

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

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023 – 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 Isidro Torres, Board Member Miguel Fernandez, Board Member (remote) Anna Perez, Ed.D., Board Member Steve DeGroat, Board Member  <b><u>ABSENT</u></b> None	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 Maria Zampini, COO Jon Law, CSO Carol Smallwood, CEO, El Paso Health Dr. Joel Hendryx, CMO Lorena Navedo, CAO Amy Daher, CNO Cathy Gibson, CCO Chris Chacon, CEO, UMC Surgical Hospital Jose Rodriguez, CNO/COO UMC Surgical Hospital Eric Johansen, Iterim CQO Dr. R. Lange, President of TTUHSC El Paso Sandra Gonzalez, Admin. Dir., Trauma Services Yvonne Acosta, Admin. Dir., Medical Staff/ Risk Dr. A. Tyroch, Past Chief of Staff Dr. Mesarch Katie McAlarney, Medical Staff Ruben Vogt, Asst. Admin., Gov't Relations Ryan Mielke, Director of Public Affairs  <i>Several others attended virtually.</i>

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

Mr. Henry Gallardo, board chair, called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. on Tuesday, November 14, 2023. A quorum was established. No one signed up for public comment.

**4. Approve the minutes of the Board of Managers meeting held on October 10, 2023.  
(Tab A)**

There were no corrections to the meeting minutes that were previously distributed. With no corrections, the meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**ACTION: MOTION** to approve the consent agenda items #5-10 (listed below) was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Dr. Mena. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes; Mr. Fernandez, Yes. Motion carried.

**5. Acknowledge receipt of the El Paso County Hospital District combined Financial Statements for September 2023.**

**(Tab B) (Finance Committee)**

**6. Approve and authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Selection Committee's recommendation for Prosthetic and Orthotic Services at UMC (RFP#780-07-23-002).**

**(Tab C) (Finance Committee)**

**7. Approve and adopt policy F-7, "Capital Budget".**

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

**8. Accept the Quarterly Investment Report for period ended September 30, 2023.**

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

**9. Acknowledge receipt and accept the September 30, 2023 Pre-Audit Letter from FORVIS.**

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

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

**(Tab G) (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**

**11. 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:

- Successful Hospital District Costume Contest for Associates
- UMC Surgical Hospital Upcoming Welcome Events
- UMC Better Health Event
- Ruben Vogt, Asst. Admin for Government Affairs, receives Volunteer of the Year Recognition and continues to serve the El Paso Community
- Government Relations
  - Federal
  - State
- October UMC Minutes Video

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

**12. Receive and take appropriate action on a quarterly update on behalf of Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center El Paso**

The Board of Managers received an update on behalf of TTUHSC El Paso. Dr. Lange presented on the following topics:

- Annual Thanksgiving Lunch where Faculty Serve the Students
- Season of Thanks Event
  - Thank Donors who have donated to scholarships
  - Shared the story of Diana Moreno
- Increase # of Physicians by 61%, increase # of nurses by 24%

**ACTION: MOTION** to accept the TTUHSC El Paso quarterly update was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Dr. Perez. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes; Mr. Fernandez, Yes. Motion carried.

**13. Receive and take appropriate action on a quarterly update on behalf of El Paso Children's Hospital.**

The Board of Managers received an update on behalf of El Paso Children's Hospital. Dr. Stout presented on the following topics:

- Preparation for Influenza Season / RSV Vaccination
- Year End Close Volumes
- Capital Investments
- Growth and Development
- Service Line Growth
- Hyundai Hope on Wheels
- Children's Miracle Network Campaigns
- A&A All the Way Foundation Visit
- City Magazine Medical Professional Profiles
- El Pasoans Fighting Hunger Giveback Day
- State of the Military
- Childhood Cancer Awareness Month County Resolution
- City of El Paso Childhood Cancer Awareness Proclamation
- Craniosynostosis Awareness Month
- Pediatric Diabetes Conference
- Laura & Pat Gordon Advanced Level IV NICU Redesignation Celebration
- Meet the Doctor Social Media Series

**ACTION: MOTION** to accept the EPCH quarterly update was made by Dr. Perez and seconded by Mr. DeGroat. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes; Mr. Fernandez, Yes. Motion carried.

**14. Discuss and take appropriate action to authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute a contract with Wolters Kluwer for the Up to Date and Up to Date Advanced Enterprise Subscription.  
(Tab H)**

Mr. Johansen, Interim Chief Quality Officer, presented this item for consideration of approval.

**ACTION: MOTION** to approve the request as presented was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Ms. Martinez. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes; Mr. Fernandez, Yes. Motion carried.

**15. Review and adopt a resolution in support of the University Medical Center of El Paso Level I Comprehensive Trauma Facility Re-Designation.  
(Tab I)**

Ms. Sandra Gonzalez, Admin., Director of Trauma Services, presented this item for consideration of approval.

**ACTION: MOTION** to adopt a resolution in support of the UMC Level I Comprehensive Trauma Facility ReDesignation was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Mr. Torres. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes; Mr. Fernandez, Yes. Motion carried.

**16. Adopt resolutions making an appointment to the Board of Directors of UMC El Paso Healthcare, Inc. and appointing a president of UMC El Paso Healthcare, Inc.  
(Tab J)**

Mr. Omar Villa, Chief Legal Officer, presented this item for consideration of approval. The recommendation is to:

Appoint Cesar Garcia, M.D. as a Director of UMCEPH to fulfill the unexpired term of Ismael Rodriguez, M.D. on the Board of Directors, commencing on this day, and continuing until the appointment and qualification of his successor and in compliance with the Bylaws of UMCEPH.

Appoint Ismael Rodriguez, M.D. as President of UMCEPH to fulfill the unexpired term of Joel Hendryx, D.O., commencing on this day, and continuing until the appointment and qualification of his successor and in compliance with the Bylaws of UMCEPH.

**ACTION: MOTION** to adopt resolutions for the appointments as presented was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Mr. Fernandez. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Ms. Martinez, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes; Mr. Fernandez, Yes. Motion carried.

The Board of Managers convened Executive Session at 3:59 pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

*Discussed. No action required.*

**18. Discuss potential real property acquisition in east El Paso, pursuant to Texas Government Code §551.072.**

*Discussed. No action taken in open session.*

**19. Receive a quality report, pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code §161.032(b)(2).**

*Tabled.*

**20. Receive Annual Compliance Report for 2022/2023 and the 2024 Compliance Plan from the Chief Compliance Officer, pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code §161.032(b)(2).**

*Tabled.*

**21. Discussion regarding provider number 137315, pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code §161.032(b)(2).**

*Discussed. Action taken in open session.*

*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 5:12pm.

**22. Take appropriate action on the Annual Compliance Report for 2022/2023 and the 2024 Compliance Plan.**

*Tabled.*

**23. Take appropriate action regarding provider number 137315.**

Based on the discussion during executive session, the Board of Managers took action.

**ACTION: MOTION** to affirm the recommendation of the Professional Affairs Committee was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Dr. Perez. The vote was Ms. Martinez, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes. Motion carried.

*(Mr. Gallardo left for a prior engagement; Mr. Fernandez did not dial back in)*

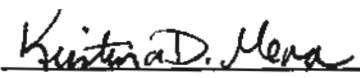
**24. Take appropriate action regarding real property acquisition in east El Paso.**

*Tabled.*

**25. Adjournment.**

Board of Managers meeting adjourned at 5:14pm.

  
Henry Gallardo, Board Chair

  
Kristina Mena, Ph.D., Board Secretary