

**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:

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| 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:

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| 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:

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| 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
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