

MEMORANDUM

To: Tarrant County Hospital District Public Facility Corporation Committee

From: Robert Browder

Date: March 9, 2021

Tarrant County Hospital District Public Facility Corporation Committee Meeting
Re: Joint Board of Managers and, Minutes from February 25, 2021

In accordance with section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, Governor Abbott has suspended various provisions that require government officials and members of the public to be physically present at a specified meeting location. In accordance with this suspension, the Tarrant County Hospital District Board of Managers and Tarrant County Hospital District Public Facility Corporation Committee Meeting held a virtual meeting on February 25, 2021. The agenda for this meeting was posted in the following locations:

1. Tarrant County Commissioners Court Web Site; and
2. Tarrant County Hospital District Web-Site.



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

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Governor Abbott Allows Virtual And Telephonic Open Meetings To Maintain Government Transparency

Ensures continued government operation while preserving transparency

AUSTIN - Governor Greg Abbott today acted to maintain government transparency and continued government operations while reducing face-to-face contact for government open meetings. As Texas works to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, the Governor granted the Office of the Attorney General's request for suspension of certain open-meeting statutes. This temporary suspension will allow for telephonic or videoconference meetings of governmental bodies that are accessible to the public in an effort to reduce in-person meetings that assemble large groups of people.

"Even as the State of Texas takes precautionary measures to contain the spread of COVID-19, we also have a responsibility to maintain government transparency," said Governor Abbott. "With today's action, Texas is reducing non-essential in-person contact for a limited period, while ensuring that state and local government entities continue to work to fulfill necessary functions and with full transparency for the people of Texas. I urge state and local officials to do their part to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 by avoiding meetings that bring people into large group settings."

In accordance with section 418.016 of the Texas Government Code, Governor Abbott has suspended various provisions that require government officials and members of the public to be physically present at a specified meeting location. This temporary suspension will leave important open-meeting protections in place:

- Members of the public will be entitled to participate and address the governmental body during any telephonic or videoconference meeting.
- To hold a telephonic or videoconference meeting, a governmental body must post a written notice that gives the public a way to participate remotely, such as a toll-free dial-in number, and that includes an electronic copy of any agenda packet that officials will consider at the meeting.
- A governmental body must provide the public with access to a recording of any telephonic or videoconference meeting.

State and local officials who have questions about open-meeting requirements after this suspension should submit them to the Office of the Attorney General via e-mail at TOMA@oag.texas.gov, or by leaving a message at (888) 672-6787. Officials with questions about teleconference and videoconference capabilities offered by the Texas Department of Information Resources should visit dir.texas.gov or call (512) 475-4700. Officials who hold videoconference meetings are encouraged to provide for participation via telephone for members of the public without videoconferencing capability. If officials are not holding a telephonic or videoconference meeting, all open-meeting requirements apply.

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**Governor's Office Clears Path for Governmental Bodies to Meet Telephonically or by
Videoconference During Coronavirus Disaster**

AUSTIN - Governor Abbott's office today approved a request by the Office of the Attorney General to temporarily suspend a limited number of open meeting laws in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) disaster. This action will allow governmental bodies to conduct meetings by telephone or video conference to advance the public health goal of limiting face-to-face meetings (also called "social distancing") to slow the spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Importantly, however, this action does not suspend requirements that governmental bodies conduct meetings in a transparent and accessible manner. Specifically, governmental bodies are still be required to do the following:

- provide online written notice containing a public toll-free dial-in number or a free-of-charge videoconference link, as well as an electronic copy of any agendapacket,

- before conducting telephonic or video conference meetings;
- provide the public with access and a means to participate in those meetings, preferably through two-way audio or video connections; and
- provide the public with access to a recording of those meetings.

Please [click here](#) for a complete list of the open meeting provisions that have been temporarily suspended. State agencies and local governmental bodies may contact Office of the Attorney General with question about the suspension order by telephone at the (888) 672-6787 or via email at TOMA@oag.texas.gov. Officials with questions about teleconference and videoconference capabilities offered by the Texas Department of Information Resources should visit dir.texas.gov or call (512) 475-4700.

For information on the spread or treatment of Coronavirus (COVID-19), please visit the [Texas Department of State Health Services](#).

