

MEMORANDUM

To: Tarrant County Hospital District Board of Managers and Planning Committee

From: Nicole Coursey

Date: February 3rd, 2021

Re: Meeting Minutes from January 14th, 2021 Board of Managers and Planning Committee Meeting

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 Planning Committee held a virtual meeting on January 14th, 2021. The agenda for this meeting was posted in the following locations:

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



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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 agenda packet, 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 the Office of the Attorney General with question about the suspension order by telephone at (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](tel:5124754700).

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

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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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**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 JOINT BOARD OF MANAGERS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING

1:00 PM Thursday, January 14th, 2021

The Tarrant County Hospital District ("District") Board of Managers and Planning Committee met Thursday, January 14, 2021, at JPS Health Network, 1500 S. Main Street, 3rd Floor Outpatient Conference Rooms with the following Board members present:

Trent Petty, Committee Chairman
Amanda Arizola
Dorothy DeBose, Board Vice Chairman
Rev. Ralph Emerson
Steve Montgomery
DT Nguyen
Charlie Powell, Immediate Past Board Chair
Charles Webber, M.D., Board Chairman
Zim Zimmerman
Steven Simmons, D.O.
Cheryl Hurd, M.D.
Janet Miles, M.D.

Not In Attendance: Roger Fisher

Others Attending: Robert Earley, President and CEO
Karen Duncan M.D., Executive Vice President, and COO Administration
Sharon Clark, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
Adam Lane, Vice President, Chief Facilities Management Officer Administration
David Mendenhall, Vice President, Chief Technology Officer
Robert Browder, Vice President, Government Affairs and Special Projects
Daphne Walker, Sr. Vice President, Chief Legal Counsel
Richard Miller, M.D., Sr. Physician Executive, Chief of Surgery
Melissa Kyle, Executive Director, Facilities Engineering
Angie Morgan, Executive Director, Construction
Suzanne Barnes, Executive Office Manager
Nicole Coursey, Recording Secretary

- I. **Call To Order** – Trent Petty called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm. Members present represented a quorum to conduct Committee Business.
- II. **Hearing of Citizens** - There were no citizens wishing to address the committee.
- III. **Matters Requiring Committee Action(s), Deliberation(s) and/or Approval**
 - A. **Approval of Minutes November 5th, 2020** – Charlie Powell motioned to approve the November 5, 2020 minutes, seconded by Dorothy Debose, motion passed unanimously.
- IV. **Consider Committee Reports, Update(s), Information and/or Discussion(s) not Requiring Committee Action:**
 - A. **Broaddus Update** – Adam Lane provided a high level overview of the status of the progress with Broaddus and next steps. .
 - B. **Infrastructure Project Update; Chillers, Generators, and Structural Repair** – Adam Lane provided a high level overview on the status of the infrastructure project. .

The above listed reports were presented for informational purposes with no action(s) required from the committee.
- V. **Reconvene in Executive Session Pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code for the Following: Pursuant to Chapter 551, Texas Government Code, the Committee Reserves the Right to Convene in Executive (Closed) Session(s) from Time to Time as a Committee May Determine During the Meeting, with Regard to Any Posted Agenda Item, To Receive the Advice of Legal Counsel as Permitted by Section 551.071 of the Code.**

The Board did not convene in Executive Session
- VI. **Reconvene in Open Session as the Board of Managers and the Committee for Deliberation(s) and/or Action(s) deemed necessary regarding any matter listed on the Closed Session Agenda, Paragraphs IV. A and B.**
- VII. **Adjourn:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.



Trent Petty, Chair

8/27/21

Date