

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**Quality Committee**

Tuesday, February 11, 2025  
12:15 P.M.

BOARD ROOM  
4800 Fournace Place, Bellaire, Texas 77401

The meeting may be viewed online at: <http://harrishealthtx.swagit.com/live>.

*Notice: Some Board Members may participate by videoconference.*

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.   | <b>Call to Order and Record of Attendance</b>   | <b>Dr. Andrea Caracostis</b> | <b>1 min</b>    |
| II.  | <b><u>Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></b>   | <b>Dr. Andrea Caracostis</b> | <b>2 min</b>    |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality Committee Meeting – January 07, 2025</li> </ul>  |                              |                 |
| III. | <b><u>Harris Health Safety Message: Minute for Medicine Video – Dr. Steven Brass</u></b>  |                              | <b>5 min</b>    |
|      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ventilator Associated Pneumonia (VAP)</li> </ul>   |                              |                 |
| IV.  | <b>Executive Session</b>  | <b>Dr. Andrea Caracostis</b> | <b>80 min</b>   |
|      | A. <b><u>Report Regarding Harris Health Correctional Health Quality of Medical and Healthcare, Pursuant to Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §§151.002, 160.007 and Tex. Health &amp; Safety Code Ann. §161.032 to Receive Peer Review and/or Medical Committee Report – Dr. O. Reggie Eqins</u></b>  |                              | <i>(15 min)</i> |
|      | B. <b><u>Report Regarding Quality of Medical and Healthcare, Pursuant to Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §§151.002, 160.007 and Tex. Health &amp; Safety Code Ann. §161.032, to Receive Peer Review and/or Medical Committee Reports in Connection with the Evaluation of the Quality of Medical and Healthcare Services, Including Report Regarding Harris Health Quality Review Councils – Dr. Steven Brass and Dr. Yashwant Chathampally</u></b> |                              | <i>(50 min)</i> |
|      | C. <b>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 and a Status of Fraud and Abuse Investigations, Pursuant to Tex. Health &amp; Safety Code Ann. §161.032, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session – Ms.Carolynn Jones</b>                                |                              | <i>(15 min)</i> |

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V. Reconvene	Dr. Andrea Caracostis	1 min
VI. Adjournment	Dr. Andrea Caracostis	1 min

HARRIS HEALTH SYSTEM  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
QUALITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Tuesday, January 07, 2025  
12:15 PM

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS
<p><b>I. Call to Order and Record of Attendance</b></p>	<p>Dr. Andrea Caracostis, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 12:16 p.m. It was noted that a quorum was present and the attendance was recorded. The meeting may be viewed online through the Harris Health website: <a href="http://harrishealthtx.swagit.com/live">http://harrishealthtx.swagit.com/live</a>.</p>	
<p><b>II. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quality Committee Meeting – November 12, 2024</li> </ul>	<p><b>Moved by Dr. Cody Pyke, seconded by Mr. Paul Puente, and unanimously approved the minutes of the November 12, 2024 meeting.</b></p>
<p><b>III. Harris Health Safety Message: Minute for Medicine Video</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Post Operative Infection Prevention</li> </ul>	<p>Dr. Steven Brass, Executive Vice President &amp; Chief Medical Executive, presented a Minute for Medicine video series related to Post Operative Infection Prevention. A copy of the video series is available in the permanent record.</p>	<p><b>As Presented.</b></p>
<p><b>IV. Executive Session</b></p>	<p>At 12:21 p.m., Dr. Caracostis stated that the Quality Committee of the Board of Trustees would go into Executive Session for items IV. ‘A and B’ as permitted by law under to Tex. Health &amp; Safety Code Ann. §161.032 and Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §§151.002, 160.007.</p>	

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<b>V. Reconvene</b>	At 1:24 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.	
<b>VI. Adjournment</b>	There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:24 p.m.	

I certify that the foregoing are the Minutes of the Meeting of the Quality Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Harris Health System held on January 7, 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea Caracostis, MD, MPH, Committee Chair

Recorded by Cherry A. Pierson, MBA

**Tuesday, January 07, 2025**  
**Harris Health Board of Trustees Quality Committee Attendance**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Dr. Andrea Caracostis ( <i>Committee Chair</i> )	Afsheen Davis	Paul Puento
Dr. Cody Pyke	Sima Ladjevardian	

HARRIS HEALTH EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP, STAFF & SPECIAL INVITED GUESTS	
Alexander Barrie	Louis Smith
Dr. Asim Shah	Maria Cowles
Berrlyn Nelson	Dr. Matasha Russell
Carolynn Jones	Matthew Schlueter
Cherry Pierson	Micah Rodriguez
Daniel Smith	Michael Hill
Derek Curtis	Dr. O. Reggie Egin
Derek Holmes	Olga Rodriguez
Ebon Swofford ( <i>Harris County Attorney's Office</i> )	Patricia Darnauer
Elizabeth Hanshaw Winn ( <i>Harris County Attorney's Office</i> )	R. King Hillier
Dr. Esmail Porsa ( <i>Harris Health System President &amp; CEO</i> )	Randy Manarang
Dr. Glorimar Medina	Dr. Sandeep Markan
Dr. Jackie Brock	Sara Thomas ( <i>Harris County Attorney's Office</i> )
Dr. Jennifer Small	Shawn DeCosta
Jennifer Zarate	Dr. Steven Brass
Jerry Summers	Tekhesia Phillips
Jessey Thomas	Dr. Tien Ko
Jocelyn Thomas	Vivian Ho-Nguyen
John Matcek	Dr. Yashwant Chathampally
Dr. Joseph Kunisch	

