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**BOARD OF MANAGERS
NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 22, 2026**

The Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met at 12:15 p.m., September 22, 2026 in the NCHD Board Room at 555 N. Carancahua, Suite 950 – A Corpus Christi, Texas.

HOSPITAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:

Jonny F. Hipp	Administrator/CEO
Belinda Espinoza	Asst. Administrator, Admin. Services
Donna Littlefield	Director, Accounting & Finance
Mary Esther Guerra	Assistant County Attorney
John B. Martinez	General Counsel
Adam Robison	Legal Counsel
Melissa Quintanilla	Executive Assistant/Human Resources
Carmina Hernandez Moreno	Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jenny Dorsey	Nueces County Courthouse Atty
Robin Oldham	AHCV
Dom Dominguez	Christus Spohn
Steven King	Driscoll Hospital – via Zoom
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1. WELCOME

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

☐_Y_ Vishnu V. Reddy, Chairman
☐_Y_ Sylvia Tryon Oliver, Vice Chair
☐_Y_ Mariana Garza
☐_X_ Georgia Neblett, Legislative Committee Chair
☐_Y_ Karen O'Connor Urban
☐_Y_ Pamela Brower, Finance Committee Chair
☐_Y_ Sunil Reddy

3. CALL TO ORDER, CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM, VERIFICATION OF MEETING POSTING, AND CLOSED MEETING NOTICE:

A. Call to order – Vishnu V. Reddy, Chairman.

The meeting was called to order by Vishnu V. Reddy, Chairman at 12:15 p.m.

B. Establish quorum – Vishnu V. Reddy, Chairman.

A quorum was present with six members in attendance.

Vishnu V. Reddy, Chairman – PRESENT

Sylvia Tryon Oliver, Vice Chair – PRESENT

Mariana Garza, Member – PRESENT

Karen O'Connor Urban, Member – PRESENT

Pamela Brower, Member – PRESENT – via Zoom

Sunil Reddy, Member – PRESENT

Georgia Neblett, Member – PRESENT

C. Confirm posting of the meeting's public notice in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

D. Notice is hereby provided that the Board of Managers may convene in closed meeting session(s) during this meeting to consider any agenda item, when permitted under the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

4. NOTICE REGARDING BUDGET. The Hospital District's Fiscal Year 2027 Budget ("FY27 Budget") has been duly adopted by the Board and approved by the Commissioners Court. The Board may discuss the FY27 Budget at this meeting. The adopted FY27 Budget and the required taxpayer impact statement for Fiscal Year 2027 are available for public

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review on the District's official website at: <https://www.nchdcc.org>.

5. ANNOUNCEMENT ON DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. Any Conflicts of Interest or Appearance of a Conflict of Interest with items on this agenda shall be declared at this time. Members with conflicts will refrain from voting and are asked to refrain from discussion on such items. Conflicts discovered later in the meeting shall be disclosed at that time.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on matters within its jurisdiction. In-person attendees must sign the “Agenda Item Request to Speak” form at least five (5) minutes before the meeting begins. Remote attendees must notify the presiding officer when called upon. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes (six [6] minutes with translator). The presiding officer may further limit the number of speakers or time allowed. The Board may act only on items listed on the agenda. Materials submitted will not be returned; at least ten (10) copies, labeled with the commenter's name and agenda item number, must be provided for distribution.

**Dom Dominguez
Robin Oldham**

7. CONSENT AGENDA - The Consent Agenda consists of those agenda items which are routine, administrative in nature, not in need of separate attention, and which a member of the Board has not requested be discussed separately. If requested to be discussed separately, that agenda item will be removed from the Consent Agenda by the presiding officer to the Regular Agenda and discussed as a part of the Regular Agenda at the appropriate time. All remaining items listed under the Consent Agenda will be voted upon in a single vote:

- A. Approve Board of Managers Regular Meeting minutes of August 17, 2026.
- B. Receive listing of new vendors as of September 15, 2026; listing provided pursuant to Board of Managers Bylaws, §2.1.B and Texas Local Government Code, Chapter 176.
- C. Receive summary payment information on Nueces County health care disbursements for Fiscal Year 2026 year-to-date:
 - 1. Salaries, benefits, and supplies at/for the City of Corpus Christi/Nueces County Public Health District;
 - 2. Emergency medical services provided in unincorporated areas of Nueces County;

