

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Meeting

Thursday, May 22, 2025
9:00 A.M.

– NOTICE –

TO: HARRIS COUNTY RESIDENTS AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DATE: MAY 16, 2025

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the Harris Health will convene at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 22, 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 – April 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 | |
| • New Member of the Harris Health Board of Trustees | |
| 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**
2. Consideration of Approval of Changes to the Nurse Practitioner and Physician Assistant General Clinical Privileges – **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. Strategic Discussion

Dr. Andrea Caracostis

- A. Harris Health Strategic Plan Initiatives

1. Presentation Regarding Patient and Family Advisory Council (PFAC) Update – **Dr. Jennifer Small and Mr. David Riddle**
2. Presentation Regarding the 2025 Harris Health Hurricane Preparedness and Emergency Response Update – **Mr. Louis Smith and Ms. Monica Carbajal**

B. Committee Reports

- May 8, 2025: Budget & Finance Committee – **Dr. Andrea Caracostis**
- May 8, 2025: Compliance & Audit Committee – **Ms. Carol Paret**
- May 8, 2025: Joint Conference Committee – **Dr. Andrea Caracostis**

IX. New Items for Board Consideration

Dr. Andrea Caracostis

- A. Consideration of Approval for Funding of \$71,000,000 for the Calendar Year 2025 Harris County Hospital District Pension Plan – **Ms. Victoria Nikitin**

X. Consent Agenda Items

Dr. Andrea Caracostis

A. Consent Purchasing Recommendations

1. Consideration of Approval of Purchasing Recommendations (Items A1 through A7 of the Purchasing Matrix) – **Ms. Paige McInnis and Mr. Jack Adger, Harris County Purchasing Office**
(See Attached Expenditure Summary: May 22, 2025)

B. Consent Committee Recommendations

1. Consideration of Acceptance of the Harris Health Second Quarter Fiscal Year 2025 Investment Report – **Ms. Victoria Nikitin**
[Budget & Finance Committee]
2. Consideration of Acceptance of the Harris Health First Quarter Fiscal Year 2025 Pension Plan Report – **Ms. Victoria Nikitin**
[Budget & Finance Committee]
3. Consideration of Acceptance of the Harris Health March 2025 Quarterly Financial Report Subject to Audit – **Ms. Victoria Nikitin**
[Budget & Finance Committee]

C. Consent Grant Recommendations

1. Consideration of Approval of Grant Recommendations (Items C1 through C3 of the Grant Matrix) – **Dr. Jennifer Small (C1-C2) and Ms. Taylor McMillan (C3)**
(See Attached Grant Matrix: May 22, 2025)

D. New Consent Items for Board Approval

1. Consideration of Approval of Revisions to the Harris Health Patient Safety Plan – **Ms. Tiffani Dusang**
2. Consideration of Approval to Acquire a Portion of Harrington Street in Exchange for Consideration and the Conveyance of an Easement to the City of Houston – **Mr. Patrick Casey**

3. Consideration of Approval to Convey a Perpetual Blanket Easement and Right of Way to CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC on Harrington Street (the "Easement Area") Adjacent to the Case de Amigos Health Center – **Mr. Patrick Casey**
 4. Consideration of Acceptance of the Harris Health April 2025 Financial Report Subject to Audit – **Ms. Victoria Nikitin**
- 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}

XI. 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 May 2025 Operational Update
- B. Consideration of Approval of the HCHP Patient Satisfaction Report – **Dr. Jennifer Small and Ms. Tracey Burdine**
- C. Consideration of Approval of the HCHP Budget Summary Report – **Dr. Jennifer Small and Ms. Tracey Burdine**
- D. Consideration of Approval of the HCHP 2025 Carryover Budget – **Dr. Jennifer Small and Ms. Tracey Burdine**

XII. Executive Session

Dr. Andrea Caracostis

- D. Discussion Regarding Committee Reviewed Reports, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.085:

[Budget & Finance Committee]

- Review of the Community Health Choice, Inc. and Community Health Choice Texas, Inc. Financial Performance for the Three Months Ending March 31, 2025, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.085 – **Ms. Lisa Wright, CEO and Ms. Anna Mateja, CFO, Community Health Choice**

[Compliance & Audit Committee]

- Review of the Community Health Choice, Inc. and Community Health Choice Texas, Inc. Audit Results and Audited Financial Statements for the Twelve Months Ending December 31, 2024, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.085 – **Ms. Lisa Wright, CEO, Ms. Anna Mateja, CFO, Community Health Choice and Mr. Matt Howell, FORVIS MAZARS**

- E. 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***
- F. 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***
- G. Consultation with Attorneys Regarding Harris Health's Medical School Affiliation and Support Agreements, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.71, and Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session
– ***Mr. Louis Smith and Ms. Sara Thomas***
- H. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Deliberation of the Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Property, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.072, and Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session
– ***Dr. Esmaeil Porsa and Ms. Sara Thomas***

