

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

9:00 AM

BOARD ROOM

4800 Fournace Place, Bellaire, TX 77401

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

*Notice: Some Board Members may participate by videoconference.

Mission

Harris Health is a public, integrated health system dedicated to improving the health of our communities by delivering high-quality, person-centered care in collaboration with community and academic partners.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order and Record of Attendance

II. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting

- Board Meeting – December 18, 2025 [Revised]

MOTION: 26.02-15

Moved by: SIMA LADJEVARDIAN

2ND: LIBBY VIERA-BLAND

- Board Meeting – January 14, 2026

MOTION: 26.02-16

Moved by: LIBBY VIERA-BLAND

2ND: SIMA LADJEVARDIAN

III. Announcements / Special Presentations

A. CEO Report Including Special Announcements – *Dr. Esmaeil Porsa*

- Topping Off Ceremony of John M. O’Quinn Hospital on LBJ Campus
- Ben Taub Expansion Update

B. Board Member Announcements Regarding Board Member Advocacy and Community Engagements

IV. Public Comment

V. Executive Session

- 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, Including Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session – *Dr. Thomas Cummins*

NO ACTION TAKEN

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 the Harris Health Medical Staff Upon Return to Open Session
 – **Dr. Kunal Sharma and Dr. Asim Shah** **NO ACTION TAKEN**

C. Report Regarding Harris Health Correctional Health Quality of Medical and Healthcare, with 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, Including Consideration of Approval of Credentialing Changes for Members of the Correctional Health Medical Staff Upon Return to Open Session – **Dr. O. Reggie Egins** **NO ACTION TAKEN**

VI. Reconvene to Open Meeting

VII. General Action Item(s)

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** **MOTION: 26.02-17**
 Moved by: LIBBY VIERA-BLAND
 2ND: SIMA LADJEVARDIAN

2. Consideration of Approval of Harris Health’s Maternal Health and Neonatal Program Redesignation – **Dr. Thomas Cummins** **MOTION: 26.02-18**
 Moved by: LIBBY VIERA-BLAND
 2ND: PAUL PUENTE

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 Egins** **MOTION: 26.02-19**
 Moved by: PAUL PUENTE
 2ND: LIBBY VIERA-BLAND

VIII. Strategic Discussion

A. Harris Health Strategic Plan Initiatives

1. Presentation Regarding Harris Health’s Financial Assistance and Eligibility Programs Overview – **Ms. Pollie Martinez** [Pillar 6: Access] **INFORMATION ONLY**

2. Presentation Regarding Harris Health’s Strategic Capital and Financial Plan – **Mr. Louis Smith, Mr. Patrick Casey and Ms. Victoria Nikitin** [Pillar 5: System Optimization] **INFORMATION ONLY**

B. Committee Report

- January 27, 2026 – Quality Committee

IX. New Items for Board Consideration

A. Consideration of Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Proceedings to Issue and Sell Harris County Hospital District, Limited Tax Bonds, Series 2026; Authorizing the Preparation of all Financing and Offering Documents; Approving the Engagement of Professionals in Connection with the Issuance and Sale of the Bonds; and Making Other Provisions Regarding Such Bonds and Matters Incident Thereto – **Ms. Victoria Nikitin**

MOTION: 26.02-20

Moved by: LIBBY VIERA-BLAND
2ND: SIMA LADJEVARDIAN

B. Presentation Regarding the Harris Health Independent Auditor’s Report and Overview for the Year Ended September 30, 2025
– **Mr. Chris Clark, Forvis Mazars**

INFORMATION ONLY

1. Consideration of Acceptance of the Harris Health Single Audit Report of Federal and State Award Programs for the Year Ended September 30, 2025
– **Mr. Chris Clark, Forvis Mazars**

MOTION: 26.02-21

Moved by: LIBBY VIERA-BLAND
2ND: SIMA LADJEVARDIAN

2. Consideration of Acceptance of the Harris Health Independent Auditor’s Report and Financial Statements for the Year Ended September 30, 2025
– **Mr. Chris Clark, Forvis Mazars**

MOTION: 26.02-22

Moved by: LIBBY VIERA-BLAND
2ND: PAUL PUENTE

X. Consent Agenda Items

A. Consent Purchasing Recommendations

1. Consideration of Approval of Purchasing Recommendations (Items A1 through A9 of the Purchasing Matrix) – **Ms. Kimberly Williams and Mr. Jack Adger, Harris County Purchasing Office**
(See Attached Expenditure Summary: February 11, 2026)

MOTION: 26.02-23

Moved by: PAUL PUENTE
2ND: LIBBY VIERA-BLAND

B. Consent Grant Recommendations

1. Consideration of Approval of Grant Recommendations (Items B1 through B4 of the Grant Matrix) – **Ms. Taylor McMillan (B1), Dr. Jackie Brock (B2-B3) and Dr. Jennifer Small (B4)**
(See Attached Grant Matrix: February 11, 2026)

