

## MINUTES OF THE HARRIS HEALTH SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Board Meeting

Thursday, December 12, 2024

9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATION
I. Call to Order and Record of Attendance	The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Dr. Caracostis, Chair. It was noted that a quorum was present and the attendance was recorded. Dr. Caracostis stated while some of Board members are in the room with us today, others will participate by videoconference as permissible by state law and the Harris Health Videoconferencing Policy. Only participants scheduled to speak have been provided dial in information for the meeting. All others who wish to view the meeting may access the meeting online through the Harris Health website: <a href="http://harrishealthtx.swagit.com/live">http://harrishealthtx.swagit.com/live</a> .	A copy of the attendance is appended to the archived minutes.
II. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board Meeting – October 24, 2024</li> </ul>	<u>Motion No. 24.12-163</u> Moved by Ms. Carol Paret, seconded by Ms. Sima Ladjevardian, and unanimously passed that the Board approve the minutes of the October 24, 2024 Board meeting. Motion carried.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HRSA Special Call Board Meeting – November 14, 2024</li> </ul>	<u>Motion No. 24.12-164</u> Moved by Ms. Libby Viera Bland, seconded by Ms. Sima Ladjevardian, and unanimously passed that the Board approve the minutes of the November 14, 2024 HRSA Special Call Board meeting. Motion carried.
III. Announcements/ Special Presentations	<b>A. CEO Report Including Special Announcements</b>  Dr. Esmaeil Porsa, President and CEO, delivered the CEO Report and shared the following updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The opening of a Cath Lab at Ben Taub Hospital</li> <li>Expansion of the Food Farmacy at Gulfgate, El Franco Lee, and Settegast Health Centers</li> <li>Harris Health will maintain its First Friday Tours, offering opportunities to visit various hospitals and clinics for learning and interaction</li> </ul>	As Presented.

	<p><b>B. Board Member Announcements Regarding Board Member Advocacy and Community Engagements</b></p> <p>There were no announcements made by the Board members.</p>	As Presented.
<b>IV. Public Comment</b>	Ms. Cynthia Cole, Executive Director, Local #1550 – AFSCME, American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, addressed the Board regarding the Open Records Act and advocated for fair treatment and safe working conditions for employees.	<i><b>*Note: this item was taken out of order after the vote on agenda item VII.B.2.</b></i>
<b>V. Executive Session</b>	At 9:05 a.m., Dr. Caracostis stated that the Board would enter into Executive Session for Items V. 'A through D' as permitted by law under Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §§ 151.002, 160.007 and Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071.	
	<b>A.</b> Consultation with Attorney Regarding Collaborative Opportunities from The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §§551.071, 551.085 and Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session	<b>No Action Taken.</b>
	<b>B.</b> Report Regarding Quality of Medical and Healthcare, Pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §§160.007 and 151.002 to Receive Peer Review and/or Medical Committee Report, Including Report of the Medical Executive Board in Connection with the Evaluation of the Quality of Medical and Healthcare Services, and also the Harris Health Quality, Safety Performance Measures, Good Catch Recipients, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Quality Reporting with Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session	<b>No Action Taken.</b>
	<b>C.</b> Medical Executive Board Report and Credentialing Discussion, Pursuant to Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §§151.002, 160.007 and Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032 to Receive Peer Review and/or Medical Committee Report, Including Consideration of Approval of Credentialing Changes for Members of Harris Health Medical Staff	<b>No Action Taken.</b>
	<b>D.</b> Report Regarding Harris Health Correctional Health Quality of Medical and Healthcare, Including Credentialing Discussion and Operational Updates, Pursuant to Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §§151.002, 160.007, Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032 and Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071 to Receive Peer Review and/or Medical Committee Report with Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session	<b>No Action Taken.</b>
<b>VI. Reconvene to Open Meeting</b>	At 10:40 a.m., Dr. Caracostis reconvened the meeting in open session; she noted that a quorum was present, and that no action was taken in Executive Session.	