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**TARRANT COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT (TCHD)
d/b/a JPS HEALTH NETWORK**

**EMERGENCY PROCEDURES PURSUANT TO
GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT'S AND
ATTORNEY GENERAL KEN PAXTON'S
TEMPORARY MEETING SUSPENSION GUIDELINES
THIS MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING VIA
NORMAL JPS HEALTH NETWORK YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

**WEBEX-TCHD MEETING - VIRTUAL
TARRANT COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT PUBLIC
FACILITY CORPORATION COMMITTEE MEETING**

2:00 P.M. THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2021

TCHD PFC BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Tarrant County Hospital District ("District") Board of Managers and Tarrant County Hospital District Public Facility Corporation Committee Meeting met at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, February 25, 2021 via WebEx with the following Board/Committee members present:

Chair Charles Webber, M.D., Board Chair
Dorothy DeBose, Board Vice Chair, Board Member
Roger Fisher, Secretary
Amanda Arizola, Board Member
Trent Petty, Board Member
Charles Powell, Board Member
Zim Zimmerman, Board Member
Trent Petty, Board Member

Members Absent: Rev. Ralph Emerson, Board Member
Steve Montgomery, Board Member
D.T. Nguyen, Board Member

Others Attending: Robert Earley, President, Chief Executive Officer
Karen Duncan, M.D., Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Operating Officer
Sharon Clark, Senior Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
Robert Browder, Vice President, Government Affairs & Special Projects
Daphne Walker, Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Counsel
David Mendenhall, Vice President, Chief Technology Officer
Cheryl Hurd, M.D., Program Director, Behavioral Health
James Plummer, Bracewell
Jason Arechiga, NRP
Max Whipple, NRP
Suzanne Barnes, Executive Office Manager

I. **CALL TO ORDER** – R. Browder called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Members present represented a quorum to conduct Committee business.

II. **CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD**

Summary: There were no citizens present wishing to address the Tarrant County Hospital District Public Facility Corporation Committee

III. **MATTERS THAT REQUIRE DISCUSSION AND COMMITTEE ACTION – R. Browder**

A. Consider Approval of Elected Officers

Action: C. Powell motioned to approve Dr. Charles Webber as Chair/President, Dorothy DeBose as Vice Chair/Vice President, and Roger Fisher as Secretary, seconded by T. Petty, motion passed unanimously. Thereafter, R. Fisher made a second motion to approve Robert Earley as Assistant Secretary and Robert Browder as Assistant Secretary, seconded by Dorothy DeBose, second motion passed unanimously.

B. Consider Adoption of Bylaws

Action: R. Fisher motioned to approve the Bylaws adopted by the Board of Managers on February 11, 2021, seconded by T. Petty, motion passed unanimously.

C. Consider Approval of Inducement Resolution Indicating Non-Binding Intent To Participate In Magnolia Lofts Project.

Action: T. Petty motioned to approve the Inducement Resolution, seconded by D. DeBose, motion passed unanimously.

IV. **RECONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE FOR THE FOLLOWING:** In addition to the matters posted for deliberation in executive (closed) session, the Board may from time to time during the meeting adjourn and meet in executive session to receive legal advice pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Open Meetings Act regarding any matter included on this agenda.

A. Deliberation Regarding the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property Pursuant to Section 551.072, Texas Open Meetings Act.

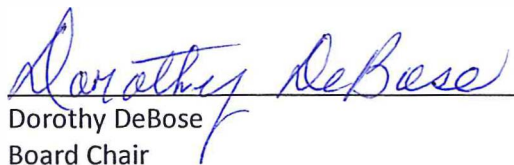
(i) Magnolia Lofts

B. Consultation with General Counsel to Receive Legal Advice on Pending/Contemplated Litigation and Other Matters under Subsections 1 and 2, Section 551.071, Texas Open Meetings Act.

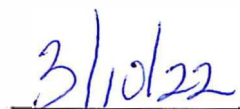
V. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION FOR DELIBERATION(S) AND/OR ACTION(S) DEEMED NECESSARY REGARDING ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA, PARAGRAPHS A and B.
NONE

VI. ADJOURN

There being no further business of the Tarrant County Hospital District Public Facilities Corporation (TCHDPFC), meeting was adjourned at 2:22 pm.



Dorothy DeBose
Board Chair



Date