

MINUTES OF MEETING – OCTOBER 23, 2024
CENTRAL HEALTH
BOARD OF MANAGERS

On Wednesday, October 23, 2024, a meeting of the Central Health Board of Managers convened in open session at 6:00 p.m. remotely by toll-free videoconference and in person at the Central Health Administrative Offices. Clerk for the meeting was Briana Yanes.

Board members present at Central Health: Chairperson Kitchen, Vice Chairperson Brinson, Treasurer Museitif, Secretary Martin, Manager May, Manager Motwani, and Manager Valadez

Board members present via video and audio: Manager Jones

Absent: Manager Zamora

PUBLIC HEARING

1. **Receive public comment on the proposed mandatory payment rate to be assessed on institutional healthcare providers during fiscal year 2025 under the local healthcare provider participation program (LPPF) in Travis County and how the revenue derived from those payments is to be spent, as required by Texas Health & Safety Code §298E.101.**

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 6:00 p.m. Ms. Katie Coburn, Healthcare Finance Policy Director presented background information on the LPPF and explained that staff would be asking the Board to set the FY25 Travis County LPPF rate to 6.00%, the maximum allowed by the LPPF statute.

The Public Hearing began at 6:03 p.m. Yesenia Ramos introduced 2 speakers for the Public Hearing.

Corbin Pefanis with Adelanto Healthcare Ventures spoke at the Public Hearing. Geronimo Rodriguez with Ascension Texas also signed up to speak but had to log off before he was able to.

Manager Valadez moved that the Board close the Public Hearing.

Manager Motwani seconded the motion.

Chairperson Ann Kitchen	For
Vice Chairperson Cynthia Brinson	For
Treasurer Maram Museitif	Absent
Secretary Manuel Martin	Absent
Manager Shannon Jones	For
Manager Eliza May	For
Manager Amit Motwani	For
Manager Cynthia Valadez	For
Manager Guadalupe Zamora	Absent

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Clerk's Notes: Public Communication began at 6:05 p.m. Yesenia Ramos introduced 9 speakers for Public Communication.

Members of the Board heard from:

1. Kent Kasischke, Director of Workforce Advocacy - *in-person*
2. Rabin Kheradpour, Physician for Internal Medicine at CommunityCare - *virtual*

3. CommUnityCare Board Director Sedora Jefferson - *in-person*
4. CommUnityCare Board Director Kimberly Johnson - *in-person*
5. Central Health President & CEO, Pat Lee - *in-person*
6. Mission Moment - Maria Mendoza Rodriguez, Supportive and Palliative Care Nurse Navigator at Central Health - *in-person*
7. Central Health Board Chair, Ann Kitchen - *in-person*
8. Central Health Board Member Cynthia Valadez - *in-person*
9. Central Health Board Member Amit Motwani- *in-person*

CONSENT AGENDA

- C1. Approve the minutes of the Board of Managers September 25, 2024 meeting.**
- C2. Receive the quarterly investment report and ratify Central Health Investments for September 2024.**

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 6:44 p.m.

Manager Valadez moved that the Board approve Consent Agenda Items C1 and C2.

Manager Museitif seconded the motion.

Chairperson Ann Kitchen	For
Vice Chairperson Cynthia Brinson	For
Treasurer Maram Museitif	For
Secretary Manuel Martin	For
Manager Shannon Jones	For
Manager Eliza May	For
Manager Amit Motwani	For
Manager Cynthia Valadez	For
Manager Guadalupe Zamora	Absent

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Discuss and take appropriate action on the proposed mandatory payment rate to be assessed on institutional healthcare providers during Fiscal Year 2025 under the local healthcare provider participation program (LPPF) in Travis County and how the revenue derived from those payments is to be spent, as required by Texas Health & Safety Code §298E.151.**

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 6:44 p.m. There was no presentation on this item. Ms. Katie Coburn, Director of Healthcare Finance Policy, was available for questions.

Manager Valadez moved that the Board approve the FY 25 LPPF mandatory payment rate at six percent (6%) of net patient revenue as recommended by staff.

Manager Museitif seconded the motion.

Chairperson Ann Kitchen	For
Vice Chairperson Cynthia Brinson	For
Treasurer Maram Museitif	For
Secretary Manuel Martin	For
Manager Shannon Jones	For
Manager Eliza May	For
Manager Amit Motwani	For

Manager Cynthia Valadez
Manager Guadalupe Zamora

For
Absent

2. **Receive an update from the Central Health President & CEO on the status of the Fiscal Year 2024 Wins for Trust.**

Clerk's Notes: This item was not discussed. It was postponed to the next Board of Managers meeting due to timing.

3. **Discuss and take appropriate action on the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of one or more Central Health employees.**

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 6:45 p.m.

At 6:45 p.m. Chairperson Kitchen announced that the Board was convening in closed session to discuss agenda item 3 under Texas Government Code §551.074 Personnel Matters and Texas Government Code §551.071 Consultation with Attorney.

The Board returned to open session at 9:02 p.m.

4. **Discuss updates on matters related to a Performance Review by Mazars USA contracted by Travis County.**

At 6:45 p.m. Chairperson Kitchen announced that the Board was convening in closed session to discuss agenda item 4 under Texas Government Code §551.071 Consultation with Attorney.

The Board returned to open session at 9:02 p.m.

5. **Receive and discuss a briefing regarding *Birch, et al. v. Travis County Healthcare District d/b/a Central Health and Dr. Patrick Lee*, Cause No. D-1-GN-17-005824 in the 345th District Court of Travis County.**

At 6:45 p.m. Chairperson Kitchen announced that the Board was convening in closed session to discuss agenda item 5 under Texas Government Code §551.071 Consultation with Attorney.

The Board returned to open session at 9:02 p.m.

6. **Receive and discuss a briefing regarding *Travis County Healthcare District d/b/a Central Health v. Ascension Texas f/k/a Seton Healthcare Family*, Cause No. D-1-GN-23-000398.**

At 6:45 p.m. Chairperson Kitchen announced that the Board was convening in closed session to discuss agenda item 6 under Texas Government Code §551.071 Consultation with Attorney.

The Board returned to open session at 9:02 p.m.

7. **Confirm the next regular Board meeting date, time, and location.**

Manager Brinson moved that the meeting adjourn.

Manager Motwani seconded the motion.

Chairperson Ann Kitchen

For

Vice Chairperson Cynthia Brinson
Treasurer Maram Museitif
Secretary Manuel Martin
Manager Shannon Jones
Manager Eliza May
Manager Amit Motwani
Manager Cynthia Valadez
Manager Guadalupe Zamora

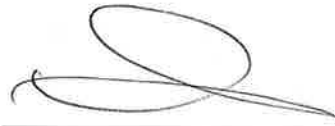
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The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

ATTESTED TO BY:



Ann Kitchen, Chairperson
Central Health Board of Managers



Manuel Martin, Secretary
Central Health Board of Managers