

**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 1, 2025 – 5:30 p.m.**

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Wallace Dunn, President
Don Hallmark, Vice President
Bryn Dodd
Richard Herrera
David Dunn
Will Kappauf
Kathy Rhodes

OTHERS PRESENT:

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer
Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer
Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer
Kim Leftwich, Chief Nursing Officer
Dr. Jeffrey Pinnow, Chief of Staff
Grant Trollope, Assistant Chief Financial Officer
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

Wallace 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

Wallace Dunn called roll, and all members were present.

III. INVOCATION

Chaplain Doug Herget offered the invocation.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Wallace 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. April 2025 Associates of the Month

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, introduced the April 2025 Associates of the Month as follows:

- Clinical – Amanda Fuentez
- Non-Clinical – Gilbert Leonico
- Nurse – Tausha Martinez

B. Net Promoter Score Recognition

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

- MCH Gastroenterology
- Dr. Santiago Giraldo

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, March 4, 2025**
- B. Consider Approval of Joint Conference Committee, March 25, 2025**
- C. Consider Approval of Federally Qualified Health Center Monthly Report, February 2025**

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

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Finance Committee

1. Financial Report for Month Ended February 28, 2025
2. FEMA Funds Update
3. Consent Agenda
 - a. Consider Approval of MedSharps Agreement Renewal.
4. Consider Approval of MedImpact Amendment
5. Consider Ratification of the Emergency Purchase of Dell UPS 3W Replacement

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

B. Audit Committee

The Audit Committee met on March 26, they received a report and letter to management from Danielle Zimmerman with Forvis Mazars. The audit report reflected an unmodified audit opinion on Fiscal Year 2024. The Committee approved the report and letter to management and recommends the Board approve the Forvis Mazars Fiscal Year 2024 Audit Report and letter to management.

Don Hallmark moved, and David Dunn seconded the motion to approve the Audit Committee report as presented. The motion carried.

C. Executive Policy Committee

The Executive Policy Committee met on March 27, 2025 to review and approve two (2) MCH policies meeting the committee guidelines. The committee recommends approval of the submitted policies as presented.

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

D. Real Estate Committee

Don Hallmark reported that the Real Estate Committee met on March 31 and discussed two separate properties and MCH is in the initial stages of discussion with Texas Tech.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

XI. TTUHSC AT THE PERMIAN BASIN REPORT

No report was provided.

XII. TRAUMA RESOLUTION

Russell Tippin, Chief Executive Officer, presented the Trauma Resolution on behalf of Dr. Gregory York, for the Board's consideration.

The resolution reads as follows:



THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

RESOLUTION

We, the Board of Directors of the Ector County Hospital District, resolve that we will support the Trauma Program at Medical Center Hospital attaining Level II Trauma verification and designation. We will be committed to providing the resources necessary to ensure quality care of the trauma patient to achieve optimal outcomes throughout the continuum of care. This we do to further our commitment as the lead trauma facility for all citizens of Ector County and Trauma Service Area "J".

The Trauma Program is the cornerstone of our regional outreach plan and an integral component of our hospital strategic plan. Our support encompasses funding for uncompensated care, physician coverage, contracts, professional education, injury prevention education, clinical facilities, modern technologies, and dedicated staff.

Medical Center Hospital will continue to be active in leadership roles in Texas "J" Regional Advisory Council. Our Trauma Program staff will be supported in participating at the state level in the Texas Trauma Coordinators Forum, The Texas Emergency, Trauma, and Acute Care Foundation, and the Governor's Emergency and Trauma Advisory Council and Committee. We are committed to furthering the development of the Texas Trauma System in our region and the state.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the Board of Directors of the Ector County Hospital District of Odessa, Texas this 1st day of April 2025.


Wallace Dunn
ECHD Board President

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Will Kappauf moved, and David Dunn seconded the motion to approve the Trauma Resolution as presented. The motion carried.

XIII. CONSIDERATION/APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT 5 DIRECTOR

Wallace Dunn, ECHD President, informed the Board that there are no eligible candidates running for District 5 Director. The position will be open for the next Board term beginning in May, and he will entertain nominations for the open position.

