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**BOARD OF MANAGERS  
NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
FEBRUARY 24, 2026**

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The Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met at 12:00 p.m., February 24, 2026 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
Mary Esther Guerra	Assistant County Attorney
John B. Martinez	General Counsel
Adam Robison	Legal Counsel
Melissa Quintanilla	Executive Assistant/Human Resources
Carmina Hernandez Moreno	Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Caitlin Chupe	Adamson & Company
Lee Lopez	Corpus Christi Medical Center
Chrissy Romeros	Rep to St. Representative Todd Hunter
Todd Hunter	State Representative
Becky Rios	Christus Spohn Hospital – via Zoom
read.ai meeting notes	- via Zoom
rxa 1450 (guest)	- via Zoom

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**1. WELCOME**

**2. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS**

- Vishnu V. Reddy, Chairman
- Sylvia Tryon Oliver, Vice Chair
- Mariana Garza
- Georgia Neblett, Legislative Committee Chair
- Karen O'Connor Urban
- Pamela Brower, Finance Committee Chair
- Sunil Reddy

**3. CALL TO ORDER, CONFIRMATION OF QUORUM, VERIFICATION OF MEETING POSTING, AND CLOSED MEETING NOTICE:**

A. Call to order- Vishnu V. Reddy, Chairman.

The meeting was called to order by Vishnu V. Reddy at 12:00 p.m.

B. Establish quorum – Vishnu V. Reddy.

A quorum was present with six members in attendance.

**Vishnu V. Reddy, Chairman - PRESENT**

**Sylvia Tryon Oliver, Vice Chair – PRESENT**

**Mariana Garza, Member – PRESENT**

**Georgia Neblett, Legislative Committee Chair – PRESENT**

**Karen O'Connor Urban, Member – PRESENT**

**Sunil Reddy, Member – PRESENT**

**Pamela Brower, Finance Committee Chair – ABSENT**

C. Confirm posting of the meeting’s public notice in compliance with the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

D. Notice is hereby provided that the Board of Managers may convene in closed meeting session(s) during this meeting to consider any agenda item, when permitted under the Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551.

**4. NOTICE REGARDING BUDGET.** The Hospital District’s Fiscal Year 2026 budget has been duly adopted by the Board and approved by Commissioners Court. At this meeting, the Board may discuss the budget. The budget and the required taxpayer impact statement for

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Fiscal Year 2026 are available for public review on the District's official website at:  
[https://www.nchdcc.org/public\\_notices/finance.php](https://www.nchdcc.org/public_notices/finance.php).

**5. 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.

**6. REGULAR SESSION**

**A. PUBLIC COMMENT** – Opportunity for members of the public to address the Board on matters within its jurisdiction. In-person attendees must sign the “Agenda Item Request to Speak” form at least five (5) minutes before the meeting begins. Remote attendees must notify the presiding officer when called upon. Comments are limited to three (3) minutes (six [6] minutes with translator). The presiding officer may further limit the number of speakers or time allowed. The Board may act only on items listed on the agenda. Materials submitted will not be returned; at least ten (10) copies, labeled with the commenter’s name and agenda item number, must be provided for distribution.

**B. CONSENT AGENDA** - The Consent Agenda consists of those agenda items which are routine, administrative in nature, not in need of separate attention, and which a member of the Board has not requested be discussed separately. If requested to be discussed separately, that agenda item will be removed from the Consent Agenda by the presiding officer to the Regular Agenda and discussed as a part of the Regular Agenda at the appropriate time. All remaining items listed under the Consent Agenda will be voted upon in a single vote:

1. Approve Board of Managers Regular Meeting minutes of January 27, 2026.
2. Receive summary payment information regarding Nueces County health care disbursements for Fiscal Year 2026 year-to-date:
  - a. Salaries, benefits, and supplies at/for the City of Corpus Christi/Nueces County Public Health District;
  - b. Emergency medical services provided in unincorporated areas of Nueces County;

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c. Supplemental and jail diversion program funding for Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities;

d. Medical services provided at County correctional facilities:

1. Nueces County Jail; and
2. Nueces County Juvenile Detention Center;

e. Funding for alcohol and drug abuse treatment programs:

1. Cenikor (Charlie's Place); and
2. Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse;

f. Funding for diabetes prevention and supporting programs; and

g. Public health grants. (*Finance Committee*)

3. Receive Fiscal Year 2026 year-to-date summary of imputed claims information for medical and hospital services provided to the Nueces Aid Program population, consistent with the CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation Amended and Restated Membership Agreement. (*Finance Committee*)

4. Receive Fiscal Year 2026 year-to-date Specified Annual Percentage-related revenue reports; revenue receipts pursuant to CHRISTUS Spohn Health System Corporation Amended and Restated Membership Agreement, Section 5.03. (*Finance Committee*)

5. Receive statement of Fiscal Year 2026 year-to-date deposits to and withdrawals from the Local Provider Participation Fund, made pursuant to the Board of Managers Order authorizing participation in a health care provider participation program under Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 298C, as amended. (*Finance Committee*)

6. Receive Fiscal Year 2026 year-to-date summary report of cumulative actual intergovernmental transfers (IGTs) made in support of local and other healthcare providers participating in Medicaid directed and supplemental payment programs sponsored by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC), and receive estimates of provider payments resulting from the IGTs:

- a. Directed Payment Programs - IGTs to HHSC for Medicaid managed care payments to providers that promote Medicaid program goals and objectives:

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1. Aligning Technology by Linking Interoperable Systems for Client Health Outcomes Program (ATLIS);
  2. Comprehensive Hospital Increase Reimbursement Program (CHIRP);
  3. Network Access Improvement Program (NAIP); and
  4. Texas Incentives for Physicians and Professional Services (TIPPS); and
- b. Supplemental Payment Programs - IGTs to HHSC for Medicaid payments to hospitals, made separately from and in addition to base payments, to incentivize achievement of specified goals or to support providers serving significant numbers of uninsured or low-income patients:
1. Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH);
  2. Graduate Medical Education (GME);
  3. Hospital Augmented Reimbursement Program (HARP); and
  4. Hospital Uncompensated Care (UC). (*Finance Committee*)
7. Receive reports relating to Nueces Aid Program enrollment for the month-ended January 31, 2026:
- a. Total Persons and Households Enrolled;
  - b. Enrollment Summary;
  - c. Denials;
  - d. Application Processing Summary; and
  - e. Enrollment by Zip Code. (*Finance Committee*)

**Consent Agenda Approved. Motion by Karen O'Connor Urban and seconded by Sylvia Tryon Oliver. MOTION CARRIED.**

**C. REGULAR AGENDA** -Items that are non-routine, non-administrative, or require individual attention. Each item will be considered and, if action is needed, voted on separately:

**1. Finance Committee:**

a. Annual Audit:

1. Receive and consider acceptance of the independent auditor's report on the financial statements of the Hospital District for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2025. (**ACTION**)

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**Caitlin Chupe from Adamson & Company presented  
presented financial statements of the Hospital District  
for fiscal year ended September 30, 2025.**

**Motion by Georgia Neblett and seconded by  
Mariana Garza. MOTION CARRIED.**

**b. Financial Statements:**

1. Receive and approve unaudited financial statements for the month and fiscal year-to-date period ended January 31, 2026. (*ACTION*)

**Motion by Karen O'Connor Urban and seconded by  
Georgia Neblett. MOTION CARRIED.**

**2. Legislative Committee:**

- a. Receive a briefing from State Representative Todd Hunter on the 90th Texas Legislative Session and the legislative process. (*INFORMATION*)

**St. Representative Todd Hunter gave briefing re: Legislative process.**

- b. Review and consider matters relating to approved interim committee charges for the 90th Texas Legislature. (*ACTION*)

**No Action Taken.**

- c. Discuss and consider a legislative agenda for the 90th Texas Legislative Session. (*ACTION*)

**No Action Taken.**

**3. Administrator's Briefing:**

- a. Next scheduled regular meetings of the Board of Managers and Board Committees (all meeting dates, times, and locations are subject to change):

1. Legislative Committee: Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 11:00 AM in NCHD Board of Managers Meeting Room at 555 North Carancahua Street, Room 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401;

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2. Finance Committee: Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 11:30 AM in NCHD Board of Managers Meeting Room at 555 North Carancahua Street, Room 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401; and

3. Board of Managers: Tuesday, March 24, 2026, 12:00 PM in NCHD Board of Managers Meeting Room at 555 North Carancahua Street, Room 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401. (**INFORMATION**)

**7. CLOSED MEETING** – The Board of Managers may convene in closed session at any time during this meeting to deliberate any agenda item, as authorized by the Texas Open Meetings Act, Chapter 551, Texas Government Code. The Board reserves the right to discuss any agenda item in executive session when legally permitted, regardless of whether the item is customarily considered in open session. The presiding officer will announce the applicable statutory authority under the Act prior to each closed session. Any final action, decision, or vote will be taken in open session, either upon reconvening or at a subsequent public meeting, as required by law. The Board anticipates entering closed session on the matters identified below pursuant to Sections 551.071 and 551.074 of the Texas Government Code, as applicable.

A. Consult with legal counsel regarding CPS Energy’s proposed tax-exemption settlement agreements related to the Barney Davis and Nueces Bay Power Plants and related matters.

B. Consult with attorneys on legal issues regarding the Corpus Christi Housing Authority's workforce housing contracts, tax exemptions, potential open meetings violations, and related matters.

C. Consult with attorneys on legal matters relating to medical education and related matters.

**Vishnu V. Reddy, Chairman called for Closed Session at 12:50 p.m.**

**8. OPEN MEETING** - The Board will reconvene in open session following the Closed Meeting before taking action on Closed Meeting matters or adjourning.

**Vishnu V. Reddy, Chairman, called for Open Session at 1:35 p.m.**

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A. Discuss and consider taking final action, decision, or vote on matters deliberated in Closed Meeting. (*ACTION AS NEEDED*)

**No Action Taken.**

**9. ADJOURN**

**Meeting to adjourn by Vishnu v. Reddy, Chairman.  
Motion to adjourn by Georgia Neblett an seconded by  
Karen O'Connor Urban. Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.**

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**PRESIDING OFFICER:**

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Vishnu V. Reddy, Chairman

**ATTEST:**

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Jonny F. Hipp, Secretary  
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