

# BOARD OF TRUSTEES

## Public Meeting Agenda

**HARRISHEALTH**  
SYSTEM

**Thursday, March 28, 2024**  
**9:00 A.M.**

**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 community-focused academic healthcare system dedicated to improving the health of those most in need in Harris County through quality care delivery, coordination of care and education.

## AGENDA

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| <b>I. Call to Order and Record of Attendance</b>  | <b>Dr. Andrea Caracostis</b> | <b>1 min</b>    |
| <b>II. Approval of the Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>  | <b>Dr. Andrea Caracostis</b> | <b>1 min</b>    |
| • Board Meeting – February 29, 2024   |                              |                 |
| <b>III. Announcements / Special Presentations</b>   | <b>Dr. Andrea Caracostis</b> | <b>15 min</b>   |
| <b>A. CEO Report</b> Including Special Announcements – <i>Dr. Esmaeil Porsa</i>   |                              | <i>(10 min)</i> |
| • Introduction of Mr. Micah Rodriguez, Vice President of Public Policy and Government Relations   |                              |                 |
| • Harris Health Endoscopy Center at Quentin Mease Ribbon Cutting  |                              |                 |
| <b>B. Board Member Announcements</b> Regarding Board Member Advocacy and Community Engagements  | <b>Dr. Cody Pyke</b>         | <i>(5 min)</i>  |
| • Harris County LGBTQIA+ Commission   |                              |                 |
| <b>IV. Public Comment</b>   | <b>Dr. Andrea Caracostis</b> | <b>3 min</b>    |
| <b>V. Executive Session</b>   | <b>Dr. Andrea Caracostis</b> | <b>30 min</b>   |
| <b>A. Report Regarding Quality of Medical and Healthcare, Pursuant to Tex. Health &amp; Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §160.007, and Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §151.002 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, Including the Harris Health System Quality, Safety Performance Measures, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session</b> |                              | <i>(10 min)</i> |
| – <b>Dr. Andrea Caracostis, Dr. Steven Brass and Dr. Yashwant Chathampally</b>  |                              |                 |

- B.** Medical Executive Board Report and Credentialing Discussion, Pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §160.007, and Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §151.002 to Receive Peer Review and/or Medical Committee Report, Including Consideration of Approval of Credentialing Changes for Members of the Harris Health System Medical Staff

(10 min)

– **Dr. Martha Mims and Dr. Bradford Scott**

- C.** Report Regarding Harris Health System Correctional Health Quality of Medical and Healthcare, Including Credentialing Discussion and Operational Updates, Pursuant to Tex. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032, Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §160.007, Tex. Occ. Code Ann. §151.002 and Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071 to Receive Peer Review and/or Medical Committee Report with Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session – **Dr. Otis Ekins**

(10 min)

**VI. Reconvene to Open Meeting****Dr. Andrea Caracostis 1 min****VII. General Action Item(s)****Dr. Andrea Caracostis 6 min****A.** General Action Item(s) Related to Quality: Medical Staff

1. Consideration of Approval of Credentialing Changes for Members of the Harris Health System Medical Staff – **Dr. Martha Mims**
2. Consideration of Approval of Changes to the Nephrology Clinical Privileges – **Dr. Martha Mims**

(2 min)

(2 min)

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

1. Consideration of Approval of Credentialing Changes for Members of the Harris Health System Correctional Health Medical Staff – **Dr. Otis Ekins**

(2 min)

**VIII. New Items for Board Consideration****Dr. Andrea Caracostis 5 min**

- A.** Consideration of Approval of the Appointment of Dr. Cody Pyke, Ms. Sima Ladjevardian and Ms. Ingrid Robinson as Members of the Dialysis Center at Quentin Mease Governing Body

**Dr. Andrea Caracostis****IX. Strategic Discussion****Dr. Andrea Caracostis 30 min****A.** Harris Health System Strategic Plan Initiatives

1. Presentation Regarding Innovative Partnership to Build Structures and Processes that Facilitate Timely Enrollment and Access to Care in the Harris Health System for Under-insured Adolescents and Young Adults with Chronic Illness – **Dr. Albert Hergenroeder, Texas Children's Hospital**  
[Strategic Pillar 4: Population Health Management]

(15 min)

