

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

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

<b><u>PRESENT</u></b>	<b><u>OTHERS</u></b>
Henry Gallardo, Board Chair Kristina Mena, Ph.D., Board Secretary (remote) Anna Perez, Ed.D., Board Member Carlos Martinez, Board Member Steve DeGroat, Board Member  <b><u>ABSENT</u></b> Joy Martinez, Board Vice Chair	R. Jacob Cintron, President & CEO Jennifer Carrasco, Exec. Asst. to the Board of Managers Leticia Flores, Chief Financial Officer, UMC Omar Villa, Chief Legal Officer Dr. Joel Hendryx, Chief Medical Officer Amy Daher, Chief Nursing Officer Maria Zampini, Chief Operating Officer Jon Law, DsC., Chief Strategic Officer Lorena Navedo, Chief Administrative Officer Ray Davis, Chief Information Officer Ruben Vogt, Asst. Admin., Government Relations Eddie Sosa, First Assistant County Attorney Paul Braden, Norton, Rose, Fulbright Harold Emahiser, Optimum Financial Dr. R. Lange, President of TTUHSC Ryan Mielke, Director of Public Affairs Gabby Rodriguez, UMC  <b><u>REMOTE PARTICIPANTS:</u></b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>Carol Smallwood</div> <div>Dave Thomsen</div> <div>Cheri Shapleigh</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>Cathy Gibson</div> <div>Janel Lujan</div> <div>John Runkles</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>Gabriela Reed</div> <div>Gus Gonzalez</div> <div>Janice Harris</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div>Pat Valdez-Rios</div> <div>Cynthia Renteria</div> <div>Elisa Hernandez</div> </div>

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

Mr. Henry Gallardo, board chair, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. on Tuesday, December 13, 2022. A quorum was established. One individual signed up for public comment; however, the individual did not show up for the meeting in person or via remote.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**ACTION: MOTION** to approve the consent agenda items #4-14 (listed below) was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Dr. Perez. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. Martinez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes. Motion carried.

**4. Approve the minutes of the Board of Managers meeting held on November 8, 2022.**  
(Tab A)

**5. Approve the El Paso County Hospital District combined Financial Statements for October 2022.**  
(Tab B) (Finance Committee)

**6. Accept the Quarterly Investment Report for period ended September 30, 2022.**  
(Tab C) (Finance Committee)

- 7. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the Cerner SurgiNet Implementation Sales Order Amendment for the West Ambulatory Surgical Center.  
(Tab D) (Finance Committee)**
- 8. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the Cerner Upgrade Center Management Services (UCMS) Sales Order Amendment.  
(Tab E) (Finance Committee)**
- 9. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the contract with Medac, LLC for CRNA billing services.  
(Tab F) (Finance Committee)**
- 10. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute an agreement with El Paso Children's Hospital, Inc. for hospital district management services.  
(Finance Committee)**
- 11. Approve and adopt the following:  
(Tab G) (Finance Committee & PAC Committee)**
  - 1. Third Party-Audit Policy (F-21)  
(Finance Committee)**
  - 2. Violence in the Workplace (A-16)**
  - 3. Informed Consent (L-8)**
  - 4. Funeral Leave, Jury Duty, Subpoena, Voting (H-2-16)**
  - 5. Paid Time Off (PTO) (H-2-27)**
  - 6. Reasonable Accommodations (H-7-2)**
  - 7. Disaster Privileges (MS-107)**
  - 8. Medical Staff Bylaws  
(PAC Committee)**
- 12. Approve and adopt the Medical Directors List FY2023 (10/1/2022-9/30/2023).  
(Tab H) (PAC Committee)**
- 13. Approve the following Medical Staff requests:  
(Tab I) (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**

**14. Approve and adopt a resolution regarding the obligations of the El Paso County Hospital District as they relate to the application by El Paso First Health Plans, Inc., d/b/a El Paso Health to Texas HHSC for STAR/CHIP program participation.**  
**(Tab J) (Finance Committee)**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**15. 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 an update on behalf of EPCHD d/b/a UMC. Mr. Cintron presented on the following topics:

- Surgical Innovation Success / Congratulations to Drs. Kaleem and Schubert
- COVID-19 / RSV / FLU
- Government Relations - State
- Government Relations - Federal

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

**16. Receive an update on behalf of El Paso Health.**

**ACTION: TABLED**

**17. Receive a presentation and take appropriate action on the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Agenda.**

The Board of Managers received a presentation on the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Agenda. Mr. Vogt presented on the following topics:

- 2022 Review
- State Redistricting: Texas House / Texas Senate
- El Paso State Delegation
- 2022-2023 State Update
- State Budget Outlook
- State Legislative Agenda
  - Action Agenda
    - Local Provider Participation Fund Renewal
    - Funding for the El Paso Psychiatric Center
  - Policy Agenda
    - Hospital Financing
    - Coverage & Access
    - Workforce & Operations
    - Behavioral Health
- 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Session Key Dates

**ACTION: MOTION** to accept the 88<sup>th</sup> Legislative Agenda as presented was made by Mr. Martinez and seconded by Dr. Perez. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. Martinez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes. Motion carried.

