

**NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF MANAGERS  
Board Legislative Committee - Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 11:45 AM**

**AGENDA**

**1. WELCOME**

**2. ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

- \_\_\_ John E. Valls, M.B.A., Chairman
- \_\_\_ Vishnu V. Reddy, M.D.
- \_\_\_ Daniel W. Dain
- \_\_\_ Mariana Garza, J.D.

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

A. Call to order.

B. Establish quorum.

C. Confirm posting of Meeting's public notice in accordance with Texas Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

D. Public notice is hereby given that the Committee may elect to go into Closed Meeting session(s) at any time during the meeting to discuss any matter(s) listed on the agenda when so authorized by the provisions of the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 551.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT** - Persons attending in-person and wishing to comment on any item(s) on the agenda or any subject within the Committee's responsibilities must sign-in on the "Agenda Item Request to Speak" form provided at the entrance of the Committee meeting room at least five (5) minutes prior to commencement of the meeting. Persons attending via audio or video conference and wishing to comment on any item(s) on the agenda or any subject within the Committee's responsibilities must verbally notify the presiding officer of their desire to comment when the officer calls for public comment from those attending via audio and video conference. Commenters shall limit their comments to three (3) minutes, except that Commenters addressing the Committee through a translator shall limit their comments to six (6) minutes.

**5. 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 Committee member 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:

- A. Approve Legislative Committee Regular Meeting minutes of January 27, 2021. 3

**6. REGULAR AGENDA** - The Regular Agenda consists of those agenda items which are non-routine, not administrative in nature, or otherwise in need of separate attention. Each Regular Agenda item will be voted upon separately if action is required:

- A. Receive update on 87th Texas Legislative Session agenda. 7  
*(INFORMATION)*

**7. ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING:**

- A. Next regular Committee meeting (meeting's dates, times, and locations subject to change):
  - 1. Legislative Committee: April 20, 2021, 11:45 AM in NCHD Board of Managers Meeting Room at 555 North Carancahua Street, Room 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401.

**8. ADJOURN**

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The Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met at 11:30 a.m., Wednesday, January 27, 2021 in the NCHD Board Room, at 555 N. Carancahua, Suite 950 – A, Corpus Christi, Texas.

**HOSPITAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVES:**

Jonny F. Hipp	Administrator/CEO
Belinda E. Chism	Assistant Administrator, Administrative Services
Donna Littlefield	Director, Accounting & Finance
Wm DeWitt Alsup	Attorney, Alsup Law Firm
Mary Esther Guerra	Assistant County Attorney – via Zoom
Melissa Quintanilla	Executive Assistant/Human Resources
Carmina Hernandez Moreno	Administrative Assistant
Linda Espericueta	Database Administrator

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Mark Hendrix	MHID – via Zoom
Mike Davis	MHID – via Zoom
Andrea Kovarik	MHID – via Zoom
Chris Nicosia	CCMC – via Zoom
Eric Evans	CCMC – via Zoom
Becky Rios	Christus Spohn Hospital – via Zoom
Jenny Dorsey	Nueces County Attorney – via Zoom
V. Camarillo	CC Caller Times – via Zoom
MK Trawick	via Zoom
Venesa Santos	Crosswinds – via Zoom
Thomas Graham	Consultant – via Zoom
Gary Eiland	Consultant – via Zoom
IP address # 76.248.208.151	via Zoom
IP address # 107.77.218.82	via Zoom

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- Daniel W. Dain
- Mariana Garza, J.D.

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

- A. Call to order – Mr. Valls, Chairman  
The meeting was called to order by Mr. Valls at 12:00 p.m.
- B. Establish quorum – Mr. Valls.  
A quorum was present with all members in attendance.

**John E. Valls, M.B.A. – Chairman – PRESENT**  
**Vishnu V. Reddy, M.D. – Member – PRESENT – via Zoom**  
**Daniel W. Dain. – Member – PRESENT**  
**Mariana Garza, J.D. – Member – PRESENT – via Zoom**

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**No one to speak for public comment.**

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A. Approve Committee meeting minutes of December 15, 2020 Regular Meeting.

**Motion by Mr. Dain and seconded by Dr. Reddy.  
MOTION CARRIED.**

6. **REGULAR AGENDA** - The Regular Agenda consists of those agenda items which are non-routine, potentially controversial, not administrative in nature, or otherwise in need of separate attention. Each Regular Agenda item will be voted upon separately if action is required:

A. Recommend receipt of legislative agenda update for 87th Texas Session.  
*(INFORMATION)*

B. Recommend revisions to the adopted legislative agenda for 87th Texas Session.  
*(ACTION)*

**Motion by Mr. Dain to approve Item 5 and  
seconded by Ms. Garza. MOTION CARRIED.**

C. Recommend adoption of Board of Managers Resolution supporting legislation to use certain funds for residents of the District. *(ACTION)*

**Motion by Mr. Dain and seconded by Ms. Garza  
MOTION CARRIED.**

D. Recommend adoption of Board of Managers Resolution supporting legislation relating to use of tax-levied funds for indigent care and to fund health care services,

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including public health services, mental health and mental retardation services, emergency medical services, health services provided to persons confined in jail facilities, and for other health related purposes. (*ACTION*)

**Motion by Ms. Garza and seconded by Mr. Dain.  
MOTION CARRIED.**

E. Recommend adoption of Board of Managers Resolution supporting legislation redefining a management contractor for tort claims liability purposes. (*ACTION*)

**Motion by Mr. Dain and seconded by Ms. Garza.**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

F. Recommend adoption of Board of Managers Resolution supporting legislation to extend expiration of the Nueces County Hospital District Health Care Provider Participation Program. (*ACTION*)

**Motion by Mr. Dain and seconded by Ms. Garza  
MOTION CARRIED.**

**7. ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING:**

- A. Next Committee meeting (meeting's dates, times, and locations subject to change):
1. Next Regular Meeting: February 16, 2021, 11:30 AM in NCHD Board of Managers Meeting Room at 555 North Carancahua Street, Room 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401.

**8. ADJOURN**

**Motion to adjourn by Mr. Valls. Motion by Mr. Dain and seconded by Ms. Garza. Meeting adjourned at 12:44 p.m.**

**NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT**  
**87<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session**  
**Legislation Update**  
**March 16, 2021**

Legislation List	Bills Filed/Actions
<p>1. Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 281, Hospital Districts in Counties of at Least 190,000:</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Amend Subchapter E, District Finance, §281.094(a) to read as follows: Use of <del>Certain</del> Funds by the Nueces County Hospital District. <del>“With the approval of the Nueces County Commissioners Court, If the board of the Nueces County Hospital District determines the district will have funds available after funding indigent health care as described by Subsection (b)(1),</del> the board of the Nueces County Hospital District, <u>with the approval of Nueces County Commissioners Court</u>, may use funds made available to the district from <u>any</u> sources <del>other than a tax levy</del> to fund health care services <u>for residents of the district</u>, including public health services, mental health and <del>mental retardation</del> <u>intellectual disability</u> services, emergency medical services, health services provided to persons confined in jail facilities, and for other health related purposes.”</p>	

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<p>2. Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 298C, Nueces County Hospital District Health Care Provider Participation Program:</p> <p>a. Amend Subchapter A, General Provisions, §298C.004(a), Expiration, to read as follows: “Subject to Section 298C.153(d), the authority of the district to administer and operate a program under this chapter expires December 31, <del>2021</del> <u>2023</u>.”</p> <p>b. Amend Subchapter A, General Provisions, §298C.004(b) to read as follows: “This chapter expires December 31, <del>2021</del> <u>2023</u>.”</p>	<p>S.B. No. 273 by Sen. Hinojosa (Repeals Sunset)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3/3/21: Referred to Local Government Committee</li> </ul> <p>H.B. 1456 by Rep. Herrero (Repeals Sunset)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3/5/21: Referred to County Affairs Committee</li> </ul>

**NOTE:** Senator Hinojosa’s office has proposed combining the two legislative items above into a single bill.