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3. Supplemental and jail diversion program funding for Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities;
 4. Medical services provided at County correctional facilities:
 - a. Nueces County Jail; and
 - b. Nueces County Juvenile Detention Center;
 5. Funding for alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs:
 - a. Cenikor (Charlie's Place); and
 - b. Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse;
 6. Funding for diabetes prevention and supporting programs; and
 7. Public health grants. *(Finance Committee)*
- D. Receive summary of imputed claims information for medical and hospital services provided to the Nueces Aid Program population, consistent with the CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation Amended and Restated Membership Agreement for Fiscal Year 2026 year to date. *(Finance Committee)*
- E. Receive Fiscal Year 2026 year-to-date Specified Annual Percentage-related revenue reports; revenue receipts pursuant to CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation Amended and Restated Membership Agreement, Section 5.03. *(Finance Committee)*
- F. Receive fiscal year-to-date statement detailing amounts deposited into and/or withdrawn from the Opioid Settlement Fund, including receipts from the Opioid Abatement Fund Council through the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts in accordance with Texas Government Code §403.508(a)(2), and disbursements made solely for the remediation of opioid-related harms pursuant to 34 Texas Administrative Code §16.222. *(Finance Committee)*
- G. Receive statement of Fiscal Year 2026 year-to-date deposits to and withdrawals from the Local Provider Participation Fund, made pursuant to the Board of Managers Order authorizing participation in a health care provider participation program under Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 298C, as amended. *(Finance Committee)*
- H. Receive summary report of cumulative actual intergovernmental transfers (IGTs) made in support of local and other healthcare providers participating in Medicaid directed and supplemental payment programs sponsored by the Texas Health and Human

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Services Commission (HHSC), and receive estimates of provider payments resulting from the IGTs:

1. Directed Payment Programs - IGTs to HHSC for Medicaid managed care payments to providers that promote Medicaid program goals and objectives:
 - a. Aligning Technology by Linking Interoperable Systems for Client Health Outcomes Program (ATLIS);
 - b. Comprehensive Hospital Increase Reimbursement Program (CHIRP);
 - c. Network Access Improvement Program (NAIP); and
 - d. Texas Incentives for Physicians and Professional Services (TIPPS); and
2. Supplemental Payment Programs - IGTs to HHSC for Medicaid payments to hospitals, made separately from and in addition to base payments, to incentivize achievement of specified goals or to support providers serving significant numbers of uninsured or low-income patients:
 - a. Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH);
 - b. Graduate Medical Education (GME);
 - c. Hospital Augmented Reimbursement Program (HARP); and
 - d. Hospital Uncompensated Care (UC). (*Finance Committee*)

I. Receive reports relating to Nueces Aid Program enrollment for the month-ended August 31, 2026:

1. Referral Sources;
2. Total Persons and Households Enrolled;
3. Enrollment Summary;
4. Denials;
5. Application Processing Summary; and
6. Enrollment by Zip Code. (*Finance Committee*)

**Consent Agenda Approved. Motion by Sylvia Tryon Oliver
and seconded by Karen O'Connor Urban. MOTION CARRIED.**

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8. REGULAR AGENDA - Items that are non-routine, non-administrative, or require individual attention. Each item will be considered and, if action is needed, voted on separately:

A. Fiscal Year 2027 Health Care Provider Participation Program:

1. Review and discuss Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 298C relating to the Nueces County Hospital District Health Care Provider Participation Program: authority, mandatory payments, rules and procedures, public hearing and hearing notices, permitted uses of mandatory payments, payment schedule, and other requirements relating to operation of the Fiscal Year 2027 Health Care Provider Participation Program (FY 2027 Program). (**INFORMATION**)

2. Review and discuss the proposed FY 2027 Program mandatory rate and payment schedule. (**INFORMATION**)

3. Confirm completion of conditions precedent to setting FY 2027 Program mandatory payment rate:

a. Notices relating to setting FY 2027 Program mandatory payment rate; notices pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, §298C.101 (b):

1. Notice of public hearing on the rate of mandatory FY 2027 Program payments that the Board of Managers intends to require of each institutional health care provider located within the Hospital District's boundaries during Hospital District Fiscal Year 2027 and how the revenue derived from the payments will be spent; and

2. Notice to each institutional health care provider within the Hospital District's boundaries of written notice of public hearing on the rate of mandatory FY 2027 Program payments that the Board of Managers intends to require of each provider during District Fiscal Year 2027 and how the revenue derived from the payments will be spent; and

b. Public hearing on the matter of amount of mandatory payments that the Board intends to require during the year and how the revenue derived from those payments is to be spent; hearing pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, §298C.101(a). (**ACTION**)

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4. Confirm that the Nueces County Hospital District Health Care Provider Participation Program's Revised Rules and Procedures, dated August 1, 2023, apply to the FY 2027 Program. **(ACTION)**
5. Adopt Board of Managers Order setting the rate of mandatory FY 2027 Program payments during Hospital District Fiscal Year 2027 (October 1, 2026 - September 30, 2027) at six percent (6%) of the net patient revenue of each institutional health care provider located within the Hospital District boundaries; mandatory payments authorized by Texas Health and Safety Code, §298C.151. **(ACTION)**

**Motion to approve Item 8. A. 3,4 and 5 by Mariana Garza
and seconded by Karen O'Connor Urban.
MOTION CARRIED.**

B. Finance Committee:

1. Financial Statements:

- a. Receive and approve the unaudited financial statements for the months and fiscal year-to-date periods ended July 31, 2026, and August 31, 2026.
(ACTION)

**Motion by Karen O'Connor Urban and seconded by
Sylvia Tryon Oliver. MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Fiscal Year 2027 Budget Amendment:

- a. Discuss and consider amending the Fiscal Year 2027 (October 1, 2026 – September 30, 2027) General Fund Budget to allocate an additional \$200,000 to Nueces County for the City of Corpus Christi/Nueces County Public Health District, with a corresponding offsetting reduction elsewhere in the Budget.
(ACTION)

**Motion by Pamela Brower and seconded by
Karen O'Connor Urban. MOTION CARRIED.**

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C. Legislative Committee:

1. Receive information from Legislative Consultants on 90th Texas Session Legislative Agenda. (*INFORMATION*)
2. Receive a briefing on, discuss, and consider action regarding the potential use of the YourTexasBenefits.com website, operated by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to additionally facilitate enrollment in the Nueces Aid Program. (*ACTION*)
3. Discuss and consider action on proposed amendments to the Nueces County Hospital District's Draft 90th Texas Legislative Session Agenda. (*ACTION*)

Item C. 2 and 3 Table.

D. Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council:

1. Discuss and consider supporting Nueces County's nomination of Dr. Alainya Tomanec for consideration as a regional member of the Texas Opioid Abatement Fund Council. (*ACTION*)

**Motion by Karen O'Connor Urban and seconded by
Mariana Garza. MOTION CARRIED.**

E. Board of Managers Business:

1. Discuss and consider postponing action on the election of Board of Managers Officers and appointment of Committee Chairs and Committee members for Fiscal Year 2027 until after the Commissioners Court takes action on Board reappointment(s) or appointment(s); annual officer elections and committee chair and committee member appointments pursuant to Board of Managers Bylaws, §2.2.A. (*ACTION*)

**Motion by Karen O'Connor Urban and seconded by
Sylvia Tryon Oliver. MOTION CARRIED.**

F. Administrator's Actions:

1. Ratify Administrator's action(s) performed as part of his duties directing the affairs of the Hospital District and/or as required by the Board of Managers; duties

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established pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, §281.026(e):

- a. Engagement of Adamson & Company, LLC to perform an audit of the Hospital District's financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2026 (October 1, 2025 - September 30, 2026); engagement pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, §281.092. **(ACTION)**

**Motion by Mariana Garza and seconded by
Karen O'Connor Urban. MOTION CARRIED.**

- b. Donation of a jail inmate transport van to the Nueces County Sheriff's Department for use with inmates who are wheelchair users or have other special needs, donation valued at \$92,619.25; and donation pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, §281.050 and Texas Local Government Code, §81.032. **(ACTION)**

**Motion by Mariana Garza and seconded by
Karen O'Connor Urban. MOTION CARRIED.**

G. Administrator's Briefing:

1. Briefing on federal Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' withholding of Texas Medicaid Directed and Supplemental Payments. **(INFORMATION)**

2. Next scheduled regular meetings of the Board of Managers and Board Committees (all meeting dates, times, and locations are subject to change):

- a. Legislative Committee: Tuesday, October 27, 2026, 11:00 AM in NCHD Board of Managers Meeting Room at 555 North Carancahua Street, Room 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401;

- b. Finance Committee: Tuesday, October 27, 2026, 11:30 AM in NCHD Board of Managers Meeting Room at 555 North Carancahua Street, Room 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401; and

- c. Board of Managers: Tuesday, October 27, 2026, 12:00 PM in NCHD Board of Managers Meeting Room at 555 North Carancahua Street, Room 950-A, Corpus

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Christi, Texas 78401. *(INFORMATION)*

9. CLOSED MEETING – The Board of Managers may convene in closed session at any time during this meeting to deliberate any agenda item, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. The Board reserves the right to discuss any agenda item in executive session when legally permitted, regardless of whether the item is customarily considered in open session. The presiding officer will announce the applicable statutory authority under the Act prior to each closed session. Any final action, decision, or vote will be taken in open session, either upon reconvening or at a subsequent public meeting, as required by law. The Board anticipates entering closed session on the matters identified below pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, as applicable.

A. Consult with attorneys regarding CPS Energy's proposed tax-exemption settlement Agreements related to the Barney Davis and Nueces Bay Power Plants and related matters.

B. Consult with attorneys on legal issues regarding Corpus Christi Housing Authority's workforce housing contracts, tax exemptions, potential open meetings violations, and related matters.

C. Consult with attorneys on matters related to CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation Amended and Restated Membership Agreement and related matters.

Vishnu V. Reddy, Chairman called for Close Meeting at 1:09 p.m.

10. OPEN MEETING - The Board will reconvene in open session following the Closed Meeting before taking action on Closed Meeting matters or adjourning.

Vishnu V. Reddy, Chairman called for Open Meeting at 1:39 p.m.

A. Discuss and consider approval of the Third Amendment to the Amended and Restated Membership Agreement between CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation, CHRISTUS Health, and the Hospital District extending the Membership Agreement through September 30, 2036, and authorizing the Administrator to execute the Amendment. *(ACTION)*

No Action Taken.

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B. Discuss and consider taking final action, decision, or vote on other matters deliberated in Closed Meeting. (***ACTION AS NEEDED***)

No Action Taken.

11. ADJOURN

**Motion to adjourn by Vishnu V. Reddy, Chairman.
Meeting adjourned at 1:40 p.m.**

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PRESIDING OFFICER:

Vishnu V. Reddy, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jonny F. Hipp, Secretary
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