

**EL PASO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING MINUTES**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022 – 3:00 P.M.  
EIGHTH FLOOR BOARD ROOM**

<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>OTHERS</u></b>
Henry Gallardo, Board Chair Joy Martinez, Board Vice Chair Kristina Mena, Ph.D., Board Secretary Carlos Martinez, Board Member Steve DeGroat, Board Member  <b><u>ABSENT</u></b> Anna Perez, Ed.D., Board Member Veronica Carbajal, Board Member	R. Jacob Cintron, President & CEO Jennifer Carrasco, Exec. Asst. to the Board of Managers Michael Nuñez, District Chief Financial Officer Omar Villa, Chief Legal Officer Amy Daher, Chief Nursing Officer Maria Zampini, Chief Operating Officer Ruben Vogt, Asst. Admin., Government Relations Dr. Richard Lange, President of TTUHSC Bruce Yetter, Assistant County Attorney Carol Smallwood, CEO, El Paso Health Yvonne Acosta, Admin. Dir., Medical Staff/Risk Management  <b><u>REMOTE PARTICIPANTS:</u></b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> Dave Thomsen  Gus Gonzalez  Janel Lujan  John Runkles  Lorena Navedo  Pat Valdez-Rios  Sito Negron </div> <div> Eddie Sosa  Haley Francis  Janice Harris  Leticia Flores  Omar Garza  Ray Davis </div> </div>

**1, 2, & 3. CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Henry Gallardo, board chair, called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. A quorum was established. No one signed up for public comment.

Mr. Gallardo spoke publicly to thank Mr. Cintron and the entire team for their hard work and for going out in the community 70 plus times to share UMC's story and the need as it relates to the certificates of obligation request. Mr. Gallardo noted that Mr. Cintron and his team went above and beyond and he recognized that they sacrificed a great deal of time to make it happen.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**ACTION: MOTION** to approve the consent agenda items #4-11 (listed below) was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Dr. Mena. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Mr. Martinez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes. Motion carried. *Note: Mr. Martinez abstained from voting on consent agenda item #7.*

**4. Approve the minutes of the Board of Managers meetings held on August 2, 2022, August 9, 2022 and August 16, 2022.**  
(Tab A)

**5. Approve the Hospital District's Annual Insurance Premium Renewals (FY2023).**  
(Tab B) (Finance Committee)

**6. Approve the El Paso County Hospital District combined Financial Statements for July 2022.**  
(Tab C) (Finance Committee)

**7. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the Cisco SmartNet Maintenance Renewal Agreement.**

**(Tab D) (Finance Committee)**

**8. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the Centralized Patient Access Consulting Services Agreement (RFQ#910-03/20-001) with Huron Consulting.**

**(Tab E) (Finance Committee)**

**9. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Selection Committee's recommendation for PBX Console (RFP#937-04-22-001).**

**(Tab F) (Finance Committee)**

**10. Adopt the following policies:**

**(Tab G) (Finance & PAC Committee)**

- 1. Investments (F-11)**
- 2. Patient Complaints (P-13)**

**11. Approve the following Medical Staff requests:**

**(Tab H) (PAC Committee)**

- 1. Temporary Privileges**
- 2. Initial Medical Staff Applications**
- 3. Initial Allied Health Professional Applications**
- 4. Medical Staff Reappointments and Renewal of Privileges**
- 5. Allied Health Professional Reappointment and Renewal of Privileges**
- 6. Additional Privileges**
- 7. Change in Category Status/Privileges**
- 8. Request for Leave of Absence/Resignation/Relocation**
- 9. Suspensions and Reinstatements**
- 10. Automatic termination per Bylaws Article VIII 8.1.6**
- 11. Other Business**
- 12. Focused Professional Practice Evaluations**
- 13. Ongoing Professional Practice Evaluations**

### **REGULAR AGENDA**

**12. Receive and take appropriate action on the CEO Report for the El Paso County Hospital District d/b/a University Medical Center of El Paso.**

The Board of Managers received a verbal update on behalf of EPCHD d/b/a UMC. Mr. Cintron presented on the following topics:

- Certificates of Obligation
  - Mr. Cintron thanked the EPCHD Board Members, UMC team, Dr. Lange, Texas Tech Physician Leadership, and many others for attending and speaking in support of the certificates of obligation
  - UMC met with various community organizations to inform and educate the public on the project and the community meetings also gave the team the opportunity to explain the needs

- and purpose of the certificates of obligation; demonstrate good financial stewardship of the organization; and clarify mis-information that was being put out in the community
- Mr. Cintron discussed the next steps which include the validation of the signatures of the opposing petition and the team will return back to Commissioners Court for the results on October 3
- COVID-19
  - The Public Health Emergency is expected to be renewed in mid-October for another 90 days
  - Received the approved Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccine boosters that target the BA.4 and BA.5 subvariants
  - The updated Pfizer booster is for ages 12 and older
  - The updated Moderna booster is for adults 18 and older
  - The CDC has allocated a total of about 900,000 doses of the updated boosters to Texas
- MonkeyPox / Flu
  - El Paso's Public Health Department has received 600 doses
  - There has been at least one confirmed cases in El Paso
  - Encourage everyone to get their flu shot
- Government Relations – Federal
- Government Relations - State

**ACTION: MOTION** to accept the CEO report was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Ms. Martinez. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Mr. Martinez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes. Motion carried.

**13. Review and take appropriate action to adopt the Seventh Amended Bylaws of El Paso First Health Plans, Inc.**  
**(Tab D)**

Mr. Bruce Yetter, Assistant County Attorney, presented this item for approval. He noted that the Seventh Amended Bylaws of El Paso First Health Plans, Inc. reflects an extensive re-write to bring the bylaws up to date and reflect the actual relationship between the two entities, UMC and El Paso First Health Plans. The Seventh Amended Bylaws of El Paso First Health Plans, Inc. was previously reviewed and approved by the El Paso Health Board of Directors for consideration and approval by the EPCHD Board of Managers.

**ACTION: MOTION** to adopt the Seventh Amended Bylaws of El Paso First Health Plans, Inc. as presented was made by Ms. Martinez and seconded by Dr. Mena. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Mr. Martinez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes. Motion carried.

The Board of Managers convened Executive Session at 3:23 pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**14. Receive Annual Compliance Report for 2021 and the 2022 Compliance Plan from the Chief Compliance Officer, pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code §161.032(b)(2).**

*Discussed. Action taken in Open Session.*

**15. Receive legal advice pertaining to the request to the El Paso County Commissioners Court for the issuance of certificates of obligation, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071.**

*Discussed. No action taken.*

*Any action taken as a result of this discussion will be taken at the opening of this meeting after closed session, or at a subsequent meeting*

**OPEN SESSION**

The Board of Managers re-convened Open Session at 5:03pm.

**16. Take appropriate action on the Annual Compliance Report for 2021 and the 2022 Compliance Plan.**

Agenda item was reviewed and discussed in executive session.

**ACTION: MOTION** to approve the Annual Compliance Report for 2021 and the 2022 Compliance Plan as presented in executive session was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Ms. Martinez. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Mr. Martinez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes. Motion carried.


**17. Discuss and take appropriate action regarding the request to the El Paso County Commissioners Court for the issuance of the certificates of obligation.**

Agenda item was discussed in executive session. No action required.

**18. Adjournment.**

**ACTION: MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. Martinez and seconded by Dr. Mena. The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.

  
Henry Gallardo, Board Chair

  
Kristina Mena, Ph.D., Board Secretary