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BOARD OF MANAGERS
NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
LEGISLATIVE MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 2026

The Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met at 11:00 a.m., October 27, 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 – via Zoom
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:

Mark Hendrix	NC MHID – via Zoom
Patricia Shipton	Lobbyist – via Zoom
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1. **WELCOME**

2. **ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

_Y__ Georgia Neblett, Chair
_Y__ Karen O'Connor Urban
_X__ Mariana Garza

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

A. Call to order – Georgia Neblett, Chair.
The meeting was called to order by Georgia Neblett at 11:01 a.m.

B. Establish quorum – Georgia Neblett, Chair.
A quorum was present with two members in attendance.

Georgia Neblett, Chair – PRESENT
Karen O'Connor Urban, Member – PRESENT
Mariana Garza, Member – ABSENT

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

D. Public notice is hereby given that the Committee may elect to go into Closed Meeting session(s) at any time during the meeting to discuss any matter(s) listed on the agenda when so authorized by the provisions of the 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 Committee 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 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** - This section provides the public the opportunity to address the Committee on any issues within its authority. Persons attending in-person and wishing to comment on any item(s) on the agenda or any subject within the Committee's responsibilities must sign-in on the "Agenda Item Request to Speak" form provided at the entrance of the Committee meeting room at least five (5) minutes prior to commencement of the meeting. Persons attending via audio or video conference and wishing to comment on any item(s) on

the agenda or any subject within the Committee's responsibilities must verbally notify the presiding officer of their desire to comment when the officer calls for public comment from those attending via audio and video conference. Commenters shall limit their comments to three (3) minutes, except that commenters addressing the Committee through a translator shall limit their comments to six (6) minutes. The presiding officer may, if he/she deems it necessary, limit both the number of commenters and the time allotted to each commenter. Under the law, the Committee may only take action on items specifically listed on the agenda. Subject matter presented which is not part of the agenda will be referred to District staff for review if appropriate. Materials submitted to the Committee during public comment will not be returned. At least ten (10) copies of any document to be used by any commenter should be available for distribution to the Committee. The commenter is responsible for preparation of the copies. The commenter's name and, if applicable, meeting agenda item number should be clearly marked on such documents.

No one to speak in Public Comment.

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 Committee member 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 Legislative Committee Regular Meeting minutes of August 17, 2026.

Consent Agenda Approved. Motion by Karen O'Connor Urban and seconded by Georgia Neblett. MOTION CARRIED.

8. **REGULAR AGENDA** - The Regular Agenda consists of those agenda items which are non-routine, not administrative in nature, or otherwise in need of separate attention. Each Regular Agenda item will be voted upon separately if action is required:

9. Receive information from Legislative Consultants on 90th Texas Session Legislative Agenda. ***(INFORMATION)***

Patricia Shipton updated board on Legislative Matters.

10. Receive a briefing on, discuss, and consider recommending 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)***

11. Discuss and consider recommending action on proposed amendments to the Nueces County Hospital District's Draft 90th Texas Legislative Session Agenda. ***(ACTION)***

No Action taken today on Item 8. 10 & 11.
Motion by Karen O'Connor Urban and seconded by Georgia Neblett. Noted per Georgia Neblett, Chair, "But needs to take action in November 2026 Meeting." Executive Summary and report from Patricia in order to take action. MOTION CARRIED.

12. Consider legislative services contracts with Patricia A. Shipton and Joel J. Romo for the 90th Texas Legislative Session (January 1 – June 30, 2027). ***(INFORMATION)***

13. **ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING:**

A. Next scheduled regular Committee meeting (meeting's date, time, and location subject to change):

1. Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 17, 2026, 11:00 AM in NCHD Board of Managers Meeting Room at 555 North Carancahua Street, Room 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401.

14. **ADJOURN**

Motion to adjourn by Georgia Neblett, Chair.
Meeting adjourned at 11:23 a.m.