

**BOARD OF MANAGERS  
NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING  
AUGUST 13, 2024**

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The Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met at 12:00 p.m, August 13, 2024 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
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
Joe A. Gonzalez	Nueces County Commissioner
Edward Herrera	Nueces County Director
Mark Hendrix	Nueces County MHID – via Zoom
Xavier Gonzales	Mental Health Director – via Zoom
Cassidy Willlie	Gjerset & Lorenz – via Zoom

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**WELCOME**

**1. 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

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

A. Call to order – John E. Valls, Chairman.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Valls at 12:15 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 – via Zoom**

**Sylvia Tryon Oliver, Member – PRESENT**

**Judge Mariana Garza, Member – PRESENT – via Zoom**

**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.

**3. 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.

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**4. WORKSHOP SESSION** - Workshop Session is an open meeting for the purposes of information gathering and discussion between the Board of Managers and staff on the Workshop's listed agenda item(s) without taking action on the listed item(s) during the Workshop. Public comment will not be accepted during the Workshop Session.

- A. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget.
- B. Fiscal Year 2025 Tax Rate Calculation Worksheets.
- C. Nueces County Fiscal Year 2025 budget schedule.

**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.

**No one to speak for Public Comment.**

**6. 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:

**A. Funding Request:**

- 1. Discuss and consider a funding request from Commissioner Joe A. Gonzalez for septic system inspections, pump outs, repairs and/or replacements for homeowners living in Nueces County Precinct 2. (**ACTION**)

**Motion to Table Item by Mr. Granado and seconded by  
Mr. Guerrero. MOTION CARRIED.**

**B. Fiscal Year 2025 Budget (October 1, 2024 - September 30, 2025):**

- 1. Discuss and consider tentative approval of Fiscal Year 2025 Budget. (**ACTION**)

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

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2. Discuss and consider authorizing rescission of all Interlocal Cooperation Act contracts with Nueces County in order to return payment accounting, administration, control, and disbursement to Hospital District; rescission to be effective September 30, 2024; and authorize Administrator to send notices and execute related documents. **(ACTION)**

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

**C. 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 Personal Services Contracts for legislative services during the 89th Texas Legislative Session:

1. Joel J. Romo;
2. Patricia A. Shipton, and
3. Luis J. Saenz. **(ACTION)**

**As per Mr. Valls, Chairman asked to motion to ratify agreement inclusive of Item C, in contingent upon Mr. Saenz signing contract. Motion by Ms. Oliver and seconded by Mr. Guerrero. MOTION CARRIED.**

b. Execution of Interlocal Agreement relating to participation in Nueces County's Employee Self-Funded Group Health Plan for the benefit of Hospital District employees. **(ACTION)**

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

**7. CLOSED MEETING** - Public Notice is hereby given that the Board of Managers may 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. *To the extent there has been a past practice of distinguishing items for public deliberation and those for executive session, the public is advised that the Board is departing from that practice and reserves the right to discuss any listed agenda items in a closed meeting when authorized by law to do so.* When the Board goes into closed session(s) regarding an agenda item(s), the section(s) of the Open Meetings Act authorizing the closed session will be publicly announced by the presiding officer.

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Should any final action, final decision, or final vote be required in the opinion of the Board with regard to any matter considered in closed session(s), then the final action, final decision, or final vote shall be either: (a) in the open meeting covered by the Notice upon reconvening of the public meeting; or (b) at a subsequent public meeting of the Board upon notice thereof, as the Board shall determine pursuant to applicable laws. The Board specifically expects to go into a closed session(s) on the matters listed below pursuant to the Act, §551.071, as applicable:

A. Consult with attorneys on matters relating to funding requests from outside entities and related matters.

B. Consult with attorneys on matters relating to Interlocal Cooperation Act contracts and related matters.

C. Consult with attorneys on matters relating to participation in Nueces County's Employee Self-Funded Group Health Plan and related matters.

**8. OPEN MEETING** - Following the Closed Meeting, the Board of Managers will reconvene the Open Meeting prior to taking any action(s) on matters considered in the Closed Meeting or adjourning the meeting.

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

**No Action taken.**

**9. ADJOURN**

**Motion to adjourn by Mr. Valls, Chairman at 1:36 p.m.**

**10. Public Notice Posting Receipt.**

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**PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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John E. Valls, MBA, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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Jonny F. Hipp, Secretary  
Board of Managers  
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