

WEST WHARTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
June 1, 2026

A Meeting of West Wharton County Hospital District was held at 12 p.m. in the Hospital Conference Room of El Campo Memorial Hospital in El Campo, Texas and the following Board Members were present: Steve Cooper, President, Richard Kerzee, Vice President, Anthony Cisneros, Secretary, Travis Cobb, Treasurer, Cuatro Strack, Patricia Korenek, Sean Bowers, Sherrie Hardin, Susanna Ozuna and Karen Middlebrook.

The Board Members absent were Rick Graff.

Others attending were Johnny Thompson, WWCHD Administrator, Heidi Dine, WWCHD Financial Manager, Brett Kirkham, MCHS CEO, Irma Rocha, MCHS Senior Administrative Assistant, Carrie Cornett, MCHS Chief Financial Officer, Pamela Hunt, El Campo Medical Foundation and Natasha Rendon, MCHS Administrative Intern.

Attending by Zoom: None.

- I. Upon determining that a quorum was present, Mr. Cooper, President, called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m. It was noted that the agenda was properly posted on the WWCHD web page, at the County Clerk's office, the hospital web page, the front entrance of the hospital and Mid Coast Medical Clinic at 10:00 a.m. on May 26, 2026.
- II. The US and Texas pledges were said.
- III. The invocation was given by Cuatro Strack.
- IV. Announcements/Public Comments (Presenters will be limited to 3 minutes and the Board is not required to respond to any items presented): None
- V. Review and Approval of the May 4, 2026 meeting minutes: Cuatro Strack made a motion with a second by Sean Bowers to approve the minutes. The motion carried.
- VI. Administrator's General Report/Financial Presentation for April 2026 was given by Johnny Thompson. Mr. Thompson presented the cash report and the April 2026 Financial Statements. Travis Cobb made a motion to accept the Cash/Financials Statements as presented. Anthony Cisneros seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Thompson asked the board to ratify the vote to move to Prosperity Bank and open accounts. Travis Cobb made a motion to move all accounts to Prosperity Bank with a second by Cuatro Strack. The motion carried. Mr. Thompson also asked the board to ratify the email vote to remove Cuatro Strack and add Travis Cobb to the signature card at Prosperity Bank. Steve Cooper made a motion, with a second by Richard Kerzee. The motion carried. Mr. Thompson presented the purchase of Cypress Healthcare by Opco and Timberidge by Gemini. Cuatro Strack made a motion to approve the purchase with a second by Karen Middlebrook. The motion carried. Mr. Thompson presented the refinance of both Cypress and Timberidge. Cuatro Strack made a motion to approve the refinance with a second by Karen Middlebrook. The motion carried. Mr. Thompson said the audit was still in progress. He stated that the deadline is September 30, 2026. Mr. Thompson updated the board on the QIPP program. He stated that the IGT loan from Prosperity Bank for \$46M is still on track. Mr. Thompson gave an update on the alliance for the NSGO's. This alliance will be in direct contact with HHSC regarding all QIPP items. TORCH has agreed for the Coalition

to run the NSGO side. Mr. Thompson let the WWCHD board know that the team is going to start managing the Trinity Memorial Hospital District QIPP program. Mr. Thompson gave an update on the Remarkable case. He said that Aleon has sued WWCHD, KRS and Stein. The attorneys for WWCHD are working to get this dismissed.

VII. Old Business

- a. Mr. Thompson said that Curry Boudreaux Architects are putting together a draft. He said he would like to present a couple of items to the board: 1. A "first-pass" at the strategies for prioritized/phased options and 2. A proposal for A/E services.
- b. There were no updates on the ECMH repairs, maintenance and renovations.

VIII. New Business

- a. Pamela Hunt gave an update on the new hospital signs. She said that Craig Roddy would have all the new signs up by next week except the big sign up front. She also stated that Hospital Week is coming up. She said that First State Bank of Louise will be hosting a pizza party. She said Higgenbotham also donated. Mrs. Hunt also said that she is planning a Back-To-School Healthfair.
- b. Brett Kirkham gave an update on ECMH. He said that Traci Matula had been promoted to Director of Radiology. He stated that they are still looking for a Plant Ops Director and a Pharmacy Director. He said that ECMH is still actively applying for grants. He stated that they are currently reaching a settlement with BCI. The ECMH team has also been working on cost reports. Mr. Kirkham stated that ECMH is holding steady financially.

IX. There was no executive session held.

X. There was no additional new business to discuss.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cuatro Strack, seconded by Travis Cobb and the meeting adjourned at 1:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anthony Cisneros, Secretary