MOTION: 26.02-24

Moved by: LIBBY VIERA-BLAND
2ND: PAUL PUENTE

C. 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**

INFORMATION ONLY

[End of Consent Agenda]

XI. Item(s) Related to the Health Care for the Homeless Program

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 – **Ms. Binta Baudy and Ms. Tracey Burdine**

MOTION: 26.02-25

Moved by: PAUL PUENTE
2ND: LIBBY VIERA-BLAND

- HCHP February 2026 Operational Update

- B. Consideration of Approval of a Change in Scope to Add the Emancipation Clinic as a New Fixed Service Delivery Site Under HCHP
– **Ms. Binta Baudy and Ms. Tracey Burdine**

MOTION: 26.02-26

Moved by: LIBBY VIERA-BLAND
2ND: PAUL PUENTE

- C. Consideration of Approval of the HCHP Financial and Grant Management Policy Updates – **Ms. Binta Baudy and Ms. Tracey Burdine**

MOTION: 26.02-27

Moved by: DR. SHUBHADA HOOLI
2ND: LIBBY VIERA-BLAND

XII. Executive Session

- D. Review of the Health Care for the Homeless Program Uniform Data System (UDS) Report, Pursuant to Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §151.002 and Tex. Health & Safety Code §161.032, Including Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session
– **Ms. Binta Baudy and Ms. Tracey Burdine**

MOTION: 26.02-28

Moved by: LIBBY VIERA-BLAND
2ND: DR. SHUBHADA HOOLI

- E. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Lawsuits, Actions, Petitions, or any Submissions to any State or Federal Administrative or Executive Agency, on Behalf of Harris Health as Necessary or Prudent in Connection with any Claims or Assertions Made by or on Behalf of Linda Patton, Pursuant to Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.071, Including Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session
– **Ms. Ebon Swofford and Mr. Michael Fritz**

MOTION: 26.02-29

Moved by: DR. SHUBHADA HOOLI
2ND: LIBBY VIERA-BLAND

- F. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Authority to File any Lawsuit, Action, or Petition, or to Make any Submissions to any State or Federal Administrative or Executive Agency, on Behalf of Harris Health as Necessary or Prudent to Collect Payment for Claims Owed to Harris Health by Amerigroup, Wellpoint, Elevance Health, Integranet, Van Lang or any of their Owners, Operators, Delegates or Affiliated Entities, Pursuant to Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.071, Including Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session
– **Ms. Ebon Swofford and Mr. Michael Fritz**

MOTION: 26.02-30

Moved by: LIBBY VIERA-BLAND
2ND: PAUL PUENTE

- G. 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.Carolynn Jones**

NO ACTION TAKEN

- H. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Harris Health’s Proposed Acquisition by Eminent Domain of Approximately 8.9 Acres of Hermann Park Adjacent to Ben Taub Hospital for the Redevelopment and Expansion of Ben Taub Hospital and Related Legal Matters, Pursuant to Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.071
– **Ms. Sara Thomas**

NO ACTION TAKEN

XIII. Reconvene

XIV. Adjournment

Budget and Finance Agenda Items for the Harris County Hospital District dba Harris Health System - Board of Trustees Report

Expenditure Summary: February 11, 2026 (Approvals)

