

# MEMORANDUM

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To: Tarrant County Hospital District Board of Managers

From: Suzanne Barnes

Date: March 11, 2021

Re: Board of Managers Meeting, Minutes from February 11, 2021

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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 Board of Managers held a virtual meeting on February 11, 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.



**KEN PAXTON**  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF TEXAS

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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](mailto: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](http://dir.texas.gov) or call [\(512\) 475-4700](tel:(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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## GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

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### **I. 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](mailto: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](http://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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**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 - Board of Managers Meeting**

**Thursday, February 11, 2021**

**Meeting Minutes**

The Tarrant County Hospital District ("District") Board of Managers met Thursday, February 11, 2021, via WebEx with the following members present:

Charles Webber, M.D., Board Chair  
Dorothy DeBose, Board Vice Chair  
Roger Fisher, Board Secretary  
Charlie Powell, Board Immediate Past Chair  
Rev. Ralph Emerson  
Amanda Arizola  
D.T. Nguyen  
Steve Montgomery  
Trent Petty – joined meeting at 12:38pm  
Steven Simmons, D.O.  
Zim Zimmerman

Board Members Absent:

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  
Nadia Alawi-Kakomanolis, M.D., Interim Acclaim President  
Zelia Baugh, Executive Vice President, Behavioral Health  
Diana Brodeur, Vice President, Communications  
Robert Browder, Vice President, Government Affairs & Special Projects  
Cheryl Hurd, M.D., President Medical Staff  
David Mendenhall, Vice President, Chief Technology Officer  
Richard Miller, M.D., Interim Chief Medical Officer  
Ron Skillens, Senior Vice President, Enterprise Risk Management, Chief Compliance Officer  
Daphne Walker, Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Counsel  
Lauren Poe, Executive Director, Strategy and Business Development  
Lee Ann Franklin, Executive Director, Spiritual Care & Ethics  
Suzanne Barnes, Recording Secretary

**I. CALL TO ORDER – Dr. Webber called to order at 1:00pm**

**II. OPENING PRAYER & PLEDGE** – Lee Ann Franklin gave the Invocation

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

**Summary:** No citizens addressed the board

**IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. Board of Managers – December 10, 2020

**Action:** Mr. Powell motioned to approve the December 10, 2020 minutes, seconded by Mr. Fisher, motion passed unanimously.

**V. BOARD CHAIR REPORT AND ACTION** – C. Webber

- Thanked staff for continuing to care for our patients

**VI. CEO REPORT** – Robert Earley

- Planning for inclement weather
- Thanked staff for preparations due to weather
- Thanked Rev. Emerson for his encouragement to the community to receive the vaccine
- Executive Rounding
- Executive Strategic Retreat

**VII. COVID REPORT**

- Dr. Miller gave a COVID update

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

- No items that require approval
- Dr. Hurd gave a high level overview to the board on Medical Executive Staff updates

**IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND ACTION**

A. Planning Committee/or Action – T. Petty  
**Thursday, January 14, 2021**

**Mr. Petty updated the board on the following:**

- Capital projects, ERMA, bond process/Broadbus and Chillers that have been replaced

B. Quality Committee/or Action – C. Webber  
**Thursday, January 14, 2021**  
**Thursday, February 4, 2021**

**Dr. Webber updated the board on the following:**

- PSI90 report, COVID update and Sound Physician presentation

- C. Finance Committee/or Action – S. Montgomery  
**Thursday, January 28, 2021**

**Mr. Montgomery updated the board on the following:**

- Financial Summary Reports  
November 2020  
December 2020  
Acclaim financial update

- D. Human Resources/or Action – D. DeBose  
**Thursday, January 28, 2021**

**Ms. DeBose updated the board on the following:**

- HR policies and Pension Amendment update

**X. OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING BOARD DISCUSSION(S), UPDATE(S), DELIBERATION(S), ACTION(S) AND/OR APPROVAL**

**Updates:**

- A. Consider Approval for the reappointment of JR Labbe to represent Tarrant County Hospital District for the City of Arlington – TIRZ Place 4 Downtown, Entertainment District, and Viridian.

**Action:** Mr. Powell motioned to approve the reappointment of JR Labbe to represent TCHD for the City of Arlington – TITZ Place Downtown, Entertainment District, and Viridian, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, motion passed unanimously.

- B. Consider Approval for the appointment of JR Labbe to represent Tarrant County Hospital District for the following City of North Richland Hills TIRZs:  
Zone 1  
Zone 1A  
Zone 2

**Action:** Mr. Powell motioned to approve the appointment of JR Labbe to represent TCHD for the following City of NRH TIRZs: Zone 1, Zone 1A and Zone 2, seconded by Dr. Simmons and abstained by Mr. Petty, motioned passed by 10 voting members.

- C. Consider Approval of the 2020 Community Health Needs Assessment Implementation Plan – R. Earley/L. Poe

**Action:** Mr. Fisher motioned to approve the 2020 Community Health Needs Assessment Implementation Plan, seconded by Mr. Montgomery, motioned passed unanimously.

**XI. 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:** Mr. Zimmerman motioned to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Petty motion passed unanimously.