David Dunn nominated the current District 5 Director, Don Hallmark, to fill the District 5 Director position for the new Board term, and Bryn Dodd seconded the nomination motion.

The motion passed, and Don Hallmark was appointed to fill the open District 5 Director position. Will Kappauf voted nay.

XIV. PUBLIC HEARING – AUTHORIZE A LOCAL PROVIDER PARTICIPATION FUND AND CONSIDER FISCAL YEAR 2025 MANDATORY PAYMENT RATE

Wallace Dunn stated *“As required by Chapter 300 of the Texas Health and Safety Code, the Ector County Hospital District is holding a public hearing to accept comments from the public regarding the creation of a Local Provider Participation Fund and the adoption of a mandatory payment rate for fiscal year 2025. For those wishing to make a public comments and who have not already done so, please sign in with Ms. Connolly. Comments to the Board will be limited to 3 minutes. Each speaker will be given a 1-minute warning prior to the expiration of the 3-minute time limit.”*

There were no members of the public who requested to address the ECHD Board of Directors.

XV. ORDER AUTHORIZING AND IMPLEMENTING A LOCAL PROVIDER PARTICIPATION FUND UNDER CHAPTER 300 OF THE TEXAS HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE

Russell Tippin, President and CEO, presented the Order Authorizing and Implementing a Local Provider Participation Fund Under Chapter 300 of the Texas Health and Safety Code.

ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT

**ORDER AUTHORIZING AND IMPLEMENTING A LOCAL PROVIDER PARTICIPATION FUND
UNDER CHAPTER 300 OF THE TEXAS HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE**

WHEREAS, the Ector County Hospital District (the "District") is a political subdivision of the State of Texas responsible for ensuring access to hospital services for the residents of Ector County, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 300 of the Texas Health and Safety Code (the "Code") authorizes certain hospital districts to establish a Local Provider Participation Fund ("LPPF") as a means of generating local funding to support intergovernmental transfers for the non-federal share of Medicaid supplemental and directed payment programs; and

WHEREAS, the District seeks to enhance the availability of hospital services by implementing an LPPF in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 300 of the Code; and

WHEREAS, the District Board of Directors has determined that establishing an LPPF is in the best interests of the community and will provide financial support for local hospitals;

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

1. The District hereby authorizes the creation and implementation of an LPPF pursuant to Chapter 300 of the Code.
2. The District shall impose a mandatory payment on the net patient revenue of each institutional health care provider within its jurisdiction, consistent with the limitations established by Chapter 300 of the Code.
3. The mandatory payment rate shall be determined annually by the Board of Directors and for fiscal year 2025 shall be six percent (6%) of net patient revenue.
4. All revenue collected through the LPPF shall be deposited into a segregated fund within the District's accounts and shall be used exclusively for the purposes authorized under Chapter 300 of the Code.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 1st day of April, 2025, by the Board of Directors of the Ector County Hospital District.


Bryn Dodd


Board Member, District 1


Richard Herrera

Board Member, District 3


Don Hallmark

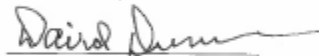
Board Member, District 5


Kathy Rhodes

Board Member, District 7


Will Kappauf

Board Member, District 2


David Dunn

Board Member, District 4


Wallace Dunn

Board Member, District 6

Kathy Rhodes moved, and David Dunn seconded the motion to approve the Order Authorizing and Implementing a Local Provider Participation Fund Under Chapter 300 of the Texas Health and Safety Code as presented. The motion carried.

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

A. Measles Update

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, reported to the Board that the measles numbers continue to increase with the majority of them being in Gaines County, Texas. MCH is continuing to screen visitors at the clinics and emergency department.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

B. Trash Pick up – April 26th

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, report to the Board of Directors that the trash pick up will start at 8:00 a.m. We will be meeting at the MCM Fundome.

This report was informational only. No action was taken.

C. Ad hoc Reports

No other reports were provided.

