

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES Governance Committee

Thursday, August 28, 2025  
1:15 P.M.

*(or immediately following the Board of Trustees Board meeting)*

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. Call to Order and Record of Attendance   | Ms. Sima Ladjevardian | 2 min  |
| II. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting   | Ms. Sima Ladjevardian | 2 min  |
| • <a href="#">Governance Committee – June 13, 2025</a>  |                       |        |
| III. Discussion Regarding Board Member Attendance and Participation in Board Meetings – <i>Governance Committee</i> |                       | 30 min |
| IV. Technology Presentation and Discussion – <i>Ms. Maria Cowles</i>  |                       | 25 min |
| V. Adjournment  | Ms. Sima Ladjevardian | 1 min  |

HARRIS HEALTH  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
Friday, June 13, 2025  
10:00 AM

AGENDA ITEM	DISCUSSION	ACTION/RECOMMENDATIONS
<b>I. Call to Order and Record of Attendance</b>	Dr. Cody Pyke, Committee Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.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> .	
<b>II. Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Governance Committee Meeting – February 27, 2025</li> </ul>	Moved by Ms. Libby Viera-Bland, seconded by Dr. Cody Pyke, and unanimously approved the minutes of the February 27, 2025, meeting. Motion carried.
<b>III. Executive Session</b>	At 10:01 a.m., Dr. Pyke stated that the Governance Committee of the Board of Trustees would go into Executive Session for item III.A. as permitted by law under Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.074.	
<b>A. 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</b>		No Action Taken.

<b>IV. Reconvene</b>	At 10:36 a.m., Dr. Cody Pyke reconvened the meeting in open session; she noted that a quorum was present and that no action was taken in Executive Session.	
<b>V. Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Board Self Governance and Board Member Meeting Attendance</b>	Dr. Pyke stated that the Governance Committee has directed Harris Health leadership and the legal team to research potential amendments to the system's standard operating procedures. The goal is to align with best practices in board governance and attendance, and to explore technological enhancements that could improve and support board communications.	<b>As Presented.</b>
<b>VI. Adjournment</b>	There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.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 June 13, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Cody Pyke, MD, JD, LLM, Committee Chair

Recorded by Cherry A. Joseph, MBA

**Friday, June 13, 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		
Sima Ladjevardian		

HARRIS HEALTH EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP, STAFF & SPECIAL INVITED GUESTS	
Alexander Barrie	Maria Cowles
Carolynn Jones	Dr. Matasha Russell
Cherry Joseph	Micah Rodriguez
Daniel Smith	Olga Rodriguez
Dr. Esmaeil Porsa ( <i>President &amp; CEO, Harris Health</i> )	Randy Manarang
Dr. Glorimar Medina	Dr. Sandeep Markan
Holly Gummert ( <i>Harris County Attorney's Office</i> )	Sara Thomas ( <i>Harris County Attorney's Office</i> )
Dr. Jennifer Small	Shawn DeCosta
Jennifer Zarate	Victoria Nikitin
Louis Smith	

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.