

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, October 14, 2026 | 9:00 AM

4800 Fournace Place, Bellaire, TX 77401 | 1st Floor Board Room

Notice: The meeting may be viewed online: <https://harrishealthtx.new.swagit.com/views/432/live>, and some members of the Board 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 – September 9, 2026

MOTION: 26.10-126

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

III. Announcements / Special Presentations

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

- Update Regarding the Health and Wellness Fair at Gulfgate Health Center on Saturday, September 19, 2026
- Notice of Contract Termination from Molina Healthcare of Texas, Inc. Related to Medicare Advantage Plan, Effective December 31, 2026
- Pink Out Event at the Bayou City Event Center on Thursday, October 15, 2026, in Celebration of Harris Health's Breast Cancer Survivors
- Release of the University of Houston's History Magazine which Includes Harris Health's 60-year Celebration
- Houston Named as One of Only Eight Cities in the U.S. to Receive the STREETS (Safety Through Recovery, Engagement, and Evidence-based Treatment and Support) Grant from the U.S. Health and Human Services
- Launch of the Harris Collaborative to Improve Health Outcomes

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, the Harris Health Quality and Safety Performance Measures, Good Catch Recipients, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services Quality Reporting, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session – ***Dr. Thomas Cummins and Ms. Tiffani Dusang***

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 Ekins***

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 and Dr. Asim Shah***

MOTION: 26.10-127

Moved by: LIBBY VIERA-BLAND

2nd by: INGRID ROBINSON

2. Consideration of Approval of Changes to the Cardiothoracic Surgery Clinical Privileges – ***Dr. Kunal Sharma and Dr. Asim Shah***

MOTION: 26.10-128

Moved by: INGRID ROBINSON

2nd by: 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 Ekins***

MOTION: 26.10-129

Moved by: PAUL PUENTE

2nd by: INGRID ROBINSON

2. Consideration of Approval of the 2026 Correctional Health Medical Staff Bylaws – ***Dr. O. Reggie Ekins***

MOTION: 26.10-130

Moved by: LIBBY VIERA-BLAND

2nd by: INGRID ROBINSON

VIII. Strategic Discussion

A. Harris Health Strategic Plan Initiatives

1. Presentation Regarding the 90th Texas Legislature and Consideration of Approval of a Resolution Adopting Harris Health’s Legislative Platform
– ***Mr. R. King Hillier, Mr. Micah Rodriquez and Ms. Elisa Santana***
[Strategic Pillar 3: Resiliency]

MOTION: 26.10-131

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2. Presentation Regarding Harris Health’s Artificial Intelligence Strategy Update – **Ms. Carolynn Jones and Mr. Ron Fuschillo**
[Strategic Pillar 5: System Optimization]
3. Presentation Regarding the Oncology Scope of Services at LBJ Hospital, Including Consideration of Approval to Proceed with the Design of a Cancer Center at the LBJ Campus Reflecting a Revised Project Scope and a Total Project Cost Authorization not to Exceed \$150 Million – **Mr. Louis Smith**
[Strategic Pillar 6: Access]

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2nd by: PAUL PUENTE

B. Committee Reports

- September 22, 2026 – Quality Committee – **Ms. Libby Viera-Bland**

IX. Consent Agenda Items

A. Consent Purchasing Recommendations

1. Consideration of Approval of Purchasing Recommendations (Items A1 through A8 of the Purchasing Matrix) – **Ms. Kimberly Williams and Mr. Jack Adger, Harris County Purchasing Office**
[See Attached Purchasing Expenditure Summary: October 14, 2026]
2. Harris Health Second Quarter of Fiscal Year 2026 Premier Spend Report for Informational Purposes [No Action Required] – **Ms. Kimberly Williams and Mr. Jack Adger, Harris County Purchasing Office**

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2nd by: PAUL PUENTE

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B. Consent Contract Recommendations

1. Consideration of Approval of Contract Recommendations (Items B1 through B4 of the Contract Matrix) – **Mr. Timothy Brown (B1), Dr. Amy Smith (B2), Mr. Patrick Casey (B3) and Ms. Sara Thomas (B4)**
[See Attached Contract Matrix: October 14, 2026]

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C. New Consent Items for Board Approval

1. Consideration of Approval to Acquire Real Property for a New Health Center in Northwest Harris County – **Mr. Patrick Casey**
2. Consideration of Approval to Utilize the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Delivery Method for the Acres Home Facility Replacement and Expansion – **Mr. Patrick Casey**
3. Consideration of Approval to Utilize the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Delivery Method for the Cypress Health Center Construction – **Mr. Patrick Casey**
4. Consideration of Approval to Utilize the Construction Manager at Risk (CMAR) Delivery Method for the Replacement of the Vallbona Health Center – **Mr. Patrick Casey**
5. Consideration of Approval of a Resolution Authorizing Harris County Hospital District Attestation Response to New Requirements Related to Harris County Hospital District’s Participation in a Health Care Provider Participation Program – **Ms. Victoria Nikitin**

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Moved by: DR. MARLEN TRUJILLO

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D. Consent Reports and Updates to the Board

1. Bi-monthly Updates Regarding Pending State and Federal Legislative and Policy Issues Impacting Harris Health – **Mr. R. King Hillier**

INFORMATION ONLY**[End of Consent Agenda]****X. 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 – **Dr. Jennifer Small and Ms. Tracey Burdine**

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2nd by: INGRID ROBINSON

- HCHP October 2026 Operational Update

- B. Consideration of Approval of the HCHP Consumer Advisory Report – **Dr. Jennifer Small and Ms. Tracey Burdine**