XVII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Wallace 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 Real Property pursuant to Section 551.072; (3) Deliberations regarding Economic Development Negotiations

and (4) Deliberations regarding negotiations for health care services, pursuant to Section 551.085 of the Texas Government Code.

ATTENDEES for the entire Executive Session: ECHD Board members, Bryn Dodd, Will Kappauf, Richard Herrera, David Dunn, Don Hallmark, Wallace Dunn, Kathy Rhodes and Russell Tippin, President/CEO, Steve Ewing, Chief Financial Officer, Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, and Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal.

Adiel Alvarado, President ProCare, presented the ProCare provider agreement to the ECHD Board of Directors during Executive Session and then was excused from the remainder of Executive Session.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, presented the MCH TraumaCare Provider Agreements.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, presented the MCH Lease Agreement.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, led the board in discussion about the mental health district.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, led the board in discussion amount the PAC.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, led the board in discussion about Project Oasis.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, led the board in discussion about the parking lot and building Texas Tech is interested in.

Matt Collins, Chief Operating Officer, led the board in discussion about an Energy-as-a-Service proposal.

Russell Tippin, President/CEO, report to the board about the CMO and the Chief Cyber Security Officer positions.

Executive Session began at 6:07 p.m.

Executive Session ended at 7:26 p.m.

No action was taken during Executive Session.

XVIII. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Consider Approval of MCH ProCare Provider Agreements.

Wallace Dunn presented the following new contracts:

- Bolanie Bolaji, M.D. – This is a new three (3) year Hospitalist Contract.
- Keren Muhammad Junaid Anwar, M.D. – This is a new three (3) year Hospitalist Contract.
- Nathaniel Wolkenfeld, M.D. – This is a new three (3) year General Surgery Contract.
- Obianju Mercy Anelo, M.D. – This is a new three (3) year Pathology Contract.
- Lori Dionne Conklin, M.D. – This is a new three (3) year Anesthesia Contract.

Wallace Dunn presented the following amendment:

- Abhishek Bhari Jayadevappa, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Anesthesia Contract.
- Sung Hwang, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Anesthesia Contract.
- Sridhar Punaepalli Reddy, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Anesthesia Contract.
- Kevin Harbourn, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Anesthesia Contract.
- Timothy Castro, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Anesthesia Contract.
- Joseph Bryan, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Anesthesia Contract.
- Bnagalore Annalah Putta Shanker, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Anesthesia Contract.
- Meghana Gillala, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Anesthesia Contract.
- Marlys Munnell, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Anesthesia Contract.
- Kenneth “Skip” Batch., M.D. – This is an amendment to a Anesthesia Contract.
- Jannie Tang, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Anesthesia Contract.
- Melissa Freeman, FNP-BC – This is an amendment to a FHC Contract.

Wallace Dunn presented the following renewal:

- Abhishek Bhari Jayadevappa, M.D. – This is three (3) year renewal of a Anesthesia Contract.
- Joseph Bryan, M.D. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Anesthesia Contract.
- Kevin Harbourn, M.D. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Anesthesia Contract.
- Meghana Gillala, M.D. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Anesthesia Contract.
- Marlys Munnell, M.D. – This is a three (3) year renewal of a Anesthesia Contract.

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

B. Consider Approval of MCH TraumaCare Provider Agreements

Wallace Dunn presented the following amendment:

- Regina Sledge, N.P. – This is an amendment to a Trauma Contract.
- Dennis Choi, M.D. – This is an amendment to a Trauma Contract.

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

C. Consider Approval of MCH Lease Agreement

Wallace Dunn presented the following lease agreement:

- Dr. Nkechi Ezirim, Maternal Fetal – This is three (3) year lease agreement.

David Dunn moved, and Kathy Rhodes seconded the motion to approve the MCH Lease Agreement as presented. The motion carried.

D. Consider Approval of Enterprise Zone Tax Abatement Agreement

No action taken.

XIX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, Wallace Dunn adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Dunn", written over a horizontal line.

David Dunn, Secretary
Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors