

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF MANAGERS  
NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 3, 2023**

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The Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met at 1:00 p.m. November 3, 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	Asst. Administrator, Admin. Services
Donna Littlefield	Director, Accounting & Finance – ABSENT
Mary Esther Guerra	Assistant County Attorney
John B. Martinez	General Counsel
Melissa Quintanilla	Executive Assistant/Human Resources
Carmina Hernandez Moreno	Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Jenny Dorsey	Nueces County Attorney
Preston West	KIII TV 3
Priscilla Quintanilla	Asst. to Comm. John Marez
Craig Pedersen	EM Residency
John Cambron	EM Residency
Shani Italiya	EM Residency
Michael Broder	EM Residency
Guy Youngblood	EM Residency
Kimberly Leeson	EM Residency
Justin Hacnik	EM Residency
Monica Campa M.D.	ER Residency
Aron Bartoe O.D.	ER Residency
Amanda Bartoe	ER Residency (Spouse)
Candice Hill M.D.	EM Residency

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Johnn Herrick	EM Residency
Thomas Rogers	EM Residency
Karen Urban	Community Advocate
Brent Chesney	County Commissioner
Esmeralda Zamora	Telemundo
Makaylah Chavez	KRIS Ch. 6
Veronica Wilson	

**As follow also present – via Zoom :**

Adam Robinson	Attorney – via Zoom
John Marez	County Commissioner – via Zoom
Cassidy Willie	Gjerset & Lorenz – via Zoom
Jared Konczal	Gjerset & Lorenz - via Zoom
Eric Evans	Corpus Christi Medical Center – via Zoom
Lynn Carrasco	Christus Spohn – via Zoom
Debra Looper	Christus Spohn – via Zoom
Doris Young	Spohn Nurse Practitioner – via Zoom
Kristopher Sutherly M.D.	Christus Spohn – via Zoom
Marilyn Brodeur	Dentist (Spouse) Em Residency – via Zoom
Michael Harbin	EM Residency – via Zoom
Liz Sullivan	EM Residency – via Zoom
Tylor Kock	EM Residency - via Zoom
Daniel Tran	EM Residency - via Zoom
Melissa Ponder	EM Residency - via Zoom
Megan Cook	EM Residency - via Zoom
Shaun Antonio	EM Residency - via Zoom
Katherine Hoffman	EM Residency - via Zoom
Thomas McLaughlin	EM Residency – via Zoom
Leo Herrick	Physician – via Zoom
Albert Lee	Physician – via Zoom
Dr. Connor Schroomm	Physician - via Zoom
Dr. Travis Tarlton	Physician - via Zoom
Dr. Lancaster	Physician – via Zoom
Dr. Mike	Physician – via Zoom
Kidney Specialist	- via Zoom
Chad Hill	- via Zoom
Carl Kivela	- via Zoom
Angela Garcia	- via Zoom
Ashley Wong	- via Zoom
Julie Herrick	- via Zoom
Lantz Tarleton	- via Zoom

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Kayla Shorten	- via Zoom
Chelsea Clark	- via Zoom
Kilee Burke	- via Zoom
Peter Richman	- via Zoom
Ilaria Reyes	- via Zoom
Brooke Danboise	- via Zoom
Griffins	- via Zoom
Tyler	- via Zoom
Haley	- via Zoom
Karen	- via Zoom
Kristy	- via Zoom
Dominic	- via Zoom
Simmons	- via Zoom
Salman	- via Zoom
R.Tarlton	- via Zoom
Cadyn	- via Zoom
Colin	- via Zoom
Elizabeth	- via Zoom

**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 1:05 p.m.
- B. Establish quorum – Mr. Valls, Chairman.  
A quorum was present with all members in attendance.

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**John E. Valls, MBA, Chairman – PRESENT**  
**Vishnu V. Reddy, M.D., Vice Chairman – PRESENT**  
**Sylvia Tryon Oliver, Member – PRESENT**  
**Belinda Flores, R.N., Member – PRESENT – via Zoom**  
**Judge Mariana Garza, Member – PRESENT @ 1:18 p.m.**  
**Efrain Guerrero, Jr. Member – PRESENT**  
**Arthur Granado, Member – PRESENT**

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 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.

**No one to comment on Public Comment.**

**6. 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*

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*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. 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.

- A. Consult with attorneys on matters relating to CHRISTUS Spohn Health System's Emergency Medicine Residency Program and Graduate Medical Education requirements under CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation Amended and Restated Membership Agreement, Schedule 2, Section 2.7.

**Mr. Valls called for Closed Session at 1:09 p.m., and excused himself due to conflict of interest. Dr. Reddy, Vice Chairman, will be presiding the meeting.**

**7. 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.

**Dr. Reddy called for Open Session at 2:57 p.m.**

- A. Consider final action, decision, or vote on matters considered in the Closed Meeting:

- 1. Discuss and consider action relating to the Emergency Medicine Residency Program operated by CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation. (***ACTION***)

**Motion by Mr. Granado to Authorize Administrator Hipp to enter into/continue discussions with Spohn to provide District's provision of funding in support of Spohn's emergency residency program to minimize Spohn's losses in connection with such program consistent with (1) The District's constitutional and statutory mission, limitations, and obligation, and (2) Spohn's contractual obligations under the Membership Agreement with the District. Seconded by Ms. Oliver. MOTION CARRIED.**

- 2. Consider final action, decision, or vote on other matters considered in the Closed Meeting. (***ACTION AS NEEDED***)

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**Motion by Judge Garza, after Executive Session, discussion with Board Members, moves to authorize Mr. Hipp to engage on counsel and performance of all remedies available to the District, should Christus Spohn eliminate the program and not maintain two residency programs. Seconded by Mr. Granado. MOTION CARRIED.**

**8. ADJOURN**

**Motion adjourned by Dr. Reddy at 3:01 p.m.**

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**PRESIDING OFFICERS:**

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John E. Valls, MBA, Chairman

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

**ATTEST:**

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