

**MINUTES
BOARD OF MANAGERS
SPECIAL MEETING
NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 21, 2023**

The Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met at 10:15 a.m., Tuesday, February 21, 2023 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	Assistant Administrator, Administrative Services
Donna Littlefield	Director, Accounting & Finance
Mary Esther Guerra	Assistant County Attorney
Melissa Quintanilla	Executive Assistant/Human Resources
Carmina Hernandez Moreno	Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT:

Craig Desmond	Christus Spohn – via Zoom
Dr. Shah Islam	CSHS Board of Trustees, Place 3 - via Zoom

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1. WELCOME

2. ROLL CALL OF BOARD OF MANAGERS

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

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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 10:30 a.m.

B. Establish quorum – Mr. Valls.

A quorum was present with six members in attendance.

John E. Valls, M.D.A., Chairman – PRESENT

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

Sylvia Tryon Oliver, Member – PRESENT

Belinda Flores, R.N., Member – PRESENT – via Zoom @ 10:34 a.m.

Efrain Guerrero, Jr., Member – PRESENT

Arthur Granado, Member – PRESENT

Judge 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 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. **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 in public comment.

5. **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

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Regular Agenda item will be voted upon separately if action is required:

A. Legislative Committee:

1. Receive information on 88th Texas Session Legislative Agenda. (*INFORMATION*)
2. Adopt Board of Managers Resolution requesting and supporting legislation to use a broker for the sale of Hospital District real property. (*ACTION*)

Mr. Granado gave an update on Item 5 (A.1) as it was discussed in the Legislative Meeting as per, the Chairman, Mr. Valls' request. Item motioned by Ms. Oliver and seconded by Mr. Guerrero. MOTION CARRIED.

3. Amend the 88th Texas Session Legislative Agenda to additionally include preservation of the Hospital District's authority to issue Certificates of Obligation. (*ACTION*)

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

4. Consider actions on introduced legislation HB 1489 relating to the issuance of Certificates of Obligation by local governments. (*ACTION*)

Mr. Guerrero motioned to table Item 5 (A.4.) Motion has been amended by Mr Guerrero and motioned to Delete Item 5 (A.4) seconded by Mr. Granado. MOTION CARRIED.

5. Request use of Nueces County's legislative consultants, as needed, on matters related to HB 1489, preservation of the Hospital District's authority to issue Certificates of Obligation, and any other related proposed legislation which may affect the Hospital District. (*ACTION*)

Motion by Dr. Reddy and seconded by Mr. Granado. MOTION CARRIED.

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6. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned by Mr. Valls, Chairman at 11:06 a.m.

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PRESIDING OFFICER

John E. Valls, M.B.A., Chairman

ATTEST:

Jonny F. Hipp, Secretary
Board of Managers
Nueces County Hospital District

ABSENT
Wm Dewitt Alsup, General Counsel
Nueces County Hospital District