian Basin Behavioral Health Center, if needed. The motion carried.

**XVII. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, David Dunn adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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