

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

9:00 AM

– NOTICE –

TO: HARRIS COUNTY RESIDENTS AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS

DATE: APRIL 2, 2026

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of Harris Health will convene at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, in the Board Room of 4800 Fournace Place, Bellaire, Texas 77401. The meeting may be viewed online at: <http://harrishealthtx.swagit.com/live>. Note: Some Board Members may participate by videoconference.

The Board of Trustees will consider the following matters:

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

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| I. Call to Order and Record of Attendance | Dr. Andrea Caracostis | 2 min |
| II. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting | Dr. Andrea Caracostis | 2 min |
| • Board Meeting – March 11, 2026 | | |
| III. Announcements / Special Presentations | Dr. Andrea Caracostis | 45 min |
| A. CEO Report Including Special Announcements – Dr. Esmaeil Porsa | | <i>(10 min)</i> |
| • Update Regarding the March 19 th Commissioners Court Meeting | | |
| • Second Annual Pathways to Health Summit | | |
| • Announcement of Garnet Coleman Health Equity Award Recipient | | |
| B. Naming and Recognition | | |
| 1. Consideration of Approval of a Resolution Naming the Chapel at John M. O’Quinn Hospital – Dr. Esmaeil Porsa | | <i>(15 min)</i> |
| 2. Consideration of Approval of the Memorialization and Recognition Agreement for the Naming of the Ginni and Richard Mithoff Trauma Center – Dr. Esmaeil Porsa | | <i>(15 min)</i> |
| C. Board Member Announcements Regarding Board Member Advocacy and Community Engagements | | <i>(5 min)</i> |

IV. Public Comment

Dr. Andrea Caracostis 3 min

V. Executive Session

Dr. Andrea Caracostis 30 min

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

(10 min)

– Dr. Andrea Caracostis and Dr. Thomas Cummins

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

(10 min)

– Dr. Kunal Sharma and Dr. Asim Shah

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

(10 min)

– Dr. O. Reggie Egins

VI. Reconvene to Open Meeting

Dr. Andrea Caracostis 4 min

VII. General Action Item(s)

Dr. Andrea Caracostis 4 min

A. General Action Item(s) Related to Quality: Medical Staff

(2 min)

1. Consideration of Approval of Credentialing Changes for Members of Harris Health Medical Staff – **Dr. Kunal Sharma**

B. General Action Item(s) Related to Quality: Correctional Health Medical Staff

(2 min)

1. Consideration of Approval of Credentialing Changes for Members of Harris Health Correctional Health Medical Staff – **Dr. O. Reggie Egins**

VIII. Strategic Discussion

Dr. Andrea Caracostis 10 min

A. Committee Reports

- March 24, 2026 – Quality Committee

IX. New Items for Board Consideration

Dr. Andrea Caracostis 10 min

- A. Consideration of Approval of a Resolution Committing Support by Harris Health’s Board of Trustees and Administration for Level III Trauma Services at Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital – **Dr. Glorimar Medina** (5 min)
- B. Consideration of Approval of a Resolution Committing Support by Harris Health’s Board of Trustees for Maternal Level of Care Program at Ben Taub Hospital – **Dr. Glorimar Medina** (5 min)

X. Consent Agenda Items

Dr. Andrea Caracostis 5 min

- A. Consent Purchasing Recommendations
 - 1. Consideration of Approval of Purchasing Recommendations (Items A1 through A7 of the Purchasing Matrix) – **Ms. Kimberly Williams and Mr. Jack Adger, Harris County Purchasing Office**
(See Attached Expenditure Summary: April 8, 2026)
 - 2. Harris Health First Quarter of Fiscal Year 2026 Premier Spend Report [Information Only] – **Ms. Kimberly Williams and Mr. Jack Adger, Harris County Purchasing Office**
- B. Consent Contract Recommendations
 - 1. Consideration of Approval of Contract Recommendations (Items B1-B3 of the Contract Matrix) – **Ms. Pollie Martinez (B1) and Ms. Sara Thomas (B2-B3)**
(See Attached Contract Matrix: April 8, 2026)
- C. New Consent Items for Board Approval
 - 1. Consideration of Acceptance of the Harris Health February 2026 Financial Report Subject to Audit – **Ms. Victoria Nikitin**
 - 2. Consideration of Approval to Transfer Ownership via Warranty Deed of a Sanitary Sewer at 2525 Holly Hall Street to the City of Houston – **Mr. Patrick Casey**
- 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**