- A. Consider Approval of the following Policies:
  - 1. EC 400, 700, 1900 and 2900 – A. Lane
  - 2. LD 1700 Oversight and Quality Monitoring of Contracted Services – G. Stephenson
  - 3. NPSG 200 Color Coded Wristbands – D. Dent
  - 4. RI 1700 Informed Consent Policy – R. Miller
  - 5. HR 6000, 2700, 400, 4500, 3700 and 2100 – A. duBuclet
  - 6. LDF 5100, LDF 7300 and LDF 1900 – S. Clark
  - 7. PC 2600 Adoptions – D. Dent
  
- B. Consider Acceptance of December 2020 Unaudited Financial Report – S. Clark
  
- C. Consider Acceptance of November 2020 Unaudited Financial Report – S. Clark
  
- D. Consider Approval of the Exception to bid and the Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement – Medicare Bad Debt Review between TransUnion Healthcare, Inc. and Tarrant County Hospital District d/b/a JPS Health Network (882409) – S. Clark
  
- E. Consider Approval of Professional Services Agreement Physician Practice Analysis Strategy Consultant between Guidehouse, Inc. and Tarrant County Hospital District d/b/a JPS Health Network (889321) – Dr. Duncan
  
- F. Pursuant to JPS Purchasing Procedure LDF 7201 Section VIII, A.7., consider (1) granting an exemption to competitive bidding for purchase of goods and services for which competition is precluded because of the existence of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or monopolies, or captive replacement parts or components for equipment, or other exemptions under Tex. Local Gov't. Code §262.024(a)(7); and (2) approval of Purchase Agreement between Quidel Corporation and Tarrant County Hospital District d/b/a JPS Health Network (852762) – D. Chung
  
- G. Consider Approval of Professional Services Agreement between Waste Management National Services, Inc. a Delaware Corporation and Tarrant County Hospital District d/b/a JPS Health Network (887864) – A. Lane
  
- H. Consider Approval of allocation of up to \$2.5M of the previously approved \$10M infrastructure improvement budget for chiller infrastructure repairs and upgrades. – A. Lane
  
- I. Consider Approval of Addendum to DIR Contract No. DIR-TSO-4167 with the State of Texas , acting by and through the Department of Information Resources between Tarrant County Hospital District d/b/a JPS Health Network and Cisco Systems, Inc. and Netsync Network Solutions. (885560). – D. Mendenhall
  
- J. Pursuant to JPS Purchasing Procedure LDF 7201 Section VIII, A.7., consider (1) granting an exemption to competitive bidding for purchase of goods and services for which competition is precluded because of the existence of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or monopolies, or captive replacement parts or components for equipment, or other exemptions under Tex. Local Gov't. Code §262.024(a)(7); and (2) approval of Amendment to License - Coordinated Care Management between Epic Systems Corporation (“Epic”) and Tarrant County Hospital District d/b/a JPS Health Network (875288) – D. Mendenhall

- K. Pursuant to JPS Purchasing Procedure LDF 7201 Section VIII, A.7., consider (1) granting an exemption to competitive bidding for purchase of goods and services for which competition is precluded because of the existence of patents, copyrights, secret processes, or monopolies, or captive replacement parts or components for equipment, or other exemptions under Tex. Local Gov't. Code §262.024(a)(7); and (2) approval of the Implementation Estimate – Radiant Radiology – Mammography Module between Epic Systems Corporation and Tarrant County Hospital District d/b/a JPS Health Network (886371) – D. Mendenhall
- L. Consider Approval of the Interlocal FY21 Agreement between Tarrant County and Tarrant County Hospital District for Funding of Specified County Programs (875297) - Z. Baugh
- M. Consider Approval of the Pension Benefit Amendment – S. Clark/A. duBuclet
- N. Consider Approval of the 2021 QAPI Plan – G. Stephenson

**XII. REPORT OF LEGAL COUNSEL AND/OR LEGAL MATTERS REQUIRING DISCUSSION(S), UPDATE(S), DELIBERATION(S), ACTION(S) AND/OR APPROVAL – D. Walker**

- A. Report of Contracts Negotiated on behalf of TCHD that are under \$500,000 for the previous month. – D. Walker

**Summary:** Ms. Walker reported that TCHD had 39 contracts were under \$500,000 in December and 40 in January.

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

The Board took a break at 2:04pm  
The Board went into Executive Session at 2:10pm

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

The Board reconvened in Open Session at 3:05pm

- A. Magnolia Lofts Ltd, 300 E. Magnolia Avenue
  - 1. Non Profit Participation Resolution - A Resolution Authorizing and Approving the Creation of the Tarrant County Hospital District Public Facility Corporation Pursuant to Chapter 303 of the Texas Local Government Code.

**Action:**

- B. Consider Approval of Privileges/Appointments and Reappointments to the Medical Staff as presented – Dr. Hurd

**Action:** Dr. Hurd motioned to approve the Privileges/Appointments and reappointments to the Medical Staff as presented, seconded by Mr. Simmons, motion passed unanimously.

XV. ADJOURN – 3:09pm

Charles E. Webber MD  
Charles Webber, MD – Board Chair

11 Mar 2021

Date