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**BOARD OF MANAGERS
NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 2025**

The Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met at 12:00 p.m., November 18, 2025 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 Attorney
Shani Italiya	Corpus Christi Emergency Physician
Reyann Ali	Christus Spohn
Caitlan Chupe	Adamson & Company
John Cambron	Corpus Christi Emergency Physician
Joel Romo	Lobbyist – via Zoom
Rebecca Rios	Christus Spohn – via Zoom

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1. WELCOME

2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS

Y Belinda Flores, Chairman
 Y Vishnu V. Reddy, Vice Chair
 Y Sylvia Tryon Oliver
 X Mariana Garza
 Y Efrain Guerrero, Jr.
 Y Georgia Neblett
 Y Karen O'Connor Urban

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

A. Call to order – Belinda Flores, Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m.

B. Establish quorum – Belinda Flores, Chair.

A quorum was present with five members in attendance.

Belinda Flores, Chairman – PRESENT
Vishnu V. Reddy, Vice Chair - PRESENT
Sylvia Tryon Oliver, Member - PRESENT
Efrain Guerrero, Jr., Member - PRESENT
Georgia Neblett, Member - PRESENT
Karen O'Connor Urban, Member - PRESENT
Mariana Garza, Member - ABSENT

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.

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4. NOTICE REGARDING BUDGETS. The Hospital District's Fiscal Year 2025 and Fiscal Year 2026 budgets have been duly adopted by the Board of Managers and approved by Commissioners Court. At this meeting, the Board may discuss either of these budgets.

The budget and the required taxpayer impact statement for Fiscal Year 2026 are available for public review by clicking the "Annual Budget & Taxpayer Impact Statement" link on the front page 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.

No Conflict of Interest.

6. REGULAR SESSION

A. 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.

No one to speak in Public Comment.

B. 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:

1. Approve Board of Managers Regular Meeting minutes of October 28, 2025.

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2. Receive summary payment information on Nueces County health care disbursements for Fiscal Year 2025 year-to-date:
 - a. Salaries, benefits, and supplies at/for the City of Corpus Christi/Nueces County Public Health District;
 - b. Emergency medical services provided in unincorporated areas of Nueces County;
 - c. Supplemental and jail diversion program funding for Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities;
 - d. Medical services provided at County correctional facilities:
 1. Nueces County Jail; and
 2. Nueces County Juvenile Detention Center;
 - e. Funding for alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs:
 1. Cenikor (Charlie's Place); and
 2. Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse;
 - f. Funding for diabetes prevention and supporting programs; and
 - g. Public health grants. *(Finance Committee)*
3. 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-to-date period ending October 31, 2025. *(Finance Committee)*
4. Receive fiscal 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)*
5. Receive statement of fiscal 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

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Health and Safety Code, Chapter 298C, as amended. (*Finance Committee*)

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

- a. Directed Payment Programs - IGTs to HHSC for Medicaid managed care payments to providers that promote Medicaid program goals and objectives:
 1. Aligning Technology by Linking Interoperable Systems for Client Health Outcomes Program (ATLIS);
 2. Comprehensive Hospital Increase Reimbursement Program (CHIRP);
 3. Network Access Improvement Program (NAIP); and
 4. Texas Incentives for Physicians and Professional Services (TIPPS); and

b. 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:

1. Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH);
2. Graduate Medical Education (GME);
3. Hospital Augmented Reimbursement Program (HARP); and
4. Hospital Uncompensated Care (UC). (*Finance Committee*)

7. Receive reports relating to Nueces Aid Program enrollment for the month-ended October 31, 2025:

- a. Total Persons and Households Enrolled;
- b. Enrollment Summary;
- c. Denials;
- d. Application Processing Summary; and
- e. Enrollment by Zip Code. (*Finance Committee*)

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

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C. 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:

1. Finance Committee:

a. Financial Statements:

1. Receive and approve unaudited financial statements for fiscal year-ended September 30, 2025. **(ACTION)**

**Motion to approve by Karen O'Connor Urban
and seconded by Vishnu V. Reddy. MOTION CARRIED.**

b. Investment Report:

1. Receive and approve Quarterly Investment Report for fiscal quarter-ended September 30, 2025 and ratify related investment transactions. **(ACTION)**

**Motion to approve by Karen O'Connor Urban
and seconded by Vishnu V. Reddy. MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Legislative Matters:

- a. Receive and discuss reports from Legislative Consultants on the 89th Texas Legislature's Special Sessions and related matters. **(INFORMATION)**

Joel Romo updated legislative matters.

3. Board Appointments:

- a. Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers: Three (3) positions with terms expiring September 30, 2025; intent letters and applications due to County Judge November 12, 2025. **(INFORMATION)**

- b. Christus Spohn Board of Trustees: One (1) position, Place 2, with term expiring December 31, 2025; applications due to County Judge December 1, 2025. **(INFORMATION)**

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4. Administrator's Actions:

- a. 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):
 1. 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, 2025 (October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025).
(ACTION)

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

2. Execution of Health Services Agreement for Nueces County Correctional Facilities between Nueces County, Nueces County Hospital District, and Wexford Health Sources, Inc.; initial term three (3) years commencing December 1, 2025 with an option for two (2) additional one (1)-year terms. Approved by Commissioners Court on November 5, 2025. *(ACTION)*

**Motion by Georgia Neblett and seconded by
Sylvia Tryon Oliver. MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Administrator's Briefing:

- a. Next scheduled regular meetings of the Board of Managers and Board Committees (all meeting dates, times, and locations are subject to change):
 1. Finance Committee: Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 11:30 AM in NCHD Board of Managers Meeting Room at 555 North Carancahua Street, Room 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401;
 2. Board of Managers: Tuesday, December 16, 2025, 12:00 PM in NCHD Board of Managers Meeting Room at 555 North Carancahua Street, Room 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401. *(INFORMATION)*

December 16, 2025 Meetings deferred.

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7. CLOSED MEETING – The Board of Managers may, at any point during this meeting, convene in closed session to deliberate any agenda item as permitted under the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551. The Board reserves the right to discuss any listed agenda item in closed session when legally authorized, regardless of prior practice distinguishing items for public deliberation from those for executive session. The presiding officer will announce the statutory authority under the Act for each closed session item. Any final action, decision, or vote will be taken in open session either upon reconvening of this meeting or at a subsequent public meeting, as required by law. The Board anticipates entering closed session on the matters identified below pursuant to §551.071 of the Texas Government Code.

- A. Consult with attorneys on matters related to Hospital District appointments to the CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation's Board of Directors.

Belinda Flores, Chair, called for Closed Meeting at 12:40 p.m.

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

Belinda Flores, Chair, called for Open Meeting at 1:06 p.m.

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

No Action taken.

9. ADJOURN

**Belinda Flores, Chair, motion to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.**

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PRESIDING OFFICER:

Belinda Flores, Chairman

ATTEST:

Jonny F. Hipp, Secretary
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