

EL PASO COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024 – 3:00 P.M.  
EIGHTH FLOOR BOARD ROOM

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>OTHERS</u>
Henry Gallardo, Board Chair Joy Martinez, Board Vice-Chair Kristina Mena, Ph.D., Board Secretary Isidro Torres, Board Member Anna Perez, Ed.D., Board Member Steve DeGroat, Board Member  <u>ABSENT</u> Miguel Fernandez, 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 Maria Zampini, COO Dr. Joel Hendryx, CMO Lorena Navedo, CAO Amy Daher, CNO Chris Chacon, CEO, UMC Surgical Hospital Eric Johansen, CQO Ryan Mielke, Director of Public Affairs Tony Castillo, General Counsel Ray Davis, CIO Letty Flores, CFO, UMC Jon Law, CSO Chris Clark, FORVIS Danielle Zimmerman, FORVIS  <i>Several others attended virtually.</i>

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

Mr. Henry Gallardo, board chair, called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m. on Tuesday, January 9, 2024. A quorum was established. No one signed up for public comment.

**4. Minutes of the Board of Managers meeting held on December 12, 2023.  
(Tab A)**

There were no corrections to the meeting minutes that were previously distributed. The December 12, 2023 meeting minutes were approved as distributed.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**ACTION: MOTION** to approve the consent agenda items #5-11 (listed below) was made by Mr. DeGroat and seconded by Mr. Torres. The vote was Mr. Gallardo, Yes; Dr. Mena, Yes; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes. Motion carried.

**5. Approve and adopt the following policies:  
(Tab B) (PAC Committee)**

- A. Competency Assessment (H-4-1)
- B. Patients Accompanied by Law Enforcement (P-15)
- C. Professional Conduct (MS-101)

**6. Approve and adopt the revised Medical Directors List FY2024.  
(Tab C) (PAC Committee)**

**7. Approve the following Medical Staff requests:  
(Tab D) (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**

**8. Review, discuss, and take appropriate action on the El Paso County Hospital District Audited Financial Statements as of September 30, 2023 and for the year then ended.  
(Tab E)**

The Board of Managers reviewed and discussed the information presented by Mr. Chris Clark and Ms. Danielle Zimmerman with FORVIS. They presented on the following 2023 Audit Presentation topics:

- FORVIS' Responsibility & Opinion
  - Auditor's Responsibility
  - Grant Compliance Audit
  - Qualitative Components of the Audit
- Audit Risk Areas & Key Disclosures
  - Significant Judgements & Estimates
  - Financial Statement Disclosures
- Financial Statement Adjustments
  - Proposed Audit Adjustments Recorded
  - Proposed Audit Adjustments Not Recorded
- Industry Comparison
- Financial Statements
  - Balance Sheets
  - Days Cash on Hand
  - Days in Accounts Receivable
  - Cash to Long-term Debt
  - Current Ratio
  - Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
  - Patient Collections vs Net Revenue
- El Paso Health
- Property Tax Revenue

- 1115 Waiver Support
- Industry Highlights

**ACTION: MOTION** to accept the El Paso County Hospital District Audited Financial Statements as of September 30, 2023 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. Motion carried.

**9. 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:

- UMC Surgical Hospital Open for Business
- UMC Welcomes Its First Newborn of 2024
- UMC Doctors Make Super Docs List
  - Dr. Jose D. Burgos
  - Dr. Carmela P. Morales
- UMC Prepares to Remember 109th Birthday
- December UMC Minutes Video

**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; Dr. Perez, Yes; Mr. DeGroat, Yes; Mr. Torres, Yes. Motion carried.

**10. Receive an update on the UMC Surgical Hospital**

The Board of Managers received an update on the UMC Surgical Hospital. Mr. Chacon presented on the following topics:

- UMC Surgical Hospital Open for Business on January 2 @ 11am
  - Received a handful of patients within that day
  - Continue to receive a steady flow of inpatient transfers from UMC Main and the free standing Emergency Departments
  - Open for telemetry on Monday, January 15
  - Steady flow of elective surgeries are being performed

**ACTION: No action required.**

**11. Review and take appropriate action to authorize the President and CEO to negotiate and execute an amendment to the agreement with Heidrick & Struggles for consulting services.**

Mr. Cintron noted that this request is to amend the current agreement with Heidrick & Struggles for additional consulting services related to cultural alignment.

**ACTION: MOTION** to approve the amendment as presented 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. Motion carried.

The Board of Managers convened Executive Session at 4:09pm.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**12. 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.*

*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*

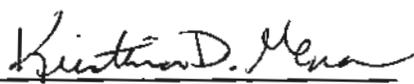
**OPEN SESSION**

The Board of Managers re-convened Open Session at 4:26pm.

**13. Adjournment.**

Board of Managers meeting adjourned at 4:26pm.

  
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Henry Gallardo, Board Chair

  
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Kristina Mena, Ph.D., Board Secretary