[End of Consent Agenda]

XI. Item(s) Related to the Health Care for the Homeless Program	Dr. Andrea Caracostis	15 min
<p>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</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HCHP April 2026 Operational Update 		(12 min)
<p>B. Consideration of Approval of the HCHP Consumer Advisory Report – Dr. Jennifer Small and Ms. Tracey Burdine</p>		(1 min)
<p>C. Consideration of Approval of the HCHP 2025 Annual Risk Management Report – Dr. Jennifer Small and Ms. Tracey Burdine</p>		(1 min)
<p>D. Consideration of Approval of the HCHP 2026 Shelter Based Clinics List – Dr. Jennifer Small and Ms. Tracey Burdine</p>		(1 min)
XII. Executive Session	Dr. Andrea Caracostis	70 min
<p>D. 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, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session – Ms. Sara Thomas</p>		(10 min)
<p>E. Review of the Community Health Choice, Inc. and Community Health Choice Texas, Inc. Unaudited Financial Performance for the Two Months Ending February 28, 2026, Pursuant to Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.085 – Ms. Lisa Wright, CEO and Ms. Anna Mateja, CFO, Community Health Choice</p>		(10 min)
<p>F. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Settlement of Claims, Pursuant to Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.071, Including Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session – Ms. Ebon Swofford and Mr. Michael Fritz</p>		(10 min)
<p>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</p>		(10 min)
<p>H. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Texas Open Meetings Act, Pursuant to Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.071, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session – Ms. Sara Thomas</p>		(10 min)
<p>I. Consultation with Attorney Regarding Conflict of Interest, Pursuant to Tex. Gov’t Code Ann. §551.071, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session – Ms. Sara Thomas</p>		(20 min)

XIII. Reconvene

Dr. Andrea Caracostis 4 min

XIV. Adjournment

Dr. Andrea Caracostis 1 min

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

Expenditure Summary: April 08, 2026 (Approvals)

