

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

### Board Meeting

Thursday, July 24, 2025  
9:00 A.M.

#### – NOTICE –

**TO: HARRIS COUNTY RESIDENTS AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS**

**DATE: JULY 18, 2025**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the Harris Health will convene at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 24, 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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| <b>I. Call to Order and Record of Attendance</b>   | <b>Dr. Andrea Caracostis</b> |
| <b>II. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>   | <b>Dr. Andrea Caracostis</b> |
| • Board Meeting – June 30, 2025  |                              |
| <b>III. Announcements / Special Presentations</b>  | <b>Dr. Andrea Caracostis</b> |
| <b>A. CEO Report</b> Including Special Announcements – <i>Dr. Esmail Porsa</i>                 |                              |
| <b>B. Board Member Announcements</b> Regarding Board Member Advocacy and Community Engagements |                              |
| • New Member of the Harris Health Board of Trustees  |                              |
| <b>IV. Public Comment</b>  | <b>Dr. Andrea Caracostis</b> |
| <b>V. Public Hearing</b>   | <b>Dr. Andrea Caracostis</b> |

- A. Public Hearing, Pursuant to Tex. Parks & Wildlife Code Ann. §26.002 Regarding the Taking by Eminent Domain of Three Parcels within Hermann Park Consisting of Approximately 8.9 Acres of Real Property Located Across Cambridge Drive and Isolated from the Remainder of Hermann Park and Adjacent to the Site of Ben Taub Hospital for a Public Project to Redevelop and Expand Ben Taub Hospital's Level I Trauma Facilities – **Dr. Esmaeil Porsa**

- Public Hearing Statement
- Public Comment

## VI. Executive Session

Dr. Andrea Caracostis

- A. 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**
- 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 – **Dr. O. Reggie Ekins**
- C. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Deliberation of the Purchase, Exchange, Lease or Value of Real Property, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §§551.071, 551.072, and Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session – **Ms. Sara Thomas**
- D. Discussion Regarding Expansion of Clinical Service Lines, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.072 and Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.085 – **Dr. Jennifer Small and Ms. Amineh Kostov**

## VII. Reconvene to Open Meeting

Dr. Andrea Caracostis

## VIII. 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 Critical Care Clinical Privileges – **Dr. Kunal Sharma**
  3. Consideration of Approval of Changes to the Pulmonary Medicine 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**

**C. General Action Item(s) Related to the Acquisition of Land**

1. Consideration of Approval of a Resolution Relating to a Public Project to Redevelop and Expand Ben Taub Hospital (the "Project"), Authorizing the Acquisition by Condemnation for Public Convenience and Necessity of Three Parcels within Hermann Park Consisting of Approximately 8.9 Acres of Real Property for the Project and Making Certain Findings, Pursuant to the Provisions of Chapter 26, Texas Parks and Wildlife Code  
– **Dr. Esmaeil Porsa**

**IX. New Items for Board Consideration**

**Dr. Andrea Caracostis**

**A. Presentation Regarding the LBJ Radiation Oncology/Infusion Therapy Project  
– Ms. Amineh Kostov and Mr. Patrick Casey**

1. Consideration of Approval to Proceed with the Strategy and Design for the LBJ Radiation Oncology and Infusion Center Project  
– **Ms. Amineh Kostov and Mr. Patrick Casey**
2. Consideration of Approval to Utilize the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Delivery Method for the Construction of the Harris Health LBJ Radiation Oncology and Infusion Center  
– **Ms. Amineh Kostov and Mr. Patrick Casey**

**B. Presentation Regarding the Harris Health Ambulatory Care Services (ACS) Pasadena Strategy with Harris County  
– Dr. Jennifer Small and Mr. Patrick Casey**

1. Consideration of Approval to Enter into an Interlocal Agreement between Harris County and Harris Health for the Buildout of Improvements and Good-Faith Negotiations to Lease Space at Pasadena Square, 100 Pasadena Blvd., Pasadena, TX 77506, with such Improvements being the Consolidation of Specified Clinics  
– **Dr. Jennifer Small and Mr. Patrick Casey**
2. Consideration of Approval to Utilize the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Delivery Method for the Construction of the Harris Health Pasadena Square Clinic Project – **Dr. Jennifer Small and Mr. Patrick Casey**

**C. Consideration of Approval of a Resolution Authorizing the Extension of the JPMorgan Chase Direct Pay Letter of Credit, the Amended and Restated Fee Letter, and the Amended and Restated Reimbursement Agreement Related to the Series 2010 Bonds – Ms. Victoria Nikitin**

**X. Strategic Discussion**

**Dr. Andrea Caracostis**

**A. Harris Health Strategic Plan Initiatives**

1. Discussion Regarding Harris Health Legislative Update  
– **Mr. R. King Hillier and Ms. Lisa Wright, CEO, Community Health Choice**
2. Presentation Regarding Harris Health's Strategic Facilities Plan Management – **Mr. Louis Smith and Ms. Victoria Nikitin**

## XI. Consent Agenda Items

Dr. Andrea Caracostis

### A. Consent Purchasing Recommendations

1. Consideration of Approval of Purchasing Recommendations (Items A1 through A6 of the Purchasing Matrix) – ***Ms. Paige McInnis and Mr. Jack Adger, Harris County Purchasing Office***  
**(See Attached Expenditure Summary: July 24, 2025)**
2. Harris Health Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2025 Premier Spend Report for Information Only – ***Ms. Paige McInnis and Mr. Jack Adger, Harris County Purchasing Office***

### B. Consent Grant Recommendations

1. Consideration of Approval of Grant Recommendations (Item B1 of the Grant Matrix)  
– ***Ms. Amineh Kostov and Ms. Suzanne Lundeen***  
**(See Attached Grant Matrix: July 24, 2025)**

### C. Consent Contract Recommendations

1. Consideration of Approval of Contract Recommendations (Items C1 through C2 of the Contract Matrix) – ***Ms. Sara Thomas (C1) and Mr. DeWight Dopslauf (C2)***  
**(See Attached Contract Matrix: July 24, 2025)**

### D. New Consent Items for Board Approval

1. Consideration of Acceptance of the Harris Health June 2025 Quarterly Financial Report Subject to Audit – ***Ms. Victoria Nikitin***
2. Consideration of Approval of the Appointment of Mr. Philip P. Sun as a Member of the Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC) at LBJ and the Dialysis Center (DC) at Quentin Mease Governing Bodies – ***Board of Trustees***
3. Consideration of Approval of the Appointment of Ms. Libby Viera-Bland as a Member of the Dialysis Center (DC) at Quentin Mease Governing Body – ***Board of Trustees***
4. Consideration of Approval of the Appointment of Dr. Marlen Trujillo as a Member of the Board of Trustees Quality Committee – ***Board of Trustees***
5. Consideration of Approval to Convey a Water Meter Easement and Right of Way to the City of Houston for the 2525 Holly Hall Operations Center Project, Houston, Harris County, Texas – ***Mr. Patrick Casey***
6. Consideration of Approval to Convey a Perpetual Blanket Easement and Right of Way to CenterPoint Energy Houston Electric, LLC, at Holly Hall Operations Center, 2525 Holly Hall Street, Houston, Harris County, Texas – ***Mr. Patrick Casey***

**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}*

**XII. 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 July 2025 Operational Update
- B. Consideration of Approval of the HCHP Board Authority Report – **Dr. Jennifer Small and Ms. Tracey Burdine**
- C. Consideration of Approval of the HCHP 2025 Quality Management Plan – **Dr. Jennifer Small and Ms. Tracey Burdine**

**XIII. Executive Session**

**Dr. Andrea Caracostis**

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

**XIV. Reconvene**

**Dr. Andrea Caracostis**

**XV. 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: July 24, 2025 (Approvals)

No.	Vendor	Description Justification Contract	Action Basis of Recommendation Term	Project Owner	Previous Amount	Current Estimated Cost
A1	<b>Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center (HCHD-509)</b>  MWBE Goal: 0% Non-Divisible	<b>Blood, Blood Products and Services for Harris Health System</b> - To continue providing blood, blood products, and services for Harris Health System.  <b>Job No. 210178</b>	Renewal  September 01, 2025 through August 31, 2026	Norin Pung	\$ 8,734,115	\$ 9,469,367
A2	<b>The Brandt Companies, LLC</b>  MWBE Goal: 12%	<b>Job Order Contracting for Electrical and/or Electrical Related Projects for Harris Health</b> - To provide electrical and/or electrical related projects for small and large projects that may be of a recurring nature, with indefinite delivery times and/or indefinite quantities at locations throughout Harris Health.  <b>Job No. 240232</b>	Award Best proposal meeting requirements  July 24, 2025 through July 23, 2026 with four (4) one-year renewal options	Harris Health		*
A3	<b>The Brandt Companies, LLC</b>  MWBE Goal: 6%  <b>Letsos Company</b>  MWBE Goal: 6%	<b>Job Order Contracting for HVAC and/or HVAC Related Projects for Harris Health</b> - To provide heating, ventilation, and air condition (HVAC) repair, renovation, or alteration services for small and large projects that may be of a recurring nature, with indefinite delivery times and/or indefinite quantities at locations throughout Harris Health.  <b>Job No. 240233</b>	Award Best proposal meeting requirements  July 24, 2025 through July 23, 2026 with four (4) one-year renewal options	Harris Health		*
A4	<b>The Trevino Group, Inc.</b>  MWBE Goal: 20%	<b>Installation of Surgical Lighting System at Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital for Harris Health</b> - To provide all labor, materials, equipment and incidental for the installation of surgical lighting system at Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital. The owner contingency provides for coverage on unanticipated costs throughout the construction project.  <b>Job No. 250124</b>	Lowest priced proposal meeting requirements	Babak Zare		\$ 1,063,725
A5	<b>SABA Software (HCHD-302)</b>  MWBE Goal: Exempt Sole Source	<b>Maintenance and Support for the Learning Management System and Cloud Based Services for Data Management for Harris Health</b> - To continue to provide maintenance and support for the Learning Management System for Harris Health. Saba Learning includes learning capabilities, such as catalog, certifications, curriculum, basic testing and assessment authoring, and content management feature. This also includes Cloud Based Services for Data Management.  <b>Sole Source Exemption</b>	Renewal Sole Source Exemption  September 17, 2025 through September 16, 2026	Erick Reid Norma Lemon-Pearson	\$ 464,684	\$ 484,553
A6	<b>SpecialtyCare Cardiovascular Resources, LLC</b>  MWBE Goal: 15%	<b>Cardiovascular Perfusion Services</b> - To provide Cardiovascular Perfusion Services to patients of Harris Health  <b>Professional Services Exemption</b>	Award Professional Services Exemption  One (1) year initial term with four (4) one-year renewal options	Pedro Saldana		\$ 390,000
					Total Expenditures	\$ 25,407,645
					Total Revenue	\$ (0)

**Grant Agenda Items for the Harris County Hospital District dba Harris Health, Board of Trustees Report**  
**Grant Matrix: July 24, 2025**

No.	Grantor	Description/Justification	Action, Basis of Recommendation	Term	Project Owner	Award Amount
B1	Harris County Hospital District Foundation <i>by a grant from the Children's Health Fund</i>	Consideration of Approval of a Grant Agreement between Harris Health and the Harris County Hospital District Foundation, through a grant from the Children's Health Fund, benefitting the <b>Harris Health Postpartum Safety Clinic/Texas Health Steps Clinic Postpartum Follow Up Integration</b> . The Texas Health Steps Clinic Postpartum Follow Up Integration will staff obstetric nurses in the Texas Health Steps Pediatric Clinic to assess for signs and symptoms of both postpartum depression and preeclampsia.	<b>Grant Agreement</b>	1 Year within the 2025 - 2026 Grant Cycle	Suzanne Lundeen	\$ 200,000.00
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT:</b>						<b>\$ 200,000.00</b>

**Contract Agenda Item(s) for the Harris County Hospital District dba Harris Health, Board of Trustees Report  
Contract Matrix: July 24, 2025**

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