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BOARD OF MANAGERS MEETING Wednesday, September 9, 4:00 p.m. Or immediately following the Executive Committee meeting

Videoconference meeting¹

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Central Health Administrative Offices
1111 E. Cesar Chavez St.
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- C1. Approve the minutes of the Board of Managers August 26, 2026 meeting.

REGULAR AGENDA²

1. Receive, discuss, and take appropriate action regarding an update on expansion of the mental health continuum of care and associated partnerships.³ (*Action Item*)
2. Receive, discuss, and take appropriate action on the proposed Central Health Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) budget and the FY27 budget for CommUnityCare Health Centers. (*Action Item – See Exhibit 1*)
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(Required under Texas Government Code §551.043(c))

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By Kayla Lopez Deputy

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BOARD MEETING

September 9, 2026

AGENDA ITEM C1

Approve the minutes of the Board of Managers August 26, 2026 meeting.

MINUTES OF MEETING – AUGUST 26, 2026
CENTRAL HEALTH
BOARD OF MANAGERS

On Wednesday, August 26, 2026, a meeting of the Central Health Board of Managers convened in open session at 8:41 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, Treasurer Museitif (left 10:40 p.m.), Secretary Martin, Manager Brinson, Manager Kitchen (left 10:40 p.m.), Manager Jefferson (left 11:10 p.m.), and Manager Motwani,

Absent: Manager Valadez

PUBLIC COMMUNICATION

Clerk's Notes: Public Communication began at 8:41 p.m. Chairperson Rodriguez introduced there were no speakers signed up for Public Communication.

CONSENT AGENDA

- C1. Approve the minutes of the Board of Managers July 29, 2026 meeting.**
- C2. Receive the July 2026 financial statements for Central Health.**
- C3. Accept a contribution of \$289,995 from Workforce Solutions to support Central Health's participation in the Central Texas Healthcare Academy as recommended by the Budget and Finance Committee.**

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

Manager Museitif seconded the motion.

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

REGULAR AGENDA

- 1. Receive and discuss a report from the Board Chair including:**
 - a. Board meeting mechanics and governance updates.**

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 8:43 p.m. Chairperson Rodriguez welcomed Board Managers back from a summer break, shared the finalized date for the strategic planning retreat on September 19, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and shared that all Board Managers need to complete the AI and Compliance training by Monday, August 31.

- 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 8:45 p.m. Pat Lee, President & CEO, provided a verbal report on updates related to clinical operations, workforce and organizational culture, and stakeholder and community engagement.

3. Receive and ratify Central Health investments for July 2026.

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 8:51 p.m.

Manager May moved that the Board ratify the Central Health investments for July 2026.

Manager Motwani seconded the motion.

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

4. Discuss the Fiscal Year 2027 Central Health budget.

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 8:52 p.m. Chair Rodriguez announced this item was added to this agenda in the event more time was needed for discussion.

5. Discuss and take appropriate action on Central Health's proposed property tax rate for Fiscal Year 2027.

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 8:52 p.m. Chairperson Rodriguez provided Board Managers an opportunity to ask questions.

Manager Kitchen moved that the Board approve a proposed total property tax rate of 0.135195 cents per \$100 of taxable property value for the 2026 tax year, which will support Central Health's Fiscal Year 2027 budget, and noted that this is the maximum rate being established at this time and is not final.

Manager Motwani seconded the motion.

The vote was recorded by roll call, and the Managers voted as follows:

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

6. **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 2027 tax rate.**

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 8:57 p.m.

Manager Jefferson moved that the public hearing on the proposed tax rate be held on Wednesday, September 2, at 5:30 p.m. at Central Health's Administrative Offices, 1111 E. Cesar Chavez St., Austin, Texas 78702, a notice for which will be posted on the Central Health website and published in the Austin American-Statesman.

Manager Kitchen seconded the motion.

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

7. **Discuss and take appropriate action on the recommended Central Health Bylaws amendments.**

Clerk's Notes: This item was not presented.

8. **Review and take appropriate action on the policies necessary for the FY27 budget development process including.**
 - a. **General Procurement, and**
 - b. **Delegation of Purchasing Duties to Purchasing Authority and Certain Officers.**

Clerk's Notes: This item was not presented.

9. **Review, discuss, and take appropriate action on a presentation from the Central Health Chief Compliance Officer regarding the process and timing for Board review and approval of District policies.**

Clerk's Notes: This item was not presented.

10. **Discuss and take appropriate action regarding a compliance update by the Chief Compliance Officer and receive a report from the Chief Compliance Officer regarding a pending investigation.**

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 8:58 p.m.

At 9:26 p.m. Chairperson Rodriguez 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 Health and Safety Code §161.032(b)(2) (Records and Proceedings Confidential).

At 11:15 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

11. **Receive, discuss, and take appropriate action regarding an update on expansion of the mental health continuum of care and associated partnerships.**

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 8:59 p.m.

At 9:26 p.m. Chairperson Rodriguez announced that the Board was convening in closed session to discuss agenda item 11 under Texas Government Code §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and Texas Government Code §551.072. Deliberation Regarding Real Property).

At 11:15 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

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

Clerk's Notes: Discussion on this item began at 9:25 p.m.

At 9:26 p.m. Chairperson Rodriguez announced that the Board was convening in closed session to discuss agenda item 12 under Texas Government Code §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

At 11:15 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

13. 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: Discussion on this item began at 9:25 p.m.

At 9:26 p.m. Chairperson Rodriguez announced that the Board was convening in closed session to discuss agenda item 13 under Texas Government Code §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney).

At 11:15 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

14. Deliberation and possible 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 9:25 p.m.

At 9:26 p.m. Chairperson Rodriguez announced that the Board was convening in closed session to discuss agenda item 14 under Texas Government Code §551.071 (Consultation with Attorney) and Texas Government Code §551.074 (Personnel Matters).

At 11:15 p.m. the Board returned to open session.

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

Manager May moved that the meeting adjourn.

Manager Martin seconded the motion.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

ATTESTED TO BY:

Geronimo Rodriguez, Chairperson
Central Health Board of Managers

Manuel Martin, Secretary
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REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 1

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AGENDA ITEM SUBMISSION FORM

This form is to provide a general overview of the agenda item in advance of posting for the Board meeting. Proposed motion language is a recommendation only and not final until the meeting and may be changed by the Board Manager making the motion. All information in this form is subject to the Public Information Act.

Agenda Item Meeting Date September 9, 2026

Who will present the agenda item? (Name, Title) Monica Crowley, EVP & Chief Strategy Officer; Sydney Harris, Sr. Consultant Health System Design

Notetaker (Name, Title) _____

General Item Description Receive, discuss, and take appropriate action regarding an update on expansion of the mental health continuum of care and associated partnerships.

Is this an informational or action item? Action

Fiscal Impact _____

Recommended Motion (if needed – action item) _____

Key takeaways about agenda item, and/or feedback sought from the Board of Managers:

- 1) Attached is the original board resolution as distributed at the 9/2/26 board meeting. Perla and Briana are collecting board changes/questions/concerns and collating them for the board discussion on the resolution next week on 9/9/26.
- 2) Also, included is the final motion language presented by Manager Museitif and approved by the board of managers at the 9/2/26

What backup will be provided, or will this be a verbal update? (Backup is due one week before the meeting.) Resolution and 9/2/26 motion

Estimated time needed for presentation & questions? 30 minutes

Is closed session recommended? (Consult with attorneys.) Yes

Form Prepared By/Date Submitted: Briana Harris/September 3, 2026

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CENTRAL HEALTH BOARD OF MANAGERS AFFIRMING MENTAL HEALTH CARE AS ESSENTIAL WHOLE-PERSON HEALTH CARE; PRIORITIZING A COMPASSIONATE, COORDINATED MENTAL HEALTH CONTINUUM OF CARE; AND DIRECTING PLANNING, PARTNER ENGAGEMENT, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND FINANCIAL INVESTMENT FOR A TRAVIS COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS CENTER, AND IMMEDIATE CRISIS-CARE NEEDS INCLUDING THE CITY OF AUSTIN’S NO WRONG DOOR INITIATIVE, PSYCHIATRIC EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT AND INPATIENT BEDS, AND RELATED CRISIS CARE SERVICES.

WHEREAS, Central Health, the Travis County Healthcare District (the “District”), exists to improve the health of Travis County residents, particularly people with low incomes, through access to quality health care and responsible stewardship of taxpayer resources, and the Board affirms that mental health, substance-use care, and cognitive health are inseparable from physical health and that every patient is entitled to timely, dignified, person-centered care; and

WHEREAS, when people cannot access behavioral health care early and in the community, they instead cycle through hospital emergency departments, jails, and the streets which are settings that are costlier and less clinically appropriate than community-based care, and the Board has confirmed through community testimony, including correspondence from the City of Austin Mayor and Travis County Judge, and utilization data that behavioral health remains among Austin/Travis County’s most significant unmet needs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Austin’s No Wrong Door Program is a crisis response program involving 17 partners, including Central Health, Integral Care, and Travis County, to reduce the cycle of arrests, emergency department visits, and homelessness among people with the most complex social and behavioral health needs, and the Board supports aligning Central Health’s clinical and care-coordination resources to complement it; and

WHEREAS, Travis County, the City of Austin, Central Health, Integral Care, and Dell Medical School at The University of Texas at Austin have identified the need for a Mental Health Crisis Center, accessible by self-referral, EMS, law-enforcement drop-off, or jail diversion, as an access point within a broader crisis-care continuum that includes psychiatric emergency services and crisis stabilization, inpatient psychiatric care, mobile crisis response, sobering and detoxification, crisis respite and residential step-down, intensive outpatient care, and primary care and wraparound supports; and

WHEREAS, the Board recognizes that sustainable mental health and crisis care solutions needed by our community require partnerships and durable financial commitments from governmental and community partners whose authority, responsibility, and populations served differ from those of the District; and

WHEREAS, the Board is approaching the Fiscal Year 2027 budget with careful attention to affordability for Austin and Travis County taxpayers, evaluating strategic pauses and cost efficiencies that do not harm current patient services, preferring the pursuit of state and federal supplemental payment and matching fund opportunities, philanthropy, the use of available contingency reserves and a 6% above the no new revenue tax rate so that mental health care capacity grows without disproportionate reliance on the property tax rate, and resources can be directed toward evidence-informed mental health and crisis-care services without delay while safeguarding access to current patient services.

NOW, THEREFORE,**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF CENTRAL HEALTH, TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT:**

The Board affirms that mental health care—prevention, crisis response, treatment, recovery, and care coordination—is a priority component of whole-person health care at Central Health, delivered through a compassionate, trauma-informed, patient-centered approach that connects people to the right care, at the right time and place, before, during, and after a crisis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Board affirms its commitment to collaborating on the provision of behavioral and mental health services, as set forth in the Strategic Plan Resolution; Central Health’s primary partner in mental health investment is our Integral Care, our Local Mental Health Authority, which is statutorily charged with leading the behavioral health system of care in Travis County, and the Central Health President and CEO shall continue to develop in collaboration with Integral Care, a system of care to provide behavioral and mental health services for Central Health patients (MAP and MAP Basic) inclusive of funding mechanisms that enhance the capacity to integrate services and transform the system of care.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Board directs continued collaboration with the City of Austin, Travis County, Integral Care, Dell Medical School, CommUnityCare Health Centers, hospitals, and other partners on the No Wrong Door Program and directs the Central Health President and CEO, or designee, to identify practical ways Central Health’s clinical services and care coordination can reduce avoidable emergency department use, hospitalization, incarceration, homelessness, and repeated crisis-system involvement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Board directs the Central Health President and CEO, or designee, to continue joint planning with Travis County, the City of Austin, Integral Care, Dell Medical School, and prospective operators on a Mental Health Crisis Center, evaluating its clinical model, service scope, location, referral pathways, governance, capital and operating costs, phased implementation, and the specific financial commitments required of each partner. Central Health’s participation in any final capital, operating, or service commitment remains subject to applicable law, Board approval, completed due diligence, confirmed durable commitments from responsible partners, and the availability of appropriated funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Central Health President and CEO, or designee, is directed to return to the Board with a Mental Health Crisis Center implementation timeline, including milestones for partner alignment, site selection, funding commitments, regulatory approval, workforce readiness, and readiness to open. This timeline shall also identify accountable parties, risks, and performance measures, with progress reported to the Board at least quarterly and any material funding gap or delay flagged promptly.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Central Health President and CEO, or designee, is directed, as part of the Fiscal Year 2027 budget process, to allocate Crisis and Recovery Care investments totaling approximately \$87.3 million for both and direct services of which \$40.6 million is dedicated to new behavioral health investments including psychiatric emergency department beds and inpatient psychiatric beds, as well as a reserve fund for a future Mental Health Crisis Center. This directive does not itself appropriate funds, commit Central Health to a particular tax rate, or authorize a contract.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Central Health President and CEO, or designee, is directed to bring forward an outcomes and accountability framework for Central Health-supported mental health and crisis-care investments covering timely access to care, continuity after crisis, utilization of emergency, inpatient, and justice-system settings, housing stability, equity, and cost avoidance—distinguishing Central Health’s responsibilities from those of its partners without assuming financial responsibility for services outside the District’s authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

Recommendations under this Resolution shall be informed by engagement with patients, people with lived experience, providers, taxpayers, and governmental partners, and by