VII. General Action Item(s)		
	<b>A. General Action Item(s) Related to Quality: Medical Staff</b>	
	<p>1. Approval of Credentialing Changes for Members of the Harris Health System Medical Staff</p> <p>Dr. Martha Mims, Chair, Medical Executive Board, presented the credentialing changes for members of the Harris Health System Medical Staff. For December 2024, there were thirty – eight (38) initial appointments, no reappointments, sixty – five (65) resignations, twenty - two (22) temporary privileges and four (4) urgent patient care need privileges. A copy of the credentialing report is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 24.12-165</u></b>  <b>Moved by Ms. Libby Viera - Bland, seconded by Ms. Sima Ladjevardian, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.A.1. Motion carried.</b></p>
	<p>2. Approval of Changes to the Internal Medicine Gastroenterology Clinical Privileges</p> <p>Dr. Mims highlighted the recommendation to approve changes to the Internal Medicine Gastroenterology Clinical Privileges for Endoscopic Submucosal Dissection (ESD) and Peroral Endoscopic Myotomy (POEM). A copy of the clinical privileges is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 24.12-166</u></b>  <b>Moved by Ms. Carol Paret, seconded by Mr. Paul Puente, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.A.2. Motion carried.</b></p>
	<p>3. Approval of the 2025-2026 Harris Health Utilization Review Plan</p> <p>Dr. Mims presented the 2025-2026 Harris Health Utilization Review Plan, highlighting that the review is conducted every two years and has been thoroughly examined by both the Medical Executive Committee (MEC) and Medical Executive Board (MEB). As her final meeting as Chair of the MEB, Dr. Mims shared that Dr. Kunal Sharma will assume the role of Chair of the MEB, and Dr. Asim Shah will serve as Vice Chair of the MEB for the next two years. Dr. Caracostis expressed her gratitude to Dr. Mims for her dedicated service as the current Chair of the MEB. A copy of the utilization review plan is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 24.12-167</u></b>  <b>Moved by Ms. Carol Paret, seconded by Mr. Paul Puente, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.A.3. Motion carried.</b></p>
	<p>4. Review and Discussion Regarding the Harris Health Staffing Advisory Committee's Semi-Annual Evaluation of the Nurse Staffing Plan and Aggregate Staffing Variance</p> <p>Dr. Jackie Brock, Executive Vice President &amp; Chief Nursing Executive, led the discussion on the Harris Health System Staffing Advisory Committee's Semi-Annual Evaluation of the Nurse Staffing Plan and Aggregate Staffing Variance, noting that Texas law mandates hospitals to have staffing advisory committees. Ms. Lenora Watson, Stroke Coordinator at Ben Taub Hospital reported that the committee at Ben Taub Hospital achieved a 100% response rate, with 95% of respondents strongly agreeing with the staffing plan. Dr. Tashiana Jackson, Director of Nursing Strategic Initiatives, LBJ, reported that the hospital's staffing committee, which consisted of thirteen (13) nurse clinicians, resulted in 93% of respondents agreeing with the staffing plan. Both Committees reviewed patient falls and staffing data with no major concerns identified. An executive summary is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><b>As Presented.</b></p>



