TARRANT COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT (TCHD)
d/b/a JPS HEALTH NETWORK
1500 S. Main Street
Fort Worth, TX 76104
3rd Floor, OPC Conference Room

BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING
1:00 P.M. THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2026

MEETING MINUTES

The Tarrant County Hospital District ("District") Board of Managers Meeting met on Thursday, October 8, 2026, with the following members present:

DT Nguyen (Chair)
Dustin Austin
Allan Rodger
Rev. Ralph Emerson
Dorothy DeBose
Demetria Bivens
David Mansdoerfer
Blake Woodard
Chuck Taggart
Ron Clevenger
Jessica Kirby, DO (Alt.)

Absent: Casey Ford

Others Attending:
Karen Duncan, MD, President & Chief Executive Officer
Daphne Walker, EVP, Chief Legal Officer
Jill Farrell, Sr. EVP, Chief Operations Officer
Shannon Fletcher, SVP, Chief of Staff & External Affairs
Jennifer Chavez, SVP, Chief Nursing Officer
Kim Hodgkinson, EVP, Chief Financial Officer
Valentino Grassetti (T.J.), VP Chief Strategy & Business Development
Saba Asad, MD, Chief Medical Officer
Joni Duncan, VP, Human Resources
Dawn Fernald, VP, Communications
Leah King, SVP, Foundation
Lauren Ramsey, MD, Medical Director of Breast Surgery
Angela McDonald, Executive Director, Spiritual Care & Ethics
Lani Taylor, Manager of Legal Operations
Esperanza Moreno, Board Coordinator

I. CALL TO ORDER – D. Nguyen

Mr. Nguyen called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m.

II. OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE – A. MacDonald

Invocation given by Angela MacDonald.

III. CITIZENS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

There were no citizens present to address the Board

IV. PUBLIC HEARING OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF TARRANT COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT TO CONSIDER CLARIFICATION TO THE FISCAL YEAR 2027 LOCAL PROVIDER PARTICIPATION PROGRAM AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS

A. PUBLIC HEARING – D. Nguyen

B. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION TO CLARIFY THE MANDATORY LOCAL PROVIDER PARTICIAPTION PAYMENTS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027.

Action: *Ms. DeBose made a motion to approve the resolution adopting the following clarifications and additions listed below, seconded by Rev. Emerson, motion passed unanimously.*

1. *The amount of the mandatory payments for each institutional healthcare provider located in the Tarrant County Hospital District's geographic jurisdictional area is set at 6% of the net patient revenue attributable to inpatient hospital services and 6% of the net patient revenue attributable to outpatient hospital services as set forth on Exhibit "A" attached to the Resolution.*

2. *The Board's intent is, for mandatory payments assessed on and after October 1, 2026, that each institutional health care provider located in Tarrant County Hospital District's geographic jurisdictional area use the most recent Medicare cost report as defined by Texas HHSC as the basis to separately calculate the inpatient and outpatient net patient revenue based on the Medicare Upper Payment Limit (UPL) methodology.*

3. *The funds collected through mandatory payments for the purposes specified in Chapter 298B, Texas Health and Safety Code on and after October 1, 2026, shall be deposited in a new LPPF bank account.*

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Approval of Joint Board of Managers Meeting Minutes – September 10, 2026

Action: *Mr. Woodard made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 10, 2026 Joint Board of Managers Meeting, seconded by Mr. Austin, motion passed unanimously.*

VI. BOARD CHAIR REPORT – D. Nguyen

Mr. Nguyen did not have a report.

