

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MANAGERS
NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
OCTOBER 24, 2023**

The Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 24, 2023, in the Nueces County Commissioners Courtroom, 901 Leopard Street, 3rd Floor, Corpus Christi, Texas 7840.

HOSPITAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:

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

OTHERS PRESENT:

Adam Roberson	Attorney
Francisco Zamora	Nueces County Attorney office
JC Hooper	Nueces County Sheriff's office
Monica Rios	Nueces County Sheriff's office
Belinda Bustamante	Nueces County Sheriff's office
Carol Scott	Nueces County Judge
Brent Chesney	Nueces County Commissioner
John Marez	Nueces County Commissioner
Dominic Dominguez	Christus Spohn CEO
Lance Ramsy	Christus Spohn Attorney
Eric Evans	Corpus Christi Medical Center
Hilda Dalfonso	Corpus Christi Medical Center
Egar L. Cortes	M.D.
Michael Halpert	M.D.
Gary Floyd	Texas Medical Association
Lexie Green	KIII Ch. 3
Makaylah Chavez	KRIS Ch. 6

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Craig Pederson	Emergency Physician
John Herrick	Emergency Physician
Michael Broder	Emergency Physician
Alainya Tomanec	Emergency Physician
Valere Knutson	Emergency Physician
Tyler Koch	Emergency Physician
Justin Hacnik	Emergency Physician
Conner Schron	Emergency Physician
Shani Italya	Emergency Physician
Megan Cook	Emergency Physician
Michael Harbin	Emergency Physician
Daniel Tran	Emergency Physician
Elizabeth Do	Emergency Physician
Thomas McLaughlin	Emergency Physician
David Hoffpauir	Emergency Physician
Lonnie Schwirtlich	Emergency Physician
Kim Lesson	Emergency Physician
Tyler Adams	Emergency Resident
Jaimie Schromm	Emergency Resident
Monica Campa M.D.	Emergency Resident
Kathrine Hoffman D.O.	Emergency Resident
Shaun Antonis D.O.	Emergency Resident
Marilyn Broder	Spouse of Emergency Resident (Dentist)
Scott Powell	Spouse of Emergency Resident
Doris Young	Spohn Nurse Practitioner
Kristy Aleman	Spohn Nurse Practitioner
Rachel Cloud	
Veronica Wilson	
Christal Tressider	
Keely Klencke	
Evan Klencke	
Ilana M. Reyes	
Haley Candm	
John Corbson	
Kris Sotacey	

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As follow also present – via Zoom:

Cassidy Willie	Gjerset & Lorenz – via Zoom
Becky Rios	Christus Spohn – via Zoom
Jenny Dorsey	Nueces County Attorney – via Zoom
Lynn Carrasco	Christus Spohn – via Zoom
Debra Looper	Christus Spohn – via Zoom
Shah Islam	Christus Spohn M.D. – via Zoom
Leyla Embree	Christus Spohn – via Zoom
Aidee Hernandez	NCHD Sp. Project Manager – via Zoom
Jared Konczal	Gjerset & Lorenz – via Zoom
Deanna King	Commissioner Pct 1, Admin Asst. – via Zoom
Paityn Havelka	Chief of Staff NC Judge Scott – via Zoom
Francisca Martinez	Exec Secretary to Judge Scott – via Zoom
Nicole Milsap	Nueces County Chief of Litigation – via Zoom
Chris Durand	Emergency Physician – via Zoom
Guy Youngblood	Emergency Physician – via Zoom
Liz Sullivan	Emergency Physician – via Zoom
Melissa Ponder	Emergency Physician – via Zoom
Kayla Shorten	- via Zoom
Brittany Trang	- via Zoom
Shawn	- via Zoom
Jennifer	- via Zoom
Candice	- via Zoom
Simmons	- via Zoom
Mier	- via Zoom
John	- via Zoom
Chad	- via Zoom
Tanner	- via Zoom
Griffins	- via Zoom
Colin	- via Zoom
MP	- via Zoom

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1. WELCOME

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF MANAGERS

- John E. Valls, MBA, Chairman
- Vishnu V. Reddy, M.D., Vice Chairman
- Sylvia Tryon Oliver
- Belinda Flores, R.N.
- Judge Mariana Garza
- Efrain Guerrero, Jr.
- Arthur Granado

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

- A. Call to order – Mr. John E. Valls, Chairman.
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Valls at 12:30 p.m.
- B. Establish quorum – Mr. Valls, Chairman.
A quorum was present with six members in attendance.

