

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Meeting

Thursday, February 27, 2025
9:00 A.M.

– NOTICE –

TO: HARRIS COUNTY RESIDENTS AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DATE: FEBRUARY 21, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the Harris Health will convene at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 27, 2025 in the Board Room of 4800 Fournace Place, Bellaire, Texas 77401. The meeting may be viewed online at: <http://harrishealthtx.swagit.com/live>. Note: Some Board Members may participate by videoconference.

The Board of Trustees will consider the following matters:

Mission

Harris Health is a community-focused academic healthcare system dedicated to improving the health of those most in need in Harris County through quality care delivery, coordination of care and education.

AGENDA

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| I. Call to Order and Record of Attendance | Dr. Andrea Caracostis |
| II. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting | Dr. Andrea Caracostis |
| • Board Meeting – January 30, 2025 | |
| III. Announcements / Special Presentations | Dr. Andrea Caracostis |
| A. CEO Report Including Special Announcements – <i>Dr. Esmaeil Porsa</i> | |
| B. Board Member Announcements Regarding Board Member Advocacy and Community Engagements | |
| IV. Public Comment | Dr. Andrea Caracostis |

V. Executive Session

Dr. Andrea Caracostis

- A. Report Regarding Quality of Medical and Healthcare, 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 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

– **Dr. Andrea Caracostis, Dr. Steven Brass and Dr. Yashwant Chathampally**

- 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 Upon Return to Open Session

– **Dr. Kunal Sharma and Dr. Asim Shah**

- C. 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 – **Dr. O. Reggie Ekins**

VI. Reconvene to Open Meeting

Dr. Andrea Caracostis

VII. General Action Item(s)

Dr. Andrea Caracostis

- A. General Action Item(s) Related to Quality: Medical Staff

1. Consideration of Approval of Credentialing Changes for Members of Harris Health Medical Staff – **Dr. Kunal Sharma**

- B. General Action Item(s) Related to Quality: Correctional Health Medical Staff

1. Consideration of Approval of Credentialing Changes for Members of Harris Health Correctional Health Medical Staff – **Dr. O. Reggie Ekins**

VIII. Executive Session

Dr. Andrea Caracostis

- D. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Expansion of Oncology Service Line on the LBJ Campus, to Include Radiation Therapy and Infusion Services, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §§551.071, 551.085, and Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session – **Ms. Sara Thomas and Dr. Esmaeil Porsa**

- E. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Executive Orders, State and Federal Legislative Updates Impacting Harris Health, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, and Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session

– **Ms. Sara Thomas**

- F. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Interlocal Agreement with Harris County for Correctional Healthcare Services Between Harris County and Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health for Correctional Healthcare, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, and Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session – ***Ms. Sara Thomas***

IX. Reconvene to Open Meeting

Dr. Andrea Caracostis

X. Strategic Discussion

Dr. Andrea Caracostis

A. Harris Health Strategic Plan Initiatives

1. Presentation Regarding Board Update on the 2025 Bond Issuance Process – ***Mr. Christopher J. Janning, Hilltop Securities Inc. and Masterson Advisors LLC***
2. Presentation Regarding the Harris Health 2026-2030 Strategic Plan Update – ***Ms. Maria Cowles and BRG***

B. Committee Reports

- February 11, 2025 Quality Committee – ***Dr. Andrea Caracostis***
- February 13, 2025 Budget & Finance Committee – ***Mr. Jim Robinson***
- February 13, 2025 Compliance & Audit Committee – ***Ms. Carol Paret***

XI. New Items for Board Consideration

Dr. Andrea Caracostis

- A.** Consideration of Approval of the Interlocal Agreement between Harris County and Harris Health for Correctional Health Care Services – ***Ms. Sara Thomas***
- B.** Consideration of Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Proceedings to Issue and Sell Harris County Hospital District, Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2025; Authorizing the Preparation of all Financing and Offering Documents; Approving the Engagement of Professionals in Connection with the Issuance and Sale of the Bonds; and Making Other Provisions Regarding Such Bonds and Matters Incident Thereto – ***Ms. Victoria Nikitin***
- C.** Consideration of Approval of Reimbursement Resolution Declaring Intent to Reimburse Certain Capital Expenditures – ***Ms. Victoria Nikitin***

XII. Consent Agenda Items

Dr. Andrea Caracostis

A. Consent Purchasing Recommendations

1. Consideration of Approval of Purchasing Recommendations (Items A1 through A3 of the Purchasing Matrix) – ***Ms. Paige McInnis and Mr. Jack Adger, Harris County Purchasing Office***
(See Attached Expenditure Summary: February 27, 2025)
2. Harris Health Fourth Quarter of Fiscal Year 2024 Premier Spend Report for Information Only – ***Ms. Paige McInnis and Mr. Jack Adger, Harris County Purchasing Office***

B. Consent Committee Recommendations

1. Consideration of Acceptance of the Harris Health First Quarter Fiscal Year 2025 Investment Report – **Ms. Victoria Nikitin**
[Budget & Finance Committee]
2. Consideration of Acceptance of the Harris Health Fourth Quarter Calendar Year 2024 Pension Plan Report – **Ms. Victoria Nikitin**
[Budget & Finance Committee]
3. Consideration of Acceptance of the Harris Health December 2024 Financial Report Subject to Audit – **Ms. Victoria Nikitin**
[Budget & Finance Committee]
4. Consideration of Acceptance of the Harris Health Single Audit Report of Federal and State Award Programs for the Year Ended September 30, 2024 – **Mr. Chris Clark, FORVIS MAZARS, LLC**
[Compliance & Audit Committee]
5. Consideration of Acceptance of the Harris Health Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended September 30, 2024 – **Mr. Chris Clark, FORVIS MAZARS, LLC**
[Compliance & Audit Committee]