	<b>B. General Action Item(s) Related to Quality: Correctional Health Medical Staff</b>	
	<p>1. Approval of Credentialing Changes for Members of the Harris Health System Correctional Health Medical Staff</p> <p>Dr. Otis Ekins, Chief Medical Officer, Harris Health Correctional Health, presented the credentialing changes for members of the Harris Health System Correctional Health Medical Staff. For December 2024, there were three (3) initial appointments. A copy of the credentialing report is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 24.12-168</u></b>  Moved by Ms. Sima Ladjevardian, seconded by Ms. Libby Viera - Bland, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.B.1. Motion carried.</p>
	<p>2. Approval of the Harris Health Correctional Health Medical Staff Bylaws</p> <p>A copy of the Harris Health Correctional Health Medical Staff Bylaws is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 24.12-169</u></b>  Moved by Dr. Cody Pyke, seconded by Ms. Carol Paret, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VII.B.2. Motion carried.</p>
<b>VIII. New Items for Board Consideration</b>		
	<p><b>A. Board Officer Elections for the Positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary for the 2025 Calendar Year</b></p> <p>Dr. Caracostis stated per Article V, Section 1, of the Harris Health Board of Trustees Bylaws, the Board must conduct annual elections of officers of the Chair, Vice Chair, and Secretary. Therefore, the Board will need to conduct elections for the Board officers for calendar year 2025. Dr. Caracostis noted that prior to this meeting, a communication was sent to solicit interest for 2025 Board officer positions, and the following nominations were received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>I. Dr. Andrea Caracostis: Board Chair</li> <li>II. Dr. Cody M. Pyke: Vice Chair</li> <li>III. Ms. Carol Paret: Secretary</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Caracostis relinquished the floor to Ms. Paret to conduct the election for Board Chair since Dr. Caracostis was a candidate. Ms. Paret then called for nominations from the floor for the position of Board Chair. No nominations were made from the floor after three requests. The nominations for Board Chair were closed. Ms. Paret then motioned for a vote on the Board Chair position, and the results were announced, with unanimous support in favor of Dr. Andrea Caracostis as Chair. Dr. Caracostis conducted the elections for the remaining two officers. Dr. Caracostis called for nominations from the floor for the position of Vice Chair. No nominations were made from the floor after three requests. The nominations for Board Vice Chair were closed. Dr. Caracostis motioned for a vote on the position for Vice Chair, and the results were announced, with unanimous support in favor of Dr. Cody Pyke as Vice Chair.</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 24.12-170</u></b>  Ms. Paret motioned for a vote for the Office of Chair with no nominations made from the floor, and Dr. Caracostis was re-elected Board Chair by unanimous vote.</p> <p><b><u>Motion No. 24.12-171</u></b>  Dr. Caracostis motioned for a vote for the Office of Vice Chair with no nominations made from the floor, and Dr. Pyke was re-elected Board Vice Chair by unanimous vote.</p> <p><b><u>Motion No. 24.12-172</u></b>  Dr. Caracostis motioned for a vote for the Office of Secretary with no nominations made from the floor, and Ms. Paret was re-elected Board Secretary by unanimous vote.</p>

	<p>Lastly, Dr. Caracostis called for nominations from the floor for the position of Secretary. No nominations were made from the floor after three requests. The nominations for Board Secretary were closed. Dr. Caracostis motioned for a vote on the position of Secretary, the results were announced, with unanimous support in favor of Ms. Carol Paret as Secretary. Dr. Porsa expressed his gratitude to the Board officers and members for their contributions. He also suggested that the Board consider amending the Bylaws to hold elections every other year instead of every year, allowing for two-year terms instead of the current one-year terms, to support the continued growth and success of Harris Health.</p>	
	<p><b>B. Approval of the Appointment of 2025 Committees and Membership</b></p> <p>Ms. Sara Thomas, Chief Legal Officer / Division Director, presented the list of appointees for the 2025 Committees and Membership. She also noted that the packet included the regular standing and special committees, along with their members. In accordance with the bylaws, the board must approve the committees for the upcoming year before the start of the next calendar year. A copy of the 2025 Committees and Membership appointments is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 24.12-173</u></b>  <b>Moved by Ms. Sima Ladjevardian, seconded by Ms. Libby Viera – Bland, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VIII.B. Motion carried.</b></p>
	<p><b>C. Approval of the Tentative Harris Health 2025 Board of Trustees Calendar</b></p> <p>Dr. Pyke presented the Harris Health 2025 Board of Trustees Calendar for action, and noted that the governance committee schedule may need to be adjusted at a future meeting. A copy of the Harris Health 2025 Board of Trustees calendar is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 24.12-174</u></b>  <b>Moved by Ms. Carol Paret, seconded by Ms. Paul Puente, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item VIII.C. Motion carried.</b></p>
<b>IX. Strategic Discussion</b>		
	<b>A. Harris Health Strategic Plan Initiatives</b>	
	1. Presentation Regarding the Harris Health 2021-2025 Strategic Plan Update	<b>The discussion was tabled.</b>
	2. Presentation Regarding Governance Structure of the Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC)	<b>The discussion was tabled.</b>

