

**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
MAY 5, 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  
Kathy Rhodes

**MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Wallace Dunn

**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. Wallace Dunn was absent. Kathy Rhodes moved, and Bryn Hill seconded the motion to approve his absence as excused.

**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**

Kathy Rhodes presented the Mission, Vision and Values of Medical Center Health System.

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

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

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

- Clinical – Martin Hernandez
- Non-Clinical – Reanna Rojo
- Nurse – Criselda Nicolas

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

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

- Dr. Sindhu Kaitha
- ProCare Cardio WSMP

##### **C. Excellence in Interdisciplinary Teamwork**

Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing Officer, recognized the following for the Excellence in Interdisciplinary Teamwork.

- Code Blue Committee and Pediatrics

#### **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, April 7, 2026**

**B. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, April 29, 2026**

**C. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, March 2026**

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 2, FY 2026
2. Quarterly Investment Officer's Certification
3. Financial Report for Month Ended March 31, 2026.
4. Consider Approval of Solventum Health Information Systems, Inc. Master Software and Services Agreement.
5. Consider Approval of Elevator Modernization Proposal

Bryn Hill 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 was not able to meet in person, but we reviewed and approved six (6) MCH policies meeting the committee guidelines and retired four (4) policies via email. 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. 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 Sciences Center. This report was informational only. No action was taken.

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

No report was provided.

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

### **A. Ad hoc Reports**

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, reported that the Grand Opening of the Permian Basin Behavioral Health Center is tomorrow, Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026.

Included in the packet was the Provider Recruitment report, Odessa Development News, Tobacco Settlement Distribution, and the Ector County Appraisal District estimate of taxable value.

These reports were informational only. No action was taken.

## **XIV. 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 Hill, Will Kappauf, Sylvia Rodriguez-Sanchez, David Dunn, Don Hallmark, 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.

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

Adiel Alvarado, President of MCH ProCare, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel, and Russell Tippin, President/CEO, led the ECHD Board of Directors in discussion about Permian Regional Medical Center.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, presented the MCH Lease Agreements to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, led the board in discussion about provider issues.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel and Bryn Hill, ECHD Board Member, led the board in discussion about the Beacon development.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, led the ECHD Board in discussion about property taxes and homestead exemptions.

Sharon Clark, Chief Financial Officer, provided an update on the managed care contract to the ECHD Board.

**Executive Session began at 5:54 p.m.**

**Executive Session ended at 6:57 p.m.**

No action was taken during Executive Session.

## **XV. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**

### **A. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreements.**

David Dunn presented the following renewal contract:

- Sudhir Bare, M.D. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Hospitalist Contract.
- Elias Marquez, N.P. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Urgent Care Contract.

David Dunn presented the following amendments:

- Timothy Townsend, M.D. – This an amendment to a Radiology Contract.
- Errol Anderson, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Radiology Contract.
- Jeffrey Freyder, M.D. – This is an amendment to an Orthopedics Contract.

David Dunn presented the following new contract:

- Michael Cuizon, N.P. – This is a new one (1) year Hospitalist Contract.

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

**B. Consider Approval of MCH Lease Agreements.**

David Dunn presented the following new lease agreement:

- Dr. Kirit Patel – Cardiology, 540 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite #350. This is a new two (2) year lease agreement.

David Dunn presented the following amendment to a current lease agreement:

- MCH ProCare – Cardiology, 540 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite #350. This amendment reduces the total square footage.

David Dunn presented the following renewal lease agreements:


- Midessa Neurosurgery and Complex Spine (Dr. Macauley Nwojo), 8050 Hwy 191, Suite 250. This is three (3) year renewal of a lease agreement.
- MCH ProCare – Dr Othee, 500 N. Washington, Suite 250. This is a three (3) year renewal of a lease agreement.

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Will Kappauf seconded the motion to approve the MCH Lease Agreements as presented. The motion carried.

**XVI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board, David Dunn adjourned the meeting at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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