



**BOARD OF MANAGERS  
BOARD OF MANAGERS LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE - REGULAR MEETING  
Wednesday, January 29, 2025 at 11:45 AM**

**AGENDA**

**1. WELCOME**

**2. ROLL CALL OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

\_\_\_ Vishnu V. Reddy, M.D.

\_\_\_ 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. 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.

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**8. ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING:**

- A. Next scheduled regular Committee meeting (meeting's date, time, and location subject to change):
  - 1. Next Meeting: February 25, 2025 at 11:45 AM in NCHD Board of Managers Meeting Room at 555 North Carancahua Street, Room 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401.

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**BOARD OF MANAGERS  
NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT  
LEGISLATIVE MEETING  
DECEMBER 10, 2024**

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The Nueces County Hospital District Board of Managers met at 11:45 am, December 10, 2024 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
John B. Martinez	General Counsel
Adam Robison	Legal Counsel
Melissa Quintanilla	Executive Assistant/Human Resources
Carmina Hernandez Moreno	Administrative Assistant

**OTHERS PRESENT:**

Stephen Rybak	MDR
Sherry Robeson	MDR
Jenny Dorsey	NC Attorney
Cassidy Willie	Gjerset & Lorenz – via Zoom
Joel Romo	Lobbyist – via Zoom
Becky Rios	Christus Spohn – via Zoom
Lee Lopez	Corpus Christi Medical Center – via Zoom

**BOARD OF MANAGERS  
LEGISLATIVE MEETING  
MINUTES  
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  Y   Arthur Granado, Chairman

  Y   Vishnu V. Reddy, M.D.

  X   Judge Mariana Garza

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

A. Call to order – Arthur Granado, Chairman.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Granado at 12:05 p.m.

B. Establish quorum – Mr. Granado, Chairman.

A quorum was present with two members in attendance.

**Arthur Granado, Chairman – PRESENT**

**Vishnu V. Reddy, M.D., Member – PRESENT**

**Judge Mariana Garza, Member – ABSENT**

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

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**No one to speak in Public Comment.**

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A. Approve Legislative Committee Regular Meeting minutes of October 22, 2024.

**Consent Agenda approved. Motion by Dr. Reddy and seconded by Mr. Granado. MOTION CARRIED.**

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A. Discuss and consider recommending amendment of the 89th Texas Legislative Session Agenda. (*ACTION*)

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

**8. ADMINISTRATOR'S BRIEFING:**

A. Next scheduled regular Committee meeting (meeting's date, time, and location subject to change):

1. Next Meeting: Tuesday, January 28, 2025, 11:45 AM in NCHD Board of Managers Meeting Room at 555 North Carancahua Street, Room 950-A, Corpus Christi, Texas 78401.

**9. ADJOURN**

**Motion to adjourn by Mr. Granado, Chairman  
at 12:17 p.m.**

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## NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT 89<sup>th</sup> Texas Legislative Session Agenda

January 29, 2025

### 1) Invest in local Graduate Medical Education (GME) programs:

- a) Nueces County Hospital District:
  - i) Acquire optional legislative authority to use NCHD funds for graduate medical education to benefit indigent care.
  - ii) Term “graduate medical education” means Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME)-accredited residencies and fellowships.
  - iii) Funded GME specialties to be determined by Board of Managers.
  - iv) **Amend Health and Safety Code, §281.094**, Texas to authorize use of NCHD funds for GME to benefit indigent care (see attached Bill).
- b) Texas Legislature:
  - i) Increase GME support specific to Coastal Bend:
    - (a) Appropriate additional funds for benefit of graduate medical education programs in Nueces County.
    - (b) Appropriate additional funds to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) for benefit of graduate medical education programs.
- c) Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board:
  - i) Achieve State’s goal of 1.1-to-1 ratio of Texas residency positions to medical school graduates:
    - (a) Establish funding for existing training slots.
    - (b) Increase funding for new training slots.
    - (c) Incentivize opening of new training slots.
    - (d) Expand number of funded training slots.
- d) Health and Human Services Commission:
  - i) Expand Medicaid GME supplemental payments:
    - (a) For non-government-owned teaching hospitals.
    - (b) Per slot increase.
    - (c) Recover costs of existing slots.

### 2) Reduce deficit of essential medical specialties and subspecialties in Nueces County.

- a) Nueces County Hospital District:
  - i) Acquire optional legislative authority to use NCHD funds to create and maintain the presence of “essential medical specialties and subspecialties” in Nueces County. “Essential medical specialties and subspecialties” to be locally defined.
  - ii) Create local incentives or benefits for physicians and mid-level providers to practice in each essential specialty and subspecialty for a specified number of years, for example:
    - (a) Reimburse school loan obligations.
    - (b) Reimburse malpractice premiums.
    - (c) Guarantee or subsidize incomes.

