

MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 10, 2025
CENTRAL HEALTH
BOARD OF MANAGERS

On Wednesday, September 10, 2025, a meeting of the Central Health Board of Managers convened in open session at 4:52 p.m. remotely by toll-free videoconference and in person at the Central Health Administrative Offices. Clerk for the meeting was Valerie Guerra.

Board members present at Central Health: Chairperson Kitchen, Vice Chairperson Brinson, Treasurer Museitif, Secretary Martin (arrive at 5:01 p.m.), Manager Jones, Manager May, Manager Rodriguez, and Manager Valadez.

Board members present via video and audio: Manager Motwani

Absent: Manager Rodriguez

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Clerk's Notes: Public Communication began at 5:47 p.m. Yesenia Ramos introduced 2 speaker(s) for Public Communication.

Members of the Board heard from:

1. Dr. Mullen from the U.T. Dell Medical School
2. Isela Guerra from Central Health

CONSENT AGENDA

C1. **Approve the minutes of the Public Hearing and Board of Managers September 3, 2025 meeting.**

C2. **Approve the CommUnityCare CEO agreement.**

C3. **Approve the CommUnityCare CEO Personnel Policy.**

Chair Kitchen announced that Items C2 and C3 were not ready for action at this meeting, so Items C2 and C3 were removed from Consent Agenda.

Manager Valadez moved that the Board approve item C1.

Manager Brinson 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 Geronimo Rodriguez	Absent
Manager Cynthia Valadez	For

REGULAR AGENDA

1. **Receive and discuss a report from the President & CEO including:**
 - a. **Priorities and Key Results;**
 - b. **The Leading Edge;**
 - c. **Emerging Issues;**
 - d. **What we're solving for;**
 - e. **Outside, Inside; and**
 - f. **Mission Moment.**

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 4:55 p.m. Dr. Pat Lee, CEO of Central Health, provided a quick overview of the Memorandum. The Memorandum provides a summary on the two key issues of homelessness and health, MAP coverage, and providing the Board with an update on progress and efforts, highlight FY26 priorities, and reinforce areas of alignment with CommUnityCare and community partners.

2. **Receive, discuss, and take appropriate action on the proposed Central Health Fiscal Year 2026 (FY26) budget and the FY26 budget for CommUnityCare Health Centers.**

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 5:00 p.m. Jeff Knodel, EVP and Chief Financial Officer at Central Health, shared the FY26 Budget Resolution. The document includes a narrative on the elements of consideration that drove decision-making and an appendix with budget summaries and system objectives for FY26.

Manager Kitchen moved that the Board approves the Central Health Fiscal Year 2026 budget for all items other than the items relating to The University of Texas at Austin and the University of Texas System.

Manager Valadez seconded the motion.

Chairperson Ann Kitchen	For
Vice Chairperson Cynthia Brinson	For
Treasurer Maram Museitif	For
Secretary Manuel Martin	No
Manager Shannon Jones	For
Manager Eliza May	For
Manager Amit Motwani	For
Manager Geronimo Rodriguez	Absent
Manager Cynthia Valadez	For

Manager Kitchen moved that the Board approve the budget items in the Central Health Fiscal Year 2026 budget that pertain to The University of Texas at Austin and University of Texas System.

Manager Brinson seconded the motion.

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

3. **Set the date, time, and location for the public hearing at which the Central Health Board of Managers will present, and receive comments from the public on, the proposed Fiscal Year 2026 tax rate.**

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 5:59 p.m.

For the maintenance and operations tax rate, Manager Kitchen moved that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.113569, which is effectively an eight percent (8.0%) increase in the tax rate.

Manager Valadez 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 Geronimo Rodriguez	Absent
Manager Cynthia Valadez	For

For the debt service tax rate, Manager Kitchen that the property tax be decreased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.004454, which is effectively a three-tenths percent (0.3%) decrease in the tax rate.

Manager Valadez 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 Geronimo Rodriguez	Absent
Manager Cynthia Valadez	For

For the total ad valorem tax rate, which is the sum of the maintenance and operations tax rate and debt service tax rate, Manager Kitchen that the property tax rate be increased by the adoption of a tax rate of \$0.118023, which is effectively a nine point three percent (9.3%) increase in the tax rate.

Manager Valadez 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 Geronimo Rodriguez	Absent
Manager Cynthia Valadez	For

4. Discuss and take appropriate action on a Central Health Public Health Center Reserve Policy.

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 6:05 p.m.

Manager Museitif moved that the Board approve the Central Health Public Health Center Reserve Policy as presented by staff.

Manager Valadez 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 Geronimo Rodriguez	Absent
Manager Cynthia Valadez	For

5. Receive and discuss a quarterly compliance update, including outstanding compliance issues.

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 6:09 p.m.

At 6:09 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).

At 8:42 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

6. Receive and discuss an overview of legislative and regulatory issues impacting the Central Health System.

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 6:09 p.m.

At 6:09 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).

At 8:42 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

7. Discuss updates on matters related to a performance review by Mazars USA contracted by Travis County.

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 6:09 p.m.

At 6:09 p.m. Chairperson Kitchen announced that the Board was convening in closed session to discuss agenda item 7 under Texas Government Code §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

At 8:42 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

8. 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.

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 6:09 p.m.

At 6:09 p.m. Chairperson Kitchen announced that the Board was convening in closed session to discuss agenda item 8 under Texas Government Code §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

At 8:42 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

9. 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.

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 6:09 p.m.

At 6:09 p.m. Chairperson Kitchen announced that the Board was convening in closed session to discuss agenda item 9 under Texas Government Code §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

At 8:42 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

10. Deliberation and possible action on the appointment, employment, evaluation, reassignment, duties, discipline, or dismissal of one or more Central Health employees.

At 6:09 p.m. Chairperson Kitchen announced that the Board was convening in closed session to discuss agenda item 10 under Texas Government Code §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and Texas Government Code §551.074 (Personnel Matters).

At 8:42 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

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

Manager Kitchen moved that the meeting adjourn.

Manager Valadez 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 Geronimo Rodriguez	Absent
Manager Cynthia Valadez	For

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.

ATTESTED TO BY:



Ann Kitchen, Chairperson
Central Health Board of Managers



Manuel Martin, Secretary
Central Health Board of Managers