C. Consent Contract Recommendations

1. Consideration of Approval of Contract Recommendations
(Items C1 through C2 of the Contract Matrix)
– **Dr. Amy Smith, Mr. Christopher Okezie and Mr. Jon Hallaway**
(See Attached Expenditure Summary: February 27, 2025)

D. New Consent Items for Board Approval

1. Consideration of Acceptance of the Harris Health January 2025 Financial Report Subject to Audit – **Ms. Victoria Nikitin**
2. Consideration of Approval to Acquire McGee, Troost, and LBJ Hospital Loop Streets in Exchange for Consideration and the Conveyance of Easements to the City of Houston – **Mr. Louis Smith and Mr. Patrick Casey**
3. Consideration of Approval of the Revised Harris Health 2025 Board of Trustees Calendar – **Ms. Sara Thomas**

E. Consent Reports and Updates to the Board

1. Updates Regarding Pending State and Federal Legislative and Policy Issues Impacting Harris Health – **Mr. R. King Hillier**

{End of Consent Agenda}

XIII. Item(s) Related to the Health Care for the Homeless Program

Dr. Andrea Caracostis

- A. 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 to Provide Health Services to Persons Experiencing Homelessness under Section 330(h) of the Public Health Service Act – **Dr. Jennifer Small and Ms. Tracey Burdine**
- HCHP February 2025 Operational Update
- B. Consideration of Approval of the HCHP 2025 Sliding Fee Scale
– **Dr. Jennifer Small and Ms. Tracey Burdine**

XIV. Executive Session

Dr. Andrea Caracostis

- G. Review of the Health Care for the Homeless Program Director's Performance Evaluation, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.085, Including Consideration of Approval of the Performance Evaluation Upon Return to Open Session
– **Dr. Jennifer Small and Ms. Tracey Burdine**
- H. Review of the Community Health Choice, Inc. and Community Health Choice Texas, Inc. Unaudited, Financial Performance for the 12-month Year Ending December 31, 2024, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.085
– **Ms. Lisa Wright, CEO and Ms. Anna Mateja, CFO, Community Health Choice**
- I. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Community Health Choice Litigation Settlement, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §§551.071, 551.085, and Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session, Including Settlement of Litigation
– **Ms. Sara Thomas and Mr. Chris Buley, CLO, Community Health Choice**
- J. Deliberation Regarding the Purchase, Exchange, Lease, or Value of Real Property, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.072 – **Dr. Esmaeil Porsa**
- K. Report by the Executive Vice President, Chief Compliance and Risk Officer, Regarding Compliance with Medicare, Medicaid, HIPAA and Other Federal and State Health Care Program Requirements, Including Status of Fraud and Abuse Investigations, Pursuant to Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071 and Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session – **Ms.Carolynn Jones**

XV. Reconvene

Dr. Andrea Caracostis

XVI. Adjournment

Dr. Andrea Caracostis

Budget and Finance Agenda Items for the Harris County Hospital District dba Harris Health System - Board of Trustees Report

Expenditure Summary: February 27, 2025 (Approvals)

No.	Vendor	Description Justification Contract	Action Basis of Recommendation Term	Project Owner	Previous Amount	Current Estimated Cost
A1	Siemens Medical Solutions USA, Inc. MWBE Goal: Exempt Sole Source	Service and Maintenance of Siemens Brand Equipment for Harris Health - To provide service and maintenance for Siemens brand equipment located throughout Harris Health. Sole Source Exemption	Purchase Sole Source Exemption One (1) year initial term with five (5) one-year renewal options	James Young		\$ 1,983,217
A2	STERIS Corporation MWBE Goal: Exempt Sole Source	Service and Maintenance of Steris Brand Equipment for Harris Health - To provide service and maintenance for Steris brand sterilizers and operation room equipment located throughout Harris Health. Sole Source Exemption	Purchase Sole Source Exemption Three-year initial term	James Young		\$ 1,024,507
A3	PROLIM Global Corporation PROLIM Global Corporation MWBE Goal: 16%	Information Technology Consulting and Staff Augmentation Services - A contract was previously awarded to Protiviti Inc. at the September 26, 2024 Board Meeting for Information Technology Consulting and Staff Augmentation Services. Protiviti Inc. was not able to contract with Harris Health, therefore the award to Protiviti Inc. is requested to be rescinded and awarded to the next highest scored vendor through the RFP process, PROLIM Global Corporation. Job No. 240174	Best proposal meeting requirements One (1) year initial term with four (4) one-year renewal options	Ronald Fuschillo		\$ 840,000
					Total Expenditures	\$ 3,847,724
					Total Revenue	\$ (0)

Contract Agenda Item(s) for the Harris County Hospital District dba Harris Health, Board of Trustees Report
Contract Matrix: February 27, 2025

No.	Contractor	Description/Justification	Action, Basis of Recommendation	Term	Project Owner	Amount
C1	The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston (UTHSC)	Consideration of approval to allocate an additional \$1.5 Million in Funding for inpatient, psychiatric services provided by The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston to Harris Health patients when Harris Health lacks sufficient resources to provide the immediate inpatient, psychiatric services.	Additional Funding for an Interlocal Agreement	August 1, 2024 through March 21, 2025	Dr. Amy Smith	\$ 1,500,000.00
C2	Board of Regents of The University of Texas System	Consideration of approval of a non-exclusive temporary license agreement between the Board of Regents of The University of Texas System and the Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health "licensee" for the use and benefit of the Pickens Shuttle Stop at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center.	Non-Exclusive Temporary License Agreement	Effective Date of the Executed Contract through December 31, 2029	Christopher Okezie and Jon Hallaway	\$ 15,119.57
TOTAL AMOUNT:						\$ 1,515,119.57