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- (d) Subsidize housing.
- iii) Seek state funds to address the deficit of essential medical specialties and subspecialties in the Coastal Bend through line-item appropriations or budget riders.

### **3) Establish regional state-supported psychiatric facilities in Nueces County to offer inpatient and outpatient care.**

- a) Nueces County Hospital District:
  - i) Seek budget rider directive for the state to provide inpatient and/or outpatient psychiatric state hospital facilities in the Coastal Bend.
  - ii) Seek legislative funding for state psychiatric state hospital facilities for inpatient and/or outpatient psychiatric care in the Coastal Bend through line-item appropriations or budget riders.
  - iii) Seek a budget rider directing the state to conduct a feasibility study and cost analysis of providing a psychiatric state hospital facility providing inpatient and/or outpatient psychiatric in the Coastal Bend.
  - iv) Offer land as an inducement to build the hospital upon.

### **4) Increase availability of commissioned law enforcement officers with mental health officer certification in Nueces County to provide crisis intervention services.**

- a) Hospital District-Commissioned Peace Officers:
  - i) Obtain legislative authority to: (1) employ and commission peace officers; and (2) allow Hospital District-employed and commissioned peace officers who hold mental health officer certification from Texas Commission on Law Enforcement to perform mental health officer duties under independent contractual arrangements with the local mental health authority, and law enforcement agencies and school districts in Nueces County.
  - ii) **Amend Texas Health and Safety Code to add §281.0571** allowing Nueces County Hospital District to employ and commission peace officers and permit for Hospital District-employed and commissioned peace officers, who hold mental health officer certification, to independently perform mental health officer duties in Nueces County (see attached Bill).

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AN ACT

relating to use of district funds by the Nueces County Hospital District.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 281.094(b), Health and Safety Code, is amended to read as follows:

(b) The board of the Nueces County Hospital District may use funds made available to the district from any source to ~~[fund]~~ provide for:

- (1) indigent health care; ~~[and]~~
- (2) essential medical specialties and subspecialties;
- (3) graduate medical education; and

~~[-2-]~~ (4) intergovernmental transfers from the district to the state for use as the nonfederal share of Medicaid supplemental payment program or waiver program payments for eligible health care providers located inside or outside the district's boundaries, including, but not limited to, any payments available through a waiver granted under Section 1115, Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Section 1315), or other similar payment programs, subject to the limitation prescribed by Subsection (c).

SECTION 2. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives       .B. No.         
a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the authority of the Nueces County Hospital District to employ and commission peace officers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 281, Health and Safety Code, is amended by adding Section 281.0571 to read as follows:

Sec. 281.0571. NUECES COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT; EMPLOYMENT OF DISTRICT PEACE OFFICERS. (a) The board of the Nueces County Hospital District may employ and commission peace officers for the district.

(b) The jurisdiction of a peace officer commissioned under this section includes the property owned or controlled by the district and any street abutting, right-of-way over or through, or easement in the property.

(c) In a district peace officer's jurisdiction under this section, the peace officer has the authority granted by Chapter 14, Code of Criminal Procedure. The peace officer may also make an arrest without a warrant in the officer's jurisdiction if the offense involves injury or harm to any property owned or controlled by the district.

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(d) Notwithstanding Subsections (b) and (c), the peace officers employed and commissioned under this section who hold a mental health officer certification from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement may perform mental health officer duties under independent contractual arrangements with the local mental health authority, and law enforcement agencies and school districts in Nueces County.

SECTION 2. Article 2A.001, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended to read as follows:

Art. 2A.001. PEACE OFFICERS GENERALLY. The following are peace officers:

(1) a sheriff, a sheriff's deputy, or a reserve deputy sheriff who holds a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

(2) a constable, a deputy constable, or a reserve deputy constable who holds a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

(3) a marshal or police officer of a municipality or a reserve municipal police officer who holds a permanent peace officer license issued under Chapter 1701, Occupations Code;

(4) a ranger, officer, or member of the reserve officer corps commissioned by the Public Safety Commission and the director of the Department of Public Safety;

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- (5) an investigator of a district attorney's, criminal district attorney's, or county attorney's office;
- (6) a law enforcement agent of the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission;
- (7) a member of an arson investigating unit commissioned by a municipality, a county, or the state;
- (8) an officer commissioned under Section 37.081, Education Code, or Subchapter E, Chapter 51, Education Code;
- (9) an officer commissioned by the Texas Facilities Commission;
- (10) a law enforcement officer commissioned by the Parks and Wildlife Commission;
- (11) an officer commissioned under Chapter 23, Transportation Code;
- (12) a municipal park and recreational patrol officer or security officer;
- (13) a security officer or investigator commissioned as a peace officer by the comptroller;
- (14) an officer commissioned by a water control and improvement district under Section 49.216, Water Code;
- (15) an officer commissioned by a board of trustees under Chapter 54, Transportation Code;
- (16) an investigator commissioned by the Texas Medical

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Board;

(17) an officer commissioned by:

(A) the board of managers of the Dallas County Hospital District, the Tarrant County Hospital District, the Bexar County Hospital District, or the El Paso County Hospital District, under Section 281.057, Health and Safety Code;

(B) the board of managers of the Nueces County Hospital District, under Section 281.0571, Health and Safety Code;

(C) [~~(B)~~] the board of directors of the Ector County Hospital District under Section 1024.117, Special District Local Laws Code;

(D) [~~(C)~~] the board of directors of the Midland County Hospital District of Midland County, Texas, under Section 1061.121, Special District Local Laws Code; or

(E) [~~(D)~~] the board of hospital managers of the Lubbock County Hospital District of Lubbock County, Texas, under Section 1053.113, Special District Local Laws Code;

(18) a county park ranger commissioned under Subchapter E, Chapter 351, Local Government Code;

(19) an investigator employed by the Texas Racing Commission;

(20) an officer commissioned under Chapter 554, Occupations Code;

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- (21) an officer commissioned by the governing body of a metropolitan rapid transit authority under Section 451.108, Transportation Code, or a regional transportation authority under Section 452.110, Transportation Code;
- (22) an investigator commissioned by the attorney general under Section 402.009, Government Code;
- (23) a security officer or investigator commissioned as a peace officer under Chapter 466, Government Code;
- (24) an officer appointed by an appellate court under Subchapter F, Chapter 53, Government Code;
- (25) an officer commissioned by the state fire marshal under Chapter 417, Government Code;
- (26) an investigator commissioned by the commissioner of insurance under Section 701.104, Insurance Code;
- (27) an apprehension specialist or inspector general commissioned by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department as an officer under Section 242.102 or 243.052, Human Resources Code;
- (28) an officer appointed by the inspector general of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice under Section 493.019, Government Code;
- (29) an investigator commissioned by the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement under Section 1701.160, Occupations Code;

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(30) a fire marshal or any related officer, inspector, or investigator commissioned by a county under Subchapter B, Chapter 352, Local Government Code;

(31) a fire marshal or any officer, inspector, or investigator commissioned by an emergency services district under Chapter 775, Health and Safety Code;

(32) an officer commissioned by the State Board of Dental Examiners under Section 254.013, Occupations Code, subject to the limitations imposed by that section; and

(33) an investigator commissioned by the Texas Juvenile Justice Department as an officer under Section 221.011, Human Resources Code.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2025.



**Kara Sands**

Nueces County Clerk  
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NUECES COUNTY HOSPIAL DISTRICT

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

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**MEETING IN-PERSON AND VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE CALL**

The Nueces County Hospital District ("NCHD") Board of Managers or a Committee thereof as specified above will hold a meeting on the date and at the time and location shown above. The agenda item(s) for this meeting are set forth on the accompanying page(s); agenda item(s) are not necessarily considered in the order listed.

On September 1, 2021, Governor Abbott rescinded the suspension of certain Rules of the Texas Open Meetings Act ("Act") which had allowed meetings to be conducted entirely virtually. The specified NCHD Board of Managers meeting will be held both in-person and via videoconference call. Public participation will be available in-person as well as via videoconference call as allowed under the Act. It is the intent that a quorum of the Board of Managers as required for the specified meeting will be physically present at the location posted in this meeting notice. It is also the intent that the Board member presiding over the meeting be physically present for the specified meeting at the location posted in this meeting notice. Any member of the Board of Managers participating by videoconference call shall be visible and audible to the public whenever the member is speaking; Board member participation by audio-only is no longer permitted. Although the meeting will be open to the public during the open portions of the meeting, any member of the public wishing to observe the meeting may do so via videoconference call and as well as participate via videoconference call in public comment, may do so through the videoconference call Zoom meeting link shown on this meeting notice below, as well as shown on NCHD's website.

The Texas Open Meetings Act defines a "videoconference call" as a communication conducted between two or more persons in which one or more of the participants communicate with the other participants through duplex audio and video signals transmitted over a telephone network, a data network, or the Internet. Zoom is an Internet-based communications platform that allows users to connect with duplex audio and video signals. Using Zoom requires an Internet connection and a supported device.

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