	<p><b>B. November Committee Reports</b></p> <p><b><u>Quality Committee</u></b>  Dr. Caracostis stated that the Quality Committee convened on November 12, 2024, and discussed the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pavilion leaders were presented with HRO Leadership Awards.</li> <li>• The monthly High Reliability Organization (HRO) Video, “Catheter Associated Urinary Infections (CAUTI)” was displayed.</li> <li>• The annual Research Report on Human Subjects Research and Quality Improvement Projects at Harris Health was presented. The purpose, methods, major findings, conclusions and recommendations were shared from two research studies and one quality improvement project that were conducted at Harris Health facilities.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Joint Conference Committee</u></b>  Dr. Caracostis shared that the Joint Conference Committee met on November 14, 2024 and the following topics were covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Martha Mims, Chair of the Medical Executive Board, provided an update to the Committee regarding the MEB.</li> <li>• Dr. Tien Ko, Chief of Staff at LBJ, and Dr. Sandeep Markan, Chief of Staff at BT, shared updates related to the system pavilions.</li> <li>• Dr. Mohammad Zare, Assistant Chief of Staff at UT, delivered an update on ambulatory care services, while Dr. Markan presented on behalf of Dr. Fareed Khan, Assistant Chief of Staff at BCM, regarding activities at the ACS.</li> <li>• Dr. Steven Brass, Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Executive, presented on the Medical Staff Engagement Advisory Council and related physician engagement activities.</li> </ul> <p><b><u>Budget &amp; Finance Committee</u></b>  Mr. Jim Robinson share that the Budget &amp; Finance Committee met on November 14, 2024, to discuss the following topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Victoria Nikitin, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, presented the Harris Health’s Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2024 Investment Report, the Third Quarter Calendar Year 2024 Pension Plan Report, and the September 2024 Financial Report.</li> <li>• The Committee voted to recommend board approval of Harris Health’s Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2024 Investment Report, the Third Quarter Calendar Year 2024 Pension Plan Report, and the September 2024 Financial Report.</li> <li>• The Committee voted to recommend board approval of the Subsidy Payments to Community Health Choice, Inc. for the Health Insurance Marketplace Non-Federal Premium Payments for Eligible Harris Health patients for Calendar Year 2025.</li> <li>• The Committee voted to recommend board approval of the 2025 Operating and Capital Budget for Community Health Choice Texas, Inc. and Community Health Choice, Inc.</li> </ul>	<p><b><i>*Note: The reports for Budget &amp; Finance, Governance, and Compliance &amp; Audit Committees were presented out of order, at the conclusion of agenda item XII., Executive Session.</i></b></p>
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**Governance Committee**

Dr. Pyke stated that the Governance Committee convened on November 12, 2024, and discussed the following topics:

- Ms. Elizabeth Hanshaw Winn, Assistant Harris County Attorney, Harris County Attorney's Office, conducted a training on parliamentary procedures, covering rules of debate and the process for making motions.
- The Committee discussed the process for nominating Board Officers.
- Ms. Sara Thomas, Chief Legal Officer, Harris County Attorney's Office, provided an overview on videoconferencing rules for Board members' remote participation in Board meetings.
- Mr. David Riddle, Administrative Director, Patient Experience, presented the transition model from Council at Large to the Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC), including highlights of PFAC governance and hospital contributions.

**Compliance & Audit Committee**

Ms. Paret mentioned that the Compliance & Audit Committee convened on November 14, 2024, and discussed the following topics:

- **External Independent Financial Auditor:** Forvis presented their Pre-Audit Communication for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2024.
- **Internal Audit Annual Update:**
  - Overview of the Internal Audit's purpose, mission, goals, team structure, credentials, and key performance indicators.
  - Review of completed engagements, including:
    - Cybersecurity Training Compliance
    - IT Asset Management
    - UKG Post-Implementation Audit (privileged, to be discussed in Executive Session)
    - Evaluation of Patient Care in EC Boarding (co-sourced and led by Accreditation and Regulatory Affairs, final report pending management's action plans)
  - Review of ongoing engagements, including:
    - Outpatient Appointment Utilization
    - Inpatient Non-Formulary Drug Process
    - Drug Oversight Assessment
    - Outsourced Medical Services Contract Payments
    - Correctional Health Provider Invoicing
  - Summary of outstanding Management Action Plans (MAPs): There are 31 MAPs pending from 11 previous engagements, including five overdue, high-priority MAPs, which will be discussed in Executive Session.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Committee voted to recommend board approval of the Harris Health Fiscal Year 2025 updated Internal Audit Charter.</li> <li>• The Committee voted to recommend board approval of the Harris Health Fiscal Year 2025 Internal Risk Assessment and Audit Plan.</li> <li>• The Committee voted to recommend board approval of the Fiscal Year 2025 Harris Health Compliance and Internal Quality Audit Plans.</li> </ul>	
<b>X. Consent Agenda Items</b>		
	<b>A. Consent Purchasing Recommendations</b>	
	1. Approval of Purchasing Recommendations (Items A1 through A8 of the Purchasing Matrix)  A copy of the purchasing agenda is available in the permanent record.	<b><u>Motion No. 24.12-175</u></b> Moved by Mr. Paul Puente, seconded by Ms. Carol Paret, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item X.A.1. Motion carried.
	<b>B. Consent Committee Recommendations</b>	
	1. Acceptance of the Harris Health Fourth Quarter Fiscal Year 2024 Investment Report	<b><u>Motion No. 24.12-176</u></b> Moved by Ms. Libby Viera – Bland, seconded by Dr. Pyke, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda items X.B. through X.E. Motion carried.
	2. Acceptance of the Harris Health Third Quarter Calendar Year 2024 Pension Plan Report	<b><u>Motion No. 24.12-176</u></b> Moved by Ms. Libby Viera – Bland, seconded by Dr. Pyke, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda items X.B. through X.E. Motion carried.
	3. Acceptance of the Harris Health September 2024 Financial Report Subject to Audit	<b><u>Motion No. 24.12-176</u></b> Moved by Ms. Libby Viera – Bland, seconded by Dr. Pyke, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda items X.B. through X.E. Motion carried.



	4. Approval of the Harris Health Fiscal Year 2025 Internal Audit Charter	<b><u>Motion No. 24.12-176</u></b> Moved by Ms. Libby Viera – Bland, seconded by Dr. Pyke, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda items X.B. through X.E. Motion carried.
	<b>C. Consent Grant Recommendations</b>	
	1. Approval of Grant Recommendations (Item C1 of the Grant Matrix)	<b><u>Motion No. 24.12-176</u></b> Moved by Ms. Libby Viera – Bland, seconded by Dr. Pyke, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda items X.B. through X.E. Motion carried.
	<b>D. Consent Contract Recommendations</b>	
	1. Approval of Contract Recommendations (Item D1 of the Contract Matrix)	<b><u>Motion No. 24.12-176</u></b> Moved by Ms. Libby Viera – Bland, seconded by Dr. Pyke, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda items X.B. through X.E. Motion carried.
	<b>E. New Consent Items for Board Approval</b>	
	1. Approval of the Harris Health Investment Policy	<b><u>Motion No. 24.12-176</u></b> Moved by Ms. Libby Viera – Bland, seconded by Dr. Pyke, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda items X.B. through X.E. Motion carried.
	2. Acceptance of the Harris Health October 2024 Financial Report Subject to Audit	<b><u>Motion No. 24.12-176</u></b> Moved by Ms. Libby Viera – Bland, seconded by Dr. Pyke, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda items X.B. through X.E. Motion carried.