No.	Vendor	Description Justification Contract	Action Basis of Recommendation Term	Project Owner	Previous Amount	Current Estimated Cost
A1	Jones Lange LaSalle American, Inc. (HCHD-436) MWBE Goal: 11.4%	Construction Manager-Agent for Harris Health - The additional funds are necessary to cover the continued provision of project management and procurement services in support of the LBJ Hospital Expansion project through the end of 2029. <i>Job No. 200322, Board Motion 24.03-38</i>	Additional Funds April 25, 2025 through April 24, 2026	Babak Zare	\$ 7,468,075	\$ 12,100,000
A2	O'Donnell Snider Construction LLC MWBE Goal: 15.08%	Renovation of CT Scan Suite and CT Simulator Suite at Smith Clinic for Harris Health - To provide all labor, materials, equipment and incidental for the Renovation of CT Scan Suite and CT Simulator Suite at Smith Clinic. The owner contingency provides for coverage on unanticipated costs throughout the construction project. <i>Job No. 250286</i>	Award Best proposal meeting requirements	Tarek Rahhal		\$ 1,479,384
A3	Azteca Enterprises, LLC MWBE Goal: 16.6%	Radiographic X-Ray Room Renovation at Multiple Clinics for Harris Health - To provide all labor, materials, equipment and incidental for the Radiographic X-Ray Room Renovation at Gulfgate Health Center, Settegast Health Center, and Strawberry Health Clinic. The owner contingency provides for coverage on unanticipated costs throughout the construction project. <i>Job No. 250373</i>	Award Best proposal meeting requirements	Babak Zare		\$ 1,307,029
A4	J.T. Vaughn Construction, LLC. (HCHD-1835) MWBE Goal: 39.07%	Replacement of Smith Clinic Radiology and Fluoroscopy for Harris Health - To provide all labor, materials, equipment and incidental for the replacement of Smith Clinic radiology and fluoroscopy. The owner contingency provides for coverage of unanticipated costs throughout the construction project. <i>Job No. 250411</i>	Award Best proposal meeting requirements	Babak Zare		\$ 934,500
A5	Gowan Garrett, Inc. (Choice Partners 22/049MF-10) MWBE Goal: 46.4%	Replacement of Rooftop Units (RTUs), Variable Air Volume (VAV) Boxes, and a Mini-Split System at Multiple Clinics for Harris Health - To provide all labor, materials, equipment and incidental for replacement of all Rooftop Units (RTUs), Variable Air Volume (VAV) Boxes, and a Mini-Split System. The owner contingency provides for coverage on unanticipated costs throughout the project. <i>Choice Partners, a division of Harris County Department of Education Cooperative Program</i>	Award Lowest complete quote meeting specifications	Terry Elliot		\$ 704,378
A6	Axogen Corporation (HCHD-1716) MWBE Goal: Exempt Public Health or Safety	Avance Nerve Grafts for Harris Health - To continue providing nerve grafts used in surgical repair of peripheral nerve damage throughout the body. <i>Public Health or Safety Exemption</i>	Award Public Health or Safety Exemption One (1) year initial term with two (2) one-year renewal options	Charles Motley		\$ 464,320
A7	Olympus America, Inc. (HCHD-1398) MWBE Goal: Exempt Sole Source	Equipment Repair Services for Harris Health - Additional funds are required to add equipment repair coverage for newly purchased Olympus brand endoscopes at Harris Health. <i>Sole Source Exemption</i>	Additional Funds Sole Source Exemption November 01, 2025 through October 31, 2026	James Young	\$ 863,705	\$ 381,825

No.	Vendor	Description Justification Contract	Action Basis of Recommendation Term	Project Owner	Previous Amount	Current Estimated Cost
					Total Expenditures	\$ 17,371,436
					Total Revenue	\$ (0)

**Contract Agenda Item(s) for the Harris County Hospital District dba Harris Health, Board of Trustees Report
Contract Matrix: April 8, 2026**

No.	Contractor	Description/Justification	Action, Basis of Recommendation	Term	Project Owner	Amount
B1	Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC)	Consideration of Approval of an Interlocal Agreement between the Harris County Hospital District d/b/a Harris Health and the Health and Human Service Commission (HHSC), on Behalf of Patient Access Management, in the Amount of \$315,588 for designated onsite Eligibility Advisors.	Interlocal Agreement	September 1, 2026 through August 31, 2027	Pollie Martinez	\$ 315,588.00
B2	Jackson Walker LLP	Consideration of Approval of an AdHoc Agreement between Harris Health and Jackson Walker LLP, to serve as counsel for Harris Health in matters concerning managed care litigation to recover unpaid claims owed to Harris Health. Upon expiration of the initial term, the Agreement will automatically renew for additional term of 1 year each until the litigation is resolved.	AdHoc Agreement	February 1, 2026 through January 31, 2027	Sara Thomas	\$ 1,500,000.00
B3	Bracewell LLP	Consideration of Approval of an AdHoc Agreement between Harris Health and Bracewell LLP, to serve as counsel for Harris Health in litigation concerning acquisition of park land by eminent domain for public convenience and necessity related to the Ben Taub expansion. Upon expiration of the initial term, the Agreement shall automatically renew for an additional one (1) year term, beginning January 1, 2027, and ending December 31, 2027.	AdHoc Agreement	March 19, 2026 through December 31, 2026	Sara Thomas	\$ 1,400,000.00
TOTAL AMOUNT:						\$ 3,215,588.00