

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES Governance Committee

Friday, June 13, 2025  
10:00 A.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

I. Call to Order and Record of Attendance	Dr. Cody Pyke	2 min
II. <a href="#">Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting</a>	Dr. Cody Pyke	1 min
• <a href="#">Governance Committee – February 27, 2025</a>		
III. Executive Session	Dr. Cody Pyke	35 min
A. <a href="#">Deliberations Regarding the Appointment, Employment, Evaluation, Reassignment, Duties, Discipline, or Dismissal of a Public Officer or Employee, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.074</a>		
IV. Reconvene	Dr. Cody Pyke	1 min
V. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Board Self Governance and Board Member Meeting Attendance	Dr. Cody Pyke	5 min
VI. Adjournment	Dr. Cody Pyke	1 min

HARRIS HEALTH  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Tuesday, February 27, 2025  
1:15 PM

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS
I. <b>Call to Order and Record of Attendance</b>	Dr. Cody Pyke, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:16 p.m. It was noted there was a quorum 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> .	
II. <b>Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governance Committee Meeting – November 12, 2024</li> </ul>	<b>Moved by Ms. Libby Viera-Bland, seconded by Dr. Cody Pyke, and unanimously approved the minutes of the November 12, 2024, meeting. Motion carried.</b>
III. <b>Presentation Regarding the 2024 Board Self-Assessment</b>	Ms. Taylor Carlson, Member Success Manager at the Governance Institute, presented an overview of the 2024 Board Self – Assessment. She presented BoardCompass® national themes, board duties and responsibilities, and Harris Health’s Board response rate. She also reviewed the question structure, overall rating, key strengths, opportunities, and questions with the greatest response distribution. Additionally, Ms. Carlson outlined the next steps, including sample development plan with action items, strategies, and a timeline for goal achievement. Dr. Esmaeil Porsa, Harris Health President and CEO, noted that the Texas Healthcare Trustees (THT) Healthcare Governance Conference will take place from June 12-14, 2025, in Arlington, Texas and encouraged Board members to attend. A copy of the presentation is available in the permanent record.	<b>As Presented.</b>
IV. <b>Adjournment</b>	There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 1:55p.m.	

I certify that the foregoing are the Minutes of the Meeting of the Governance Committee of the Board of Trustees of the Harris Health held on February 27, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Cody Pyke, MD, JD, LLM, Committee Chair

Recorded by Cherry A. Joseph, MBA

**Thursday, February 27, 2025**  
**Harris Health Board of Trustees Governance Committee Attendance**

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT	GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT	OTHER BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Dr. Cody Pyke ( <i>Committee Chair</i> )	Afsheen Davis	
Libby Viera-Bland		

HARRIS HEALTH EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP, STAFF & SPECIAL INVITED GUESTS	
Alexander Barrie	Lindsey “Katie” Rutherford ( <i>Harris County Attorney’s Office</i> )
Carolynn Jones	Louis Smith
Cherry Joseph	Maria Cowles
Daniel Smith	Olga Rodriguez
DeWight Dopslauf	Omar Reid
Ebon Swofford ( <i>Harris County Attorney’s Office</i> )	R. King Hillier
Elizabeth Hanshaw Winn ( <i>Harris County Attorney’s Office</i> )	Randy Manarang
Dr. Esmaeil Porsa ( <i>Harris Health System President &amp; CEO</i> )	Dr. Sandeep Markan
Dr. Glorimar Medina	Sara Thomas ( <i>Harris County Attorney’s Office</i> )
Dr. Jackie Brock	Shawn DeCosta
Dr. Jennifer Small	Dr. Steven Brass
Jennifer Zarate	Taylor Carlson ( <i>NRC Health</i> )
John Matcek	Victoria Nikitin

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.

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[Executive Session](#)

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