	<b>F. Consent Reports and Updates to the Board</b>	
	<p>1. Updates Regarding Pending State and Federal Legislative and Policy Issues Impacting Harris Health System</p> <p><b><i>{End of Consent Agenda}</i></b></p>	<b>For Information Only.</b>
<b>XI. Item(s) Related to the Health Care for the Homeless Program</b>		
	<p><b>A.</b> Review and Acceptance of the Following Reports for the Health Care for the Homeless Program (HCHP) as Required by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, which Provides Funding to the Harris County Hospital District d/b/a/Harris Health System to Provide Health Services to Persons Experiencing Homelessness under Section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HCHP December 2024 Operational Update</li> </ul> <p>Ms. Tracy Burdine, Director of the Health Care for the Homeless Program, presented the December 2024 Operational Update, which covered the Productivity Report, Budget Summary Report and H80 Notice of Grant Award. She reported that HCHP has provided care to 5,775 unduplicated patients and conducted a total of 23,149 in October. Year – to – date, HCHP has served 6,098 unduplicated and conducted over 25,000 visits. In October of 2024, HCHP served 1,236 unduplicated patients, with 832 receiving family practice services. Additionally, Ms. Burdine reported that a total of 2,414 visits were completed in the month of October. Ms. Burdine provided an overview of the Q3 budget summary report, which reflects a multi-year award cycle and shows that 44% of the grant funding has been used for various expenses, including personnel, travel, supplies, and equipment. She stated that HCHP received a grant in the amount of \$21,768,609, focused on an existing grant that has been extended for an additional three-year period to provide patient-centered services, as outlined in the service area competition application. Additionally, Ms. Burdine presented the H80 Budget for January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2027. A copy of the presentation is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 24.12-177</u></b>  <b>Moved by Ms. Libby Viera - Bland, seconded by Ms. Sima Ladjevardian, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XI.A. Motion carried.</b></p>
	<b>B.</b> Approval of the HCHP Budget Summary Report	<p><b><u>Motion No. 24.12-178</u></b>  <b>Moved by Ms. Libby Viera - Bland, seconded by Ms. Carol Paret, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XI.B. Motion carried.</b></p>

	C. Approval of the HCHP H80 Notice of Grant Award	<b>Motion No. 24.12-179</b> Moved by Ms. Sima Ladjevardian, seconded by Ms. Libby Viera – Bland, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XI.C. Motion carried.
<b>XII. Executive Session</b>	At 11:23 a.m., Dr. Andrea Caracostis stated that the Board would enter into Executive Session for Items XII. 'E through K' as permitted by law under Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §§551.071 and 551.085.	
	E. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Opioid Litigation, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, and Possible Action for Approval to Participate in the Settlement with Kroger in the Texas Opioid Multi-District Litigation Upon Return to Open Session	<b>Motion No. 24.12-180</b> Moved by Ms. Sima Ladjevardian, seconded by Ms. Paul Puente, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XII.E. Motion carried.
	F. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Settlement of Claims Brought by or on Behalf of David Clark, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071 and Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session	<b>Motion No. 24.12-181</b> Moved by Ms. Sima Ladjevardian, seconded by Ms. Paul Puente, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XII.F. Motion carried.
	<p>G. Approval of the Committee Reviewed Reports, Pursuant to Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §151.002, Tex. Health &amp; Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §§418.183, 551.089, and 551.085 Upon Return to Open Session:</p> <p><b>[Budget &amp; Finance Committee]</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subsidy Payments to Community Health Choice, Inc. for the Health Insurance Marketplace Non-Federal Premium Payments to Eligible Harris Health Patients for Calendar Year 2025</li> <li>• 2025 Operating and Capital Budget for Community Health Choice Texas, Inc. and Community Health Choice, Inc.</li> </ul> <p><b>[Compliance &amp; Audit Committee]</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Harris Health Fiscal Year 2025 Internal Audit Plan</li> <li>• Fiscal Year 2025 Harris Health Compliance and Internal Quality Audit Plans</li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion No. 24.12-182</b> Moved by Mr. Paul Puente, seconded by Ms. Sima Ladjevardian, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XII.G. <i>(related to the CHC subsidy payments)</i>. Motion carried.</p> <p><b>Motion No. 24.12-183</b> Moved by Ms. Carol Paret, seconded by Ms. Libby Viera – Bland, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda</p>