**18. Discuss and take appropriate action on a resolution to re-appoint Ms. Aleksandra Anello as the joint El Paso County Hospital District / El Paso County appointee to the Emergence Health Network Board of Trustees for the term beginning January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024.**

**19. Discuss and take appropriate action on a resolution to re-appoint Mr. Thomas B. Goldfarb as the joint El Paso County Hospital District / El Paso County appointee to the Emergence Health Network Board of Trustees for the term beginning January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024.**

At the request of Mr. Gallardo, board chair, agenda items #18 and #19 were presented and voted on together. Ms. Lorena presented a bio on both Ms. Anello and Mr. Goldfarb and requested approval to re-appoint each one as a joint EPCHD / EP County appointee to the Emergence Health Network Board of Trustees for a two-year term.

**ACTION: MOTION** to approve the re-appointments of Ms. Anello and Mr. Goldfarb was made by Mr. Martinez and seconded by Mr. DeGroat. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. Martinez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes. Motion carried.

**20. Discuss and take appropriate action on the Credentialing Agreement with Quick Claimers Medical Billing, and upon approval, authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the agreement.**

Ms. Rodriguez presented the executive summary and request for approval.

**ACTION: MOTION** to approve was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Mr. Martinez. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. Martinez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes. Motion carried.

**21. Discuss and take appropriate action on the Salesforce Customer Relationship Management (CRM) Sales Order Amendment, and upon approval, authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the agreement.**

**22. Discuss and take appropriate action on the Cerner HealtheCRM Sales Order Amendment, and upon approval, authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute the agreement.**

Mr. Davis noted that agenda items #21 and #22 were related and at the approval of Mr. Gallardo, board chair, both agenda items were presented and voted on together. Mr. Davis presented an executive summary for each item and request for approval of both agenda items.

**ACTION: MOTION** to approve agenda items #21 and #22 as presented was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Dr. Perez. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. Martinez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes. Motion carried.

The Board of Managers convened Executive Session at 3:51 pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**23. Receive FY2022 Nursing Services Staffing Effectiveness Annual Report, pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code §161.032.**

**24. Discuss information relating to proposed service lines or product lines of hospital district, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.085(a)(2).**

**25. Discuss disposition of property in Central El Paso, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.072.**

**26. Discuss acquisition of property in Central El Paso and the leasing of a portion of said property, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.072.**

**27. Discuss acquisition of property in East El Paso and the leasing of a portion of said property, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.072.**

**28. Receive semi-annual report on current litigation, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.071.**  
*Report not received. Tabled for next month.*

*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 5:33pm.

**29. Take appropriate action on the FY2022 Nursing Services Staffing Effectiveness Annual Report.**

Report received, reviewed and discussed in executive session.

**ACTION: MOTION** to accept the FY2022 Nursing Services Staffing Effectiveness Annual Report as presented in executive session was made by Mr. Martinez and seconded by Mr. DeGroat. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. Martinez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes. Motion carried.

**30. Subject to approval by the El Paso County Commissioners Court, adopt a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to execute all required instruments to effectuate the disposition of property in Central El Paso.**

**ACTION: MOTION** to approve agenda item #30 based on the discussion in executive session was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Mr. Martinez. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. Martinez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes. Motion carried.

**31. Subject to approval by the El Paso County Commissioners Court, adopt a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to execute all required instruments to effectuate the purchase of property in Central El Paso and further, to authorize the President and Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a lease agreement for said property.**

**ACTION: MOTION** to approve agenda item #31 based on the discussion in executive session was made by Mr. Martinez and seconded by Mr. DeGroat. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. Martinez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes. Motion carried.

**32. Subject to approval by the El Paso County Commissioners Court, adopt a resolution authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to execute all required instruments to effectuate the purchase of property in East El Paso and further, to authorize the President and Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a lease for said property pending final purchase.**

Based on the discussion in executive session in regards to agenda item #32, Mr. Villa, chief legal officer, read the following revised language:

*Subject to approval by the El Paso County Commissioners Court, adopt a resolution approving and authorizing the President and Chief Executive Officer to enter into a lease with an option to purchase real estate at a price not exceeding the appraised value and further, to authorize the President and Chief Executive Officer to acquire the property for a patient facility in East El Paso.*

**ACTION: MOTION** to approve agenda item #32 based on the discussion in executive session was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Dr. Perez. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. Martinez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes. Motion carried.


**33. Approve and authorize the contribution of capital to Thomason Cares, Inc. pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code section 281.0565(d).**

**TABLED. NO ACTION.**

**34. Adjournment.**

**ACTION: MOTION** to adjourn the meeting was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Mr. Martinez. The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

  
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Henry Gallardo, Board Chair

  
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Kristina Mena, Ph.D., Board Secretary