No.	Vendor	Description Justification Contract	Action Basis of Recommendation Term	Project Owner	Previous Amount	Current Estimated Cost
A1	Varian Medical Systems, Inc. MWBE Goal: Exempt Sole Source	Linear Accelerators for Harris Health - To replace two (02) linear accelerators (LINAC) that are no longer supported by the current manufacturer at Smith Clinic. Sole Source Exemption	Purchase Sole Source Exemption	Teong Chai		\$ 8,110,500
A2	Continental American Insurance dba Aflac Group MWBE Goal: 5%	Long-Term and Short-Term Disability Coverage and Administration Services for Harris Health - To provide long-term and short-term disability coverage and additional administration services for Harris Health. Job No. 250075	Award Best proposal meeting requirements One (1) year initial term with six (6) one-year renewal options	Jamie Lard		*
A3	J.T. Vaughn Construction, LLC. MWBE Goal: 33.07%	Construction and Buildout of New Cathlab Suits at Ben Taub Hospital for Harris Health - Additional funds are to increase contingency from the original \$750,000 to \$1,528,428 due to the extent of unforeseen mechanical, electrical, and plumbing conditions encountered during the project, as well as additional scope changes deemed necessary to complete the project. Job No. 230353	Additional Funds Award	Babak Zare	\$ 5,695,000	\$ 778,428
A4	O'Donnell Snider Construction, LLC. (HCHD-1803) MWBE Goal: 20.11%	Renovation of the Imaging and Radiology Space at Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital for Harris Health - To provide all labor, materials, equipment and incidental for the renovation of imaging and radiology space at Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital. The owner contingency provides for coverage of unanticipated costs throughout the construction project. Job No. 250337	Award Best proposal meeting requirements	Babak Zare		\$ 756,618
A5	Advantage USAA Inc. MWBE Goal: 100%	Roof and Skylight Replacement at Aldine Health Center for Harris Health - To provide all labor, materials, equipment and incidental for the Roof and Skylight Replacement at Aldine Health Center. The owner contingency provides for coverage on unanticipated costs throughout the construction project. Job No. 250343	Award Best proposal meeting requirements	Lacey Spells		\$ 734,200
A6	Haemonetics Corporation (HCHD-1668) MWBE Goal: Exempt Sole Source	TEG Consumable Products - To provide Harris Health with hemostasis and trauma citrated cartridge Sole Source Exemption	Award Sole Source Exemption One-year initial term with four (4) four-year renewal options	Michael Nnadi		\$ 478,396
A7	Azteca Enterprise, Inc. MWBE Goal: 26.21%	Renovation of Existing Radiology Room at Ben Taub Hospital for Harris Health - To provide all labor, materials, equipment and incidentals for the renovation of the exiting radiology room at Ben Taub Hospital. The owner contingency provides for coverage of unanticipated costs through the construction project. Job No. 250341	Award Best proposal meeting requirements	Joel Lazo		\$ 300,000

No.	Vendor	Description Justification Contract	Action Basis of Recommendation Term	Project Owner	Previous Amount	Current Estimated Cost
A8	Laborie Medical Technologies Corp. MWBE Goal: Exempt Sole Source	Urodynamic Measurement Systems for Harris Health - This project is replacing two (2) existing urodynamic measurement systems that are no longer supported by the manufacturer at the urology clinic at Ben Taub Hospital. Sole Source Exemption	Purchase Sole Source Exemption	Arun Mathew		\$ 278,204
A9	McCarthy Building Companies, Inc. MWBE Goal: 21%	Construction Manager at Risk for the Construction of the Lyndon B. Johnson Oncology and Infusion Center for Harris Health System - To provide a Construction Manager at Risk for Lyndon B. Johnson Oncology and Infusion Center for Harris Health System. 250299	Award Most qualified vendor(s) meeting requirements	Babak Zare		*
					Total Expenditures	\$ 14,919,032
					Total Revenue	\$ (0)

Grant Agenda Items for the Harris County Hospital District dba Harris Health, Board of Trustees Report

Grant Matrix: February 11, 2026

No.	Grantor	Description/Justification	Action, Basis of Recommendation	Term	Project Owner	Award Amount
B1	Harris Health Strategic Fund, <i>funded by a donation from the Dakri Family</i>	Consideration of Approval of a Grant Agreement between Harris Health and the Harris Health Strategic Fund, through a donation from the Dakri Family to support the Strategic Facilities Plan described in the Harris Health Strategic Fund's Healthier Harris County Capital Campaign.	Grant Agreement	Funds to be Distributed from 2026 - 2028	Taylor McMillan	\$ 1,000,000.00
B2	Texas Office of the Governor, <i>funded by the SAFE-Ready Facilities Program</i>	Consideration of Approval of a Grant Agreement between Harris Health and the Texas Office of the Governor to fund Forensic Nursing Services through the Enhancement of a Community SAFE-Ready Facility (FY2027) grant. The total of this grant shall not exceed \$250,000.00.	Grant Agreement	September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027	Jackie Brock	\$ 250,000.00
B3	Harris County Hospital District Foundation	Consideration of Approval of a Grant Agreement between Harris Health and the Harris County Hospital District Foundation, benefiting Harris Health's Reach for the Stars Nursing (RFTS) Scholarship Fund. This program is an opportunity for current Harris Health System employees interested in pursuing a professional career in nursing. As determined by Harris Health Department of Nursing Services, the scholarship will cover the cost of tuition, fees, books, and other required supplies (e.g., uniforms, shoes, stethoscope, parking, and other eligible materials noted in the RFTS program guidelines).	Grant Agreement	Two Years	Jackie Brock	\$ 200,000.00
B4	United States Department of Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), <i>funded by Part C of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009</i>	Consideration of Approval of a Grant Award Renewal from the United States Department of Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), funded by Part C of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act of 2009 and the Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health to Provide Early Intervention Primary Medical Care to HIV Positive Patients of Harris Health	Grant Award Renewal	January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026	Jennifer Small	\$ 375,492.00
TOTAL AMOUNT:						\$ 1,825,492.00