**B.** March Board Committee Meeting Reports:

(15 min)

- Governance Committee – **Dr. Cody Pyke**
- Quality Committee – **Dr. Andrea Caracostis**
- Joint Conference Committee – **Dr. Andrea Caracostis**
- DEI Committee – **Ms. Marcia Johnson**

**X. Consent Agenda Items****Dr. Andrea Caracostis 5 min****A. Consent Purchasing Recommendations**

1. Consideration of Approval of Purchasing Recommendations (Items A1 through A60) – **Mr. DeWight Dopslauf and Mr. Jack Adger, Harris County Purchasing Office**

**(See Attached Expenditure Summary: March 28, 2024)****B. Consent Committee Recommendations**

1. Consideration of Acceptance to Adopt June 1<sup>st</sup> as an Internal Completion Deadline for the Texas Pension Review Board Training  
**[Governance Committee]**
2. Consideration of Approval of the 2024 Quality Committee Goals  
**[Quality Committee]**

**C. New Consent Items for Board Approval**

1. Consideration of Acceptance of the Harris Health System January 2024 Financial Report Subject to Audit – **Ms. Victoria Nikitin**
2. Consideration of Approval to Enter into a New Interlocal Agreement with Harris County Department of Economic Equity and Opportunity (DEEO) to Provide Wage Rate Compliance Services for Harris Health System Construction Projects – **Mr. Louis Smith and Mr. Patrick Casey**
3. Consideration of Approval to Amend and Renew the Lease with Benjamin Wu for the Sunset Heights Clinic, Located at 1623 Airline, Houston, TX 77009 – **Mr. Louis Smith and Mr. Patrick Casey**
4. Consideration of Approval to Convey a Non-Exclusive Utility Easement and Right of Way to Crown Castle Fiber, LLC at Lyndon B. Johnson Hospital, 5656 Kelly St., Houston, TX 77026  
– **Mr. Louis Smith and Mr. Patrick Casey**
5. Consideration of Approval to Amend the Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery Services Agreement with The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston – **Dr. Jennifer Small and Ms. Binta Baudy**
6. Consideration of Approval to Amend the Administrative Services Agreement Between Harris Health System and Community Health Choice, Inc. and Community Health Choice Texas, Inc.  
– **Ms. Lisa Wright, CEO, Mr. Chris Buley, CLO, Community Health Choice, and Ms. Holly Gummert**

**D. Consent Reports and Updates to the Board**

1. Updates Regarding Pending State and Federal Legislative and Policy Issues Impacting Harris Health System – **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**

- 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 System 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**

*(13 min)*

- HCHP March 2024 Operational Update

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

*(1 min)*

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

*(1 min)***XII. Executive Session****Dr. Andrea Caracostis 50 min**

- D.** Review of the Impact of Health and Human Services Commission's Intent for Contract Announcement (STAR & CHIP) and Community Health Choice's 2023 Financial Performance, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.085  
– **Ms. Lisa Wright, CEO and Ms. Anna Mateja, CFO, Community Health Choice**

*(10 min)*

- E.** Consultation with Attorney, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.071, Regarding Civil Action No. 4:23-CV-03198, U.S. District Court, Southern District of Texas, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session – **Ms. Ebon Swofford and Mr. Michael Fritz**

*(5 min)*

- F.** Consultation with Attorney Regarding the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) Approval for Texas Coastal Materials, LLC to Operate a Concrete Crushing Facility at 5875 Kelley Street, Houston, Texas and Possible Action Upon Return to Open Session, Including Consideration of Approval to Seek Judicial Review of the TCEQ Decision  
– **Ms. Sarah Utley, Harris County Attorney's Office**

*(10 min)*

- 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. Health & Safety Code Ann. §161.032  
– **Ms.Carolynn Jones**

*(10 min)*

- H.** Review of Harris Health System Organization Structure and Compensation Reports per Article X, Section 1.c of Harris Health System Bylaws, Pursuant to Tex. Gov't Code Ann. §551.074, and Possible Action Regarding this Matter Upon Return to Open Session – **Mr. Omar Reid**

*(15 min)***XIII. Reconvene****Dr. Andrea Caracostis 1 min****XIV. Adjournment****Dr. Andrea Caracostis 1 min**