VII. CEO REPORT – K. Duncan

Summary: *CEO Report highlighted the following:*

- *Introducing new community initiatives, the JPS Citizens Healthcare Academy and JPS National Night Out in Texas*
- *Recognized Daphne Walker for recently named among Greater Fort Worth's Top Attorney's by Fort Worth Magazine.*

- *Recognized JPS Communication team for earning multiple honors in the 2026 Graphic Design USA Health + Wellness Design Awards.*
- *Dr. Ramsey provided a summary of breast cancer preventive measures and metric scores.*
- *Patient video*

VIII. REPORT FROM MEDICAL EXECUTIVE STAFF COMMITTEE REQUIRING DISCUSSION(S), UPDATE(S), DELIBERATION(S), ACTION(S) AND/OR APPROVAL – J. Kirby

A. Request for Approval of Medical Staff Appointments and Privileges

Action: *Ms. DeBose made a motion to approve, seconded by Ms. Bivens, motion passed unanimously.*

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION

A. Finance, Planning & Investment Committee – September 24, 2026 – D. Austin

The Board received a summary report on topics that were discussed at the September Finance, Planning & Investment Committee meeting.

B. Governance Committee – September 24, 2026 - D. Mansdoerfer

The Board received a summary report on topics that were discussed at the September Governance Committee meeting.

C. Foundation Board Report – September 22, 2026 – A. Rodger

The Board received a summary report on topics that were discussed at the September Foundation Board meeting.

X. REPORTS/UPDATES NOT REQURING BOARD ACTION(S)

There are no reports and updates not requiring action/approval.

XI. CONSIDER MATTERS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION(S) AND/OR APPROVAL

There are no matters requiring board action/approval.

XII. CONSENT AGENDA: ALL CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS WERE DISCUSSED IN BOARD COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND MAY REQUIRE LITTLE OR NO DELIBERATION BY THE BOARD OF MANAGERS BUT REQUIRE BOARD APPROVAL.

Action: *Ms. DeBose made a motion to approve, seconded by Rev. Emerson, motion passed unanimously.*

FINANCE, PLANNING & INVESTMENT

A. Approval of August 2026 Unaudited Financial Report

B. Approval of (1) Exemption to Bid and (2) Amendment No. 4 to the Purchase Agreement between Tarrant County Hospital District and Optum360, LLC to provide updated diagnosis and procedure codes used by EPIC - $893,425.50 total cost over a 3-year term (1397097).

C. Approval of Addendum to DIR Vendor Quote, Contract #DIR-CPO- 5687 between Tarrant County Hospital District and Prescriptive Data Solutions, LLC to provide back up to our current infrastructure, including virtual infrastructure, Epic databases, file shares, and Microsoft Office 365 – OneDrive, SharePoint, Exchange (email) - $1,023,028.68 total cost over a 1-year term (1394252).

D. Approval of Home Health Care Services Agreement between Tarrant County Hospital District and Professional Home Health Care, Inc to provide home health care services for JPS Connection patients - $1,681,000.00 total cost over a 5-year term (1395333).

E. Approval of Addendum to Carahsoft DIR Quote, Contract #DIR-CPO-5687 between Tarrant County Hospital District and Carahsoft Technology Corporation to provide a Network Security Managed Detection and Response system (MDR) - $5,888,442.36 total cost over a 3-year term (1404112).

F. Approval of FY 2027 Interlocal Agreement between Tarrant County Hospital District and Tarrant County for Funding of Specified County Programs to provide funding for countywide behavioral health/intellectual disability services for the Rehabilitative Alternatives for Probationers and Parolees (R.A.P.P) program as well as public health services - $24,580,251.00 total cost over a 1-year term (1404020).

G. Approval of FY 2027 Interlocal Agreement between Tarrant County Hospital District, Tarrant County and MHMR of Tarrant County for Countywide MHMR Services to provide funding for countywide behavioral health/intellectual disability services provided to the citizens of Tarrant County through the auspices of MHMR of Tarrant County - $1,594,650.00 total cost over a 1-year term (1404023).

H. Approval of Services Agreement between Tarrant County Hospital District and RAS Mission Critical Services, Inc. d/b/a MCS, Inc to provide preventative maintenance and repair services for Automatic and Manual Transfer Switches and Paralleling Switchgears throughout the District - $694,362.00 total cost over a 3-year term (1395794).

