

MINUTES OF MEETING – FEBRUARY 25, 2026
CENTRAL HEALTH
BOARD OF MANAGERS

On Wednesday, February 25, 2026, a meeting of the Central Health Board of Managers convened in open session at 4:28 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 Rodriguez, Vice Chairperson May, Secretary Martin, Manager Kitchen (Departed 10:06 p.m.), Manager Jefferson, Manager Motwani, and Manager Valadez (Departed 9:54 p.m.).

Board members present via video and audio: Treasurer Museitif (arrived at 7:30 p.m.), Manager Brinson (arrived at 8:15 p.m.)

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Clerk's Notes: Public Communication began at 4:28 p.m. Chair Rodriguez announced there were no speakers signed up for Public Communication.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C1. Approve the minutes of the September 10, 2025 Philanthropy Committee meeting and the Board of Managers January 28, 2026 meeting.**
- C2. Receive and ratify Central Health investments for January 2026.**
- C3. Receive the January 2026 financial statements for Central Health.**
- C4. Accept the Central Health Fiscal Year 2025 financial audit as recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee.**

Manager Kitchen moved that the Board approve Consent Agenda Items C1 through C3.

Manager May seconded the motion.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Receive and discuss a Diversion Center update from Travis County Judge Andy Brown.**

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 4:49 p.m. Travis County Judge Andy Brown and Commissioner Ann Howard provided updates on the Diversion Center. They explained that Travis County is experiencing a mental health crisis and that the existing system is not equipped to meet community needs, which often leads to poor outcomes. The Diversion Center will aim to fill gaps in the behavioral

health continuum of care, provide strategic collaboration to integrate systems, and scale capacity. The County is currently finalizing Diversion Center planning elements. By end of Summer 2026, they expect to confirm partner commitments (funding, ownership, operator, and governance) and initiate phase II, which will focus on developing architectural and engineering documents.

2. **Receive and discuss a report from the President & CEO including:**
 - a. **Strategic Board Alignment;**
 - b. **Clinical Excellence;**
 - c. **Financial Sustainability; and**
 - d. **People and Community.**

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 4:30 p.m. Dr. Pat Lee, President and CEO, provided key updates across several areas. Clinical updates included the delivery of the FibroScan device, progress on medication delivery system integration, the launch of new service lines, and advancements in new facility projects. Financial updates covered Medicare billing, philanthropic initiatives, and data-sharing efforts. Finally, systemwide community updates highlighted the kickoff of the Workforce Advisory Council, developments in AI governance structures, updates on entity data sharing, and continued community engagement activities.

3. **Discuss updates and Board input about East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood concerns regarding unhoused individuals and the Central Health Administration's response to those concerns.**

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 5:52 p.m. Dr. Pat Lee, President and CEO, and Ted Burton, Chief Communications Officer, provided a brief update on Central Health's immediate response and cross-functional actions addressing concerns from the East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood. They explained that while immediate operational changes are underway, achieving a long-term resolution will require coordination among multiple agencies and cannot be accomplished by Central Health alone.

4. **Receive an update on Central Health's communications Awareness Survey results.**

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 6:10 p.m. Ted Burton, Chief Communications Officer; Daniela Lopez, Management Supervisor from Sensis; and Derek Stafford, Research Director from Sensis, presented the Brand Tracker Survey findings. The presentation indicated: 1) notable increases in brand awareness, particularly among Spanish-speaking households, Latinos, and African Americans; 2) continued high levels of support for Central Health's mission across all demographic groups; 3) Central Health's leading favorability among current patients compared to peer organizations; and 4) a strong general understanding among residents of the relationships between Central Health, CommUnityCare, and Sendero Health Plans.

5. **Receive and discuss an update on the process and calendar for developing objectives and key results, key performance indicators, and the budget for Fiscal Year 2027.**

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 6:51 p.m. Jeff Knodel, Chief Financial Officer; Kim Heinonen, Chief Transformation Officer; and Anisa Kendall, Sr. Director of Strategic Planning, shared a presentation highlighting several key topics. They explained that Board guidance will continuously inform the development of the FY27 Annual Budget planning cycle, including establishment of the System Objectives & Key Results. The presentation then provided a high-level review of the annual budget planning cycle, including how the process has evolved and how the strategic budget initiatives area anchored to clear objectives and measurable goals. Lastly they reviewed the FY27 Annual Planning and Budget Timeline and key presentations for Board guidance.

6. Discuss and take appropriate action on the hiring of a board governance consultant.

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 7:36 p.m.

At 7:36 p.m., Chairperson Rodriguez announced that the Board was convening in closed session to discuss agenda item 6 under Texas Government Code §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

At 10:23 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

No motion.

7. Discuss and take appropriate action on the required documentation of closed sessions of Central Health Board of Managers and committee meetings.

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 7:36 p.m.

At 7:36 p.m. Chairperson Rodriguez announced that the Board was convening in closed session to discuss agenda item 7 under Texas Government Code §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

At 10:23 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

No motion.

8. Discuss and take appropriate action to approve the President & CEO's goals for Fiscal Year 2026.

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 7:36 p.m.

At 7:36 p.m. Chairperson Rodriguez announced that the Board was convening in closed session to discuss agenda item 7 under Texas Government Code §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and Texas Government Code §551.074 (Personnel Matters).

At 10:23 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

No motion.

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

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No motion.

10. 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 and services provided by faculty and residents of The University of Texas at Austin Dell Medical School in support of Central Health's mission.

Clerk's Notes: This item was not presented.

11. **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: This item was not presented.

12. **Review and take appropriate action on the CommUnityCare CEO employment agreement.**

Clerk's Notes: This item was not presented.

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

Manager May moved that the meeting adjourn.

Manager Motwani seconded the motion.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

ATTESTED TO BY:

Geronimo Rodriguez, Chairperson
Central Health Board of Managers

Manuel Martin, Secretary
Central Health Board of Managers