XIII. Reconvene

Dr. Andrea Caracostis

XIV. 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: May 22, 2025 (Approvals)

No.	Vendor	Description Justification Contract	Action Basis of Recommendation Term	Project Owner	Previous Amount	Current Estimated Cost
A1	McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. MWBE Goal: 30.90%	Construction Manager at Risk for the Construction of the Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital Replacement Project for Harris Health - To provide construction services for the Lyndon B. Johnson replacement project. <i>Job No. 230368, Board Motion 24.05-105</i>	Additional Funds	Babak Zare	\$ 998,504,379	\$ 183,819,802
A2	O'Donnell Snider Construction, LLC MWBE Goal: TBD	Construction of New Parking Garage at Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital for Harris Health - Additional funds are to design and construct three (3) additional levels (600 parking spots) at LBJ Hospital. The Board of Trustees approved the award on 2/29/24. The owner contingency provides for coverage on unanticipated costs throughout the construction project. <i>Job No. 230500</i>	Additional Funds	Babak Zare	\$ 35,975,624	\$ 19,779,619
A3	Multiple (see attached) MWBE Goal: 0% Non-Divisible	Construction Manager-Agent for Harris Health - To provide consulting and project management services on construction projects for Harris Health. <i>Job No. 240343</i>	Award Most qualified vendor(s) meeting requirements One (1) year initial term with four (4) one-year renewal options	Erica Sims-Lavergne		\$ 14,500,000
A4	Best Care EMS, LTD (HCHD-715) MWBE Goal: 100%	Ground Ambulance Services for Harris Health - To continue ambulance services for patients to and from various Harris Health facilities, clinics, and other locations. <i>Public Health or Safety Exemption, Board Motion 25.01-07</i>	Ratify Renewal Public Health or Safety Exemption April 01, 2025 through March 31, 2026	Alyssa Davis	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 1,300,000
A5	Vantive US Healthcare LLC (HCHD-1268) MWBE Goal: Exempt Public Health or Safety	Dialysis Equipment and Fluids for Harris Health - Additional funds are needed to pay outstanding invoices due to an increase in peritoneal dialysis patients. <i>Public Health or Safety Exemption, Board Motion 24.05-72</i>	Ratify Additional Funds Public Health or Safety Exemption July 12, 2024 through June 30, 2025	Charles Motley	\$ 2,471,214	\$ 850,000
A6	Whitecap Health Advisors, LLC MWBE Goal: 12%	Strategic Financial Planning Consulting Services for Harris Health - To provide consulting services to facilitate and develop a strategic financial plan for Harris Health. <i>Job No. 250019</i>	Award Best proposal meeting requirements One (1) year initial term with five (5) one-year renewal options	Maria Cowles		*
A7	Engage2Excel, Inc. MWBE Goal: 0% Non-Divisible	Employee Service Recognition and Rewards Program for Harris Health - To provide a central reward system for employee recognition programs accessible to all Harris Health employees. <i>Job No. 240437</i>	Award Best proposal meeting requirements One (1) year initial term with four (4) one-year renewal options	Omar Reid		*
					Total Expenditures	\$ 219,802,175
					Total Revenue	\$ (0)

Grant Agenda Items for the Harris County Hospital District dba Harris Health, Board of Trustees Report
Grant Matrix: May 22, 2025

No.	Grantor	Description/Justification	Action, Basis of Recommendation	Term	Project Owner	Award Amount
C1	The City of Houston Department of Health <i>Funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</i>	Consideration of Approval of a Grant Award from The City of Houston Department of Health Funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to Harris Health for Routine HIV Screening Services at Harris Health.	Grant Award	January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025	Dr. Jennifer Small	\$ 125,000.00
C2	Harris County Public Health <i>Funded by Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 Part A</i>	Consideration of Approval of an Interlocal Agreement Between Harris Health and Harris County Public Health Funded by Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 Part A to Provide Primary Medical Care, Psychiatric Services, Obstetric and Gynecological Care, and Local Pharmacy Assistance Program to HIV Positive Patients of Harris Health.	Interlocal Agreement	March 1, 2025 through February 28, 2026	Dr. Jennifer Small	\$ 11,024,445.80
C3	Harris Health Strategic Fund	Consideration of Approval of a Grant Award from the Harris Health Strategic Fund to Implement the Strategic Facilities Plan Described in the Harris Health Strategic Fund's Healthier Harris County Capital Campaign.	Grant Award	One Year <i>(funds to be distributed May 2025)</i>	Patrick Casey	\$ 2,000,000.00
TOTAL AMOUNT:						\$ 13,149,445.80