		<p>item XII.G. <i>(related to CHC operating and capital budget)</i>. Motion carried.</p> <p><b><u>Motion No. 24.12-184</u></b>  Moved by Ms. Carol Paret, seconded by Ms. Libby Viera – Bland, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XII.G. <i>(related to Harris County Auditors)</i>. Motion carried.</p> <p><b><u>Motion No. 24.12-188</u></b>  Moved by Mr. Paul Puente, seconded by Ms. Libby Viera – Bland, and majority passed that the Board approve agenda item XII.G. <i>(related to Harris Health Compliance and Internal Quality Audit)</i>. Motion carried.</p> <p><i>*Note: this item was taken out of order after the vote on agenda item XII.J.</i></p>
	<p><b>H.</b> Review of the Community Health Choice, Inc. and Community Health Choice Texas, Inc. 2025 Insurance Renewals, Pursuant to Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.085, Including Consideration of Approval of the Community Health Choice 2025 Insurance Renewals Upon Return to Open Session</p>	<p><b><u>Motion No. 24.12-185</u></b>  Moved by Ms. Sima Ladjevardian, seconded by Ms. Libby Viera – Bland, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XII.H. Motion carried.</p>
	<p><b>I.</b> Consultation with Attorney Regarding Civil Action No. 4:23-CV-03198; Sarah Borchgrevink, Representative of the Estate of Matthew Ryan Shelton, Deceased, and Marianna Ruth Thomson, Statutory Wrongful Death Beneficiary of Matthew Ryan Shelton, Deceased v. Harris County, Texas; Harris County Hospital District, et al., In the U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, Pursuant to Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.071, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session</p>	<p><b>No Action Taken.</b></p>

	<p><b>J.</b> Consultation with Attorney on Interlocal Agreement with Harris County for Correctional Healthcare Services and Consideration of Approval of Second Amendment to Interlocal Agreement between Harris County and Harris County Hospital District D/B/A Harris Health for Correctional Healthcare Upon Return to Open Session</p>	<p><b>Motion No. 24.12-187</b>  <b>Moved by Mr. Paul Puente, seconded by Ms. Libby Viera – Bland, and unanimously passed that the Board approve agenda item XII.J. Motion carried.</b></p> <p><i>*Note: this item was taken out of order after the vote on agenda item XII.K.</i></p>
	<p><b>K.</b> Consultation with Attorney Regarding Governance Structure of the Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) and Council-at-Large, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session</p> <p>Mr. Robinson motioned to table the vote for 30 days to allow Administration time to negotiate with the PFAC Council members. Mr. Paul Puente seconded the motion. Dr. Caracostis conducted a roll call vote with the following results:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Carol Paret – Nay</li> <li>• Dr. Cody Pyke – Nay</li> <li>• Mr. Jim Robinson – Aye</li> <li>• Ms. Libby Viera – Bland – Nay</li> <li>• Ms. Sima Ladjevardian – Nay</li> <li>• Mr. Paul Puente – Aye</li> <li>• Dr. Andrea Caracostis – Nay</li> </ul> <p>Dr. Caracostis then motioned for the dissolution of the Harris Health System Council at Large Bylaws, which were approved by the Harris Health Board of Trustees on March 24, 2022, and issued a roll call vote as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Carol Paret – Aye</li> <li>• Dr. Cody Pyke – Aye</li> <li>• Mr. Jim Robinson – Nay</li> <li>• Ms. Libby Viera – Bland – Aye</li> <li>• Ms. Sima Ladjevardian – Aye</li> <li>• Mr. Paul Puente – Nay</li> <li>• Dr. Andrea Caracostis – Aye</li> </ul>	<p><b>Motion No. 24.12-186</b>  <b>Moved by Dr. Cody Pyke, seconded by Ms. Libby Viera – Bland, and majority passed that the Board approve agenda item XII.H. Motion carried.</b></p>

<b>XIII. Reconvene</b>	At 12:32 p.m., Dr. Andrea Caracostis reconvened the meeting in open session; she noted that a quorum was present, and that no action was taken in Executive Session. Dr. Caracostis stated that the Board will now take action on items XII. 'E, F, G-H, J and K' of the Executive Session agenda.	
<b>XIV. Adjournment</b>	There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.	

I certify that the foregoing are the Minutes of the Harris Health System Board of Trustees Meeting held on December 12, 2024.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Andrea Caracostis, MD, MPH, Chair

  
Carol Paret, BS, Secretary

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