Virtual Attendee Notice: *If you joined as a group and would like to be counted as present, please submit an email to: [BoardofTrustees@harrishealth.org](mailto:BoardofTrustees@harrishealth.org) before close of business the day of the meeting.*

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Harris Health Safety Message: Minute for Medicine Video

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High-reliability Organization (HRO) Safety Message Video:

- Ventilator Associated Pneumonia (VAP)

  
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Yashwant Chathampally, MD, MSc  
Associate CMO & SVP, Quality & Patient Safety

**High Reliability Organization (HRO)  
Safety Message  
Ventilator Associated Pneumonia (VAP)**

**Steven Brass, MD, MPH, MBA, FACHE  
EVP & Chief Medical Executive**

**Board of Trustees Quality Committee  
February 11, 2025**

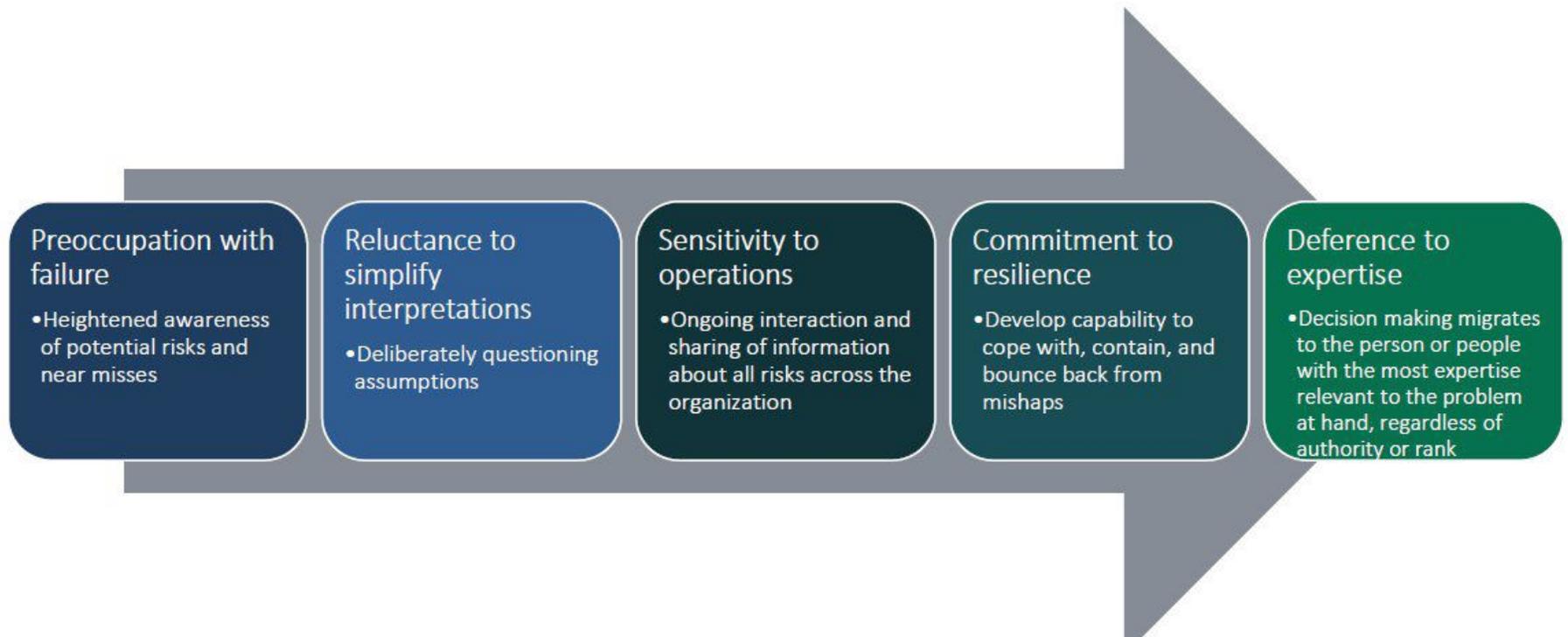
**HARRISHEALTH**

# SAFETY MESSAGE

**HARRIS  
HEALTH  
SYSTEM** | **ZERO  
HARM**

Safety 1st. Always.

# Five Principles of a High Reliability Organization



## HRO Mindset:

Harris Health System Minute For Medicine:

- Ventilator Associated Pneumonia
- 10-HarrisHealth\_MinuteForMedicine\_08\_VAP\_
- <https://youtu.be/6YAsaI6gI18>

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Executive Session

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*Dr. O. Reggie Egins*

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O. Reggie Egins, MD, CCHP-CP  
Chief Medical Officer - Correctional Health

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Executive Session

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Associate CMO & SVP, Quality & Patient Safety

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