

**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 1, 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
Steve Steen, Chief Legal Counsel
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

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

VI. AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

A. August 2026 Associates of the Month

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

- Clinical – Aaliyah Vega
- Non-Clinical – Charlene Hurst
- Nurse – Lakesha Caufield

B. Net Promoter Score Recognition

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

- Cath Lab
- Dr. Jorge Alamo

C. Access Point Grant – MCH FHC

David Garcia, Executive Director FHC, reported to the Board that the FHC was awarded an Access Point Grant from HRSA. The purpose of the grant is to expand access to comprehensive primary care to rural areas.

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, August 4, 2026**
- B. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, August 25, 2026**
- C. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, July 2026**

Kathy Rhodes moved, and Don Hallmark 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 July 31, 2026.

2. Consider Approval of Stryker Supplier Equipment 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 met in person on Thursday, August 27th, to review and approve twenty-one (21) policies meeting the committee guidelines. The committee recommends approval of the twenty-one (21) 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. PATIENT SAFETY AND WORKFORCE SAFETY UPDATE

No report was given.

XII. TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN REPORT

Dr. Brian Schroeder, 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.

XIII. S&P GLOBAL RATINGS

Sharon Clark, Chief Financial Officer, reported to the Board that our S&P rating has been reaffirmed.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

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

A. PBBHC Update

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, provided an update on the Permian Basin Behavioral Health Center. PBBHC is currently operating at 99% occupancy of its current capacity.

This was informational only. No action was taken.

B. THOT – Medical Center Health System: Rural Hospital' Trusted Partner

The THOT – Medical Center Health System: Rural Hospital Trusted Partner article was provided in the board packet.

This was informational only. No action was taken.

C. Ad hoc Reports

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, informed the ECHD Board that he would be serving on the THA Board of Directors starting in January 2027.

Included in the packet was the Provider Recruitment 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; (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, Sharon Clark, Chief Financial Officer, Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, Adiel Alvarado, President MCH ProCare, and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal.

Sharon Clark, Chief Financial Officer, presented the preliminary FY2027 Budget to the EHC Board of Directors during Executive Session.

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

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, provided an update on Permian Basin Medical Center to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session.

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

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, led the ECHD Board of Directors in discussion about plans for an Acute Surgical Center

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

Executive Session began at 6:03 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 8:17 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:

- Constance Gibson, N.P. – This is a new three (3) year Hospitalist contract.
- Yvonne Onyenze, N.P. – This is a new three (3) year Hospitalist contract.
- Keelian Foster, N.P. – This is a new one (1) year Cardiology contract.

David Dunn presented the following amendments:

- Mercy Anelo, M.D. – This an amendment to a Pathology Contract.

David Dunn presented the following renewal contract:

- Angela Green, N.P. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Walk-In Clinic 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 Amendment to TraumaCare Agreement.

David Dunn presented the following amendment:

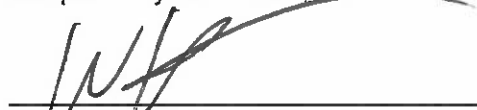
- Timothy Gutierrez, M.D. – This is an amendment to a MCH TraumaCare agreement.

Don Hallmark moved, and Sylvia Rodriguez-Sanchez seconded the motion to approve the Amendment to a TraumaCare agreement as presented. The motion carried.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, David Dunn adjourned the meeting at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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