John E. Valls, MBA, Chairman – PRESENT
Vishnu V. Reddy, M.D., Vice Chairman – PRESENT
Sylvia Tryon Oliver, Member – PRESENT
Judge Mariana Garza, Member – PRESENT
Efrain Guerrero, Jr., Member – PRESENT
Arthur Granado, Member – PRESENT
Belinda Flores, R.N., 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 Board of Managers 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. ANNOUNCEMENT ON DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST. Any Conflicts of Interest or Appearance of a Conflict of Interest with items on this agenda shall

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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.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT - Persons attending in-person and wishing to comment on any item(s) on the agenda or any subject within the Board's responsibilities must sign-in on the "Agenda Item Request to Speak" form provided at the entrance of the Board 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 Board'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 Board through a translator shall limit their comments to six (6) minutes.

**Michael Halpert
Iliania Reyes
Edgar L. Cortes
Craig Pedersen
Michael Broder
Thomas McLaughlin
Doris Young
David Hoffpauir
Lonnie Schwirtlich
Marilyn Broder**

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

A. Membership Agreement:

1. Receive information on matters relating to CHRISTUS Spohn Health System's Emergency Medicine Residency Program and the Graduate Medical Education requirements under CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation Amended and Restated Membership Agreement, Schedule 2, Section 2.7. (**INFORMATION**)

Due to conflict of interest Mr. Valls, Chairman stepped out at 1:25 p.m. and Dr. Reddy, Vice-Chairman presided the meeting. Informational input from:

**Dominic Dominguez
Lance Ramsey
Adam Roberson**

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**John Marez
Brent Chesney**

Dr. Reddy called for Closed Session at 1:25 p.m.

Mr. Valls, Chairman left at 2:35 p.m.

Dr. Reddy called for Open Session at 2:39 p.m.

2. Discuss and consider adopting a method for making appointments to CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation's Board of Directors; appointments pursuant to Article III, Section 3.01(b) of the CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation Amended and Restated Membership Agreement; and authorize Administrator to

implement related procedures. (*ACTION*)

**Motion by Mr. Granado and seconded by
Judge Garza. MOTION CARRIED.**

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

a. Execution of Letter Agreement with Frost Bank extending current depository and related agreements through November 30, 2023. (*ACTION*)

**Motion by Mr. Granado and seconded by
Judge Garza. MOTION CARRIED.**

b. Engagement of Collier, Johnson & Woods, P.C., Certified Public Accountants 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, 2023 (October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023). (*ACTION*)

**Motion by Ms. Oliver and seconded by
Mr. Granado. MOTION CARRIED.**

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C. Jail Healthcare Services:

1. Amend existing Health Services Agreement between Nueces County, Armor Correctional Health Services, and Nueces County Hospital District to remove the District from the Agreement; approve new Agreement between the County and the District for the District to provide funding to the County for subject services; and authorize the Administrator to execute related documents. (*ACTION*)

**Motion by Judge Garza and seconded by
Mr. Granado. MOTION CARRIED.**

7. ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING:

A. Next scheduled Board of Managers regular meeting (meeting dates, times, and locations are subject to change):

1. Board of Managers: Tuesday, November 14, 2023, 12 Noon in NCHD Board of Managers Meeting Room at 555 North Carancahua Street, Room 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401. (*INFORMATION*)

8. ADJOURN

Motion adjourned by Dr. Reddy at 3:00 p.m.

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PRESIDING OFFICERS:

John E. Valls, MBA, Chairman

Vishnu V. Reddy, M.D., Vice Chairman

ATTEST:

Jonny F. Hipp, Secretary
Board of Managers
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