

WEST WHARTON COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
May 4, 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, Cuatro Strack, Patricia Korenek, Sean Bowers, Sherrie Hardin, Rick Graff, Susanna Ozuna and Karen Middlebrook.

The Board Members absent were Travis Cobb.

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 Kim Cooper, El Campo Medical Foundation.

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 April 29, 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 April 6, 2026 meeting minutes: Anthony Cisneros made a motion with a second by Patricia Korenek to approve the minutes. The motion carried.
- VI. Administrator's General Report/Financial Presentation for March 2026 was given by Johnny Thompson. Mr. Thompson presented the cash report and stated that WWCHD was still on track to meet the bank's cash covenant. Mr. Thompson also presented the March 2026 Financial Statements. Cuatro Strack made a motion to accept the Cash/Financials Statements as presented. Anthony Cisneros seconded the motion. The motion carried. Mr. Thompson presented the board with a discussion about WWCHD's financial statements being public record. It was determined that they would remain public record. Mr. Thompson said the audit was in progress. He stated that the deadline is September 30, 2026. Mr. Thompson updated the board on an email that was received from Lone Star Lawyers. This request has been put on hold until further review of what they are asking for. Mr. Thompson updated the board on the QIPP program. He stated that for Year 10, WWCHD will own 104 facilities and that for Year 11, it would increase to 111 facilities. Mr. Thompson said he is meeting with two consulting companies and 2 Hospital Districts on May 6 to discuss forming an 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 stated that Charles Staten pulls information live from CMS and that he can track live data from our nurses. The discussion of banking/IGT loan options was reserved for the executive session.

VII. Old Business

- a. Mr. Thompson said that the committee for the ECMH Repairs, Maintenance and Remodel voted for Curry Boudreaux Architects. Cuatro Strack made a motion to select Curry Boudreaux subject to pricing with a second made by Sean Bowers. The motion carried. Brett Kirkham and Johnny Thompson met with Curry Boudreaux on April 30th about a very detailed plan. Curry Boudreaux should have this plan in about 6 weeks. The next phase would be to approve this plan along with the pricing.
- b. The ECMH repairs, maintenance and remodel update was given by Mr. Thompson. He asked Pamela Hunt to give an update on the new signage. She said the signs were in progress. The MedGas panels in the front of the hospital were broken and cannot be fixed. 4 will need to be replaced with a cost of \$20k. She stated the new signs will be blue and white with the hospital logo.

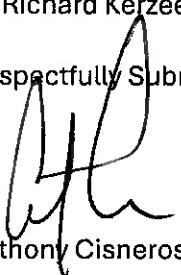
VIII. New Business

- a. Pamela Hunt said that TORCH had sent 40 people to volunteer to help with the cleanup of ECMH. They worked on the courtyard and flower beds. They also mulched the clinic beds. The volunteers painted the curbs and the entire clinic lobby. El Campo high school football players will be laying grass during hospital week. Pamela updated the board on Hospital Week. She stated that everything has been donated – ECMH is not paying for anything.
- b. Brett Kirkham gave an update on ECMH. He said there is an administrative assistant that will be working as an intern for 10 weeks. She will be helping with different projects and with applying for grants. He stated that HHSC has revitalized the ATLIS program and IGT funds will need to be sent. Mr. Kirkham said that April at ECMH was busier than March. He also stated that the Radiology and Plant Ops directors are both leaving ECMH.

- IX. The WWCHD Board entered an executive session at 1:09 pm. The executive session ended at 1:53 pm.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Richard Kerzee, seconded by Cuatro Strack and the meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Anthony Cisneros, Secretary