I. Approval of Initial Guaranteed Maximum Price Amendment #3 between Tarrant County Hospital District and Austin Commercial, LP to provide initial Guaranteed Maximum Price 3 (iGMP3) and scope for interior fit-out work for the new hospital - $479,183,998.00 total cost over a 5-year term (1400772).

J. Approval of (1) Exemption to Bid and (2) First Amendment to Cepheid Sales Agreement between Tarrant County Hospital District and Cepheid US to provide an extension to the term of the current molecular diagnostic reagent agreement for lab operations - $3,907,666.80 total cost over a 3-year term (1395837).

K. Approval of (1) Exemption to Bid and (2) Pricing Agreement between Tarrant County Hospital District and Hologic, Inc to provide current molecular diagnostic reagents, ensuring stable and continuous lab operations - $2,477,682.00 total cost over a 5-year term (1377947).

L. Approval of First Amendment to the Informatics Services Agreement between Tarrant County Hospital District and Philips Healthcare to provide long-term radiological patient care, maintain technological readiness, and ensures operational continuity for healthcare providers - $6,461,877.00 total cost over a 5-year term (1393386).

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

A. Approval of Tarrant County Hospital District (TCHD) Policies and/or Plans

1. COM 9000 Corporate Compliance Program

The Board took a break at 1:50 p.m.

XIII. RECONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 551, TEXAS GOVERNMENT CODE FOR THE FOLLOWING:

Executive session started at 1:52 p.m.

In addition to the matters posted for deliberation in executive (closed) session, the Committee may from time to time during the meeting reconvene 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. **Serve as Medical Peer Review Committee and/or Medical Committee Pursuant to Chapter 160 Texas Occupations Code, Section 161.031 et Seq. Texas Health and Safety Code, and/or Receipt of Report(s) from Medical Staff Executive Committee or other Medical Staff Committees, Texas Occupations Code, Texas Health and Safety Code, and/or Medical Committees.**

B. **Deliberation Involving Individuals' Medical or Psychiatric Records Pursuant to Section 551.078, .0785, Texas Open Meetings Act.**

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

D. **Deliberate Information Relating to a Proposed New Service or ProductLines.**

E. **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.**

F. **Receive Records, Information and/or Reports from Compliance Officer Pursuant to Section 161.032(b)(2), Texas Health and Safety Code, Texas Open Meetings Act.**

G. **Deliberation Pursuant to Section 551.074 of the Act Regarding Appointments, Evaluations, Contracts and Compensation of District's Personnel, Vice Presidents and its Other Upper Level Management Staff.**

    1. Recommendation from HR Committee Regarding CEO Contract – D. DeBose

H. **Deliberations Regarding Security Devices or Security Audits Pursuant to Sections 551.076 and 551.089, Texas Open Meetings Act.**

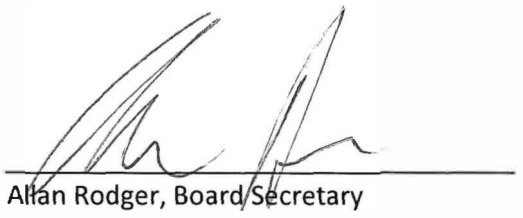
I. **Deliberation Regarding Economic Development Negotiations Pursuant to Section 551.087, Texas Open Meetings Act.**

XIV. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION FOR DELIBERATION(S) AND/OR ACTION(S) DEEMED NECESSARY REGARDING ANY MATTER LISTED ON THE CLOSED SESSION AGENDA, PARAGRAPHS XIII. A., B., C., D., E., F., G., H., and I.

Open session reconvened at 2:51 p.m.

XV. ADJOURN

There being no further business to discuss, the Board of Managers adjourned at 2:52 p.m.



Allan Rodger, Board Secretary



Date