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2nd by: INGRID ROBINSON

- C. Consideration of Approval of the HCHP Patient Satisfaction Report – **Dr. Jennifer Small and Ms. Tracey Burdine**

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2nd by: PAUL PUENTE

- D. Consideration of Approval of the HRSA 2027 Non-Competing Continuation Budget Report for the HCHP – **Dr. Jennifer Small and Ms. Tracey Burdine**

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2nd by: PAUL PUENTE

- E. HCHP Reports and Updates to the Board for Informational Purposes **[No Action Required]** – **Dr. Jennifer Small and Ms. Tracey Burdine**

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1. Update Regarding the HRSA Community Health Quality Recognition
2. Update Regarding the HRSA Operational Site Visit for the HCHP

XI. Executive Session

- D. Review of the Community Health Choice, Inc. and Community Health Choice Texas, Inc. Unaudited Financial Performance for the Eight Months Ending August 31, 2026, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.085 – **Ms. Lisa Wright, CEO, and Ms. Anna Mateja, CFO, Community Health Choice**

NO ACTION TAKEN

- E. 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. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032 and Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session – **Ms.Carolynn Jones**

NO ACTION TAKEN

- F. Discussion Regarding the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Evaluation, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.074, and Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session – **Board of Trustees**

NO ACTION TAKEN**XII. Reconvene**

XIII. Board Education

- A.** Presentation Regarding Harris Health’s Annual Compliance Education
– *Ms. Carolynn Jones* [Strategic Pillar 3: Resiliency]

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XIV. Adjournment

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

Expenditure Summary: October 14, 2026 (Approvals)

No.	Vendor	Description Justification Contract	Action Basis of Recommendation Term	Project Owner	Previous Amount	Current Estimated Cost
A1	HDR Architecture Inc. MWBE Goal: 27%	Professional Architectural and Engineering Services for Ben Taub Hospital Expansion Project - To provide planning & programming, cost estimating, architecture & engineering design, and construction administration activities necessary for the Ben Taub Hospital Expansion Project. Job No. 260226	Award Highest overall evaluation Four-year initial term with two (2) one-year renewal options	Patrick Casey		*
A2	Philips Healthcare (HCHD-1968) MWBE Goal: Exempt Sole Source	Hellocare.ai for Harris Health - To provide user training, and ongoing support and maintenance services for the new Healthcare AI-driven solution and virtual care platform to include remote patient monitoring, virtual nursing support, telehealth capabilities, and installed and configured hardware and software components. Sole Source Exemption	Purchase Sole Source Exemption Five-year initial term	Russ Burlew		\$ 9,995,940
A3	Metropolitan Life Insurance Company (HCHD-927) MWBE Goal: 5%	Basic and Voluntary Life and Accidental Death & Dismemberment (AD&D) Insurance for Harris Health - To continue providing basic and voluntary life and accidental death & dismemberment (AD&D) insurance for Harris Health. Job No. 220341	Renewal October 01, 2026 through September 30, 2027	Amanda Jones-Duncan	\$ 6,800,636	\$ 7,278,858
A4	O'Donnell Snider Construction, LLC MWBE Goal: 25.92%	Nuclear Medicine Renovation & Systems Upgrade at Ben Taub Hospital for Harris Health - To provide all labor, materials, equipment and incidental for the Nuclear Medicine Renovation & Systems Upgrade at Ben Taub Hospital. The owner contingency provides for coverage on unanticipated costs throughout the construction project. Job No. 260138	Award Best proposal meeting requirements	Babak Zare		\$ 3,377,182
A5	Southland Industries MWBE Goal: 18%	Chilled Water Heat Exchanger Plate Refurbishment and System Upgrades at Ben Taub Hospital for Harris Health - To provide all labor, materials, equipment and incidental for the Chilled Water Heat Exchanger Plate Refurbishment and System Upgrades at Ben Taub Hospital. The owner contingency provides for coverage on unanticipated costs throughout the construction project. Job No. 260196	Award Best proposal meeting requirements	Babak Zare		\$ 1,573,402
A6	Stryker Corporation (HCHD-1267) MWBE Goal: Exempt Sole Source	Repair Services for Stryker Brand Equipment for Harris Health - To provide repairs, replacement parts, and loaner equipment as needed for Stryker brand endoscopic cameras and related equipment. Sole Source Exemption	Additional Funds Extension Sole Source Exemption July 26, 2027 through July 25, 2030	James Young	\$ 480,318	\$ 1,421,682
A7	Guidehouse Inc. MWBE Goal: 0% Specialized, Technical, or Unique in Nature	Managed Care Benchmarking, Strategy, and Negotiation Support Services for Harris Health - To provide consulting services to assess of current payer contracts, benchmark current reimbursement structure, strategy building to optimize reimbursement, and support Harris Health in negotiations to execute new contracts. Job No. 260160	Award Best proposal meeting requirements One (1) year initial term with six (6) one-year renewal options	Polle Martinez		*

No.	Vendor	Description Justification Contract	Action Basis of Recommendation Term	Project Owner	Previous Amount	Current Estimated Cost
A8	Mopec MWBE Goal: Exempt Sole Source	Pathology Workstations for Harris Health - To provide Harris Health with a replacement of Maestro Encore Grossing stations units for Ben Taub and Lyndon B. Johnson laboratories. <i>Sole Source Exemption</i>	Award Sole Source Exemption	Arun Mathew		\$ 282,267
					Total Expenditures	\$ 44,789,331
					Total Revenue	\$ (0)

Contract Agenda Item(s) for the Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health, Board of Trustees Report
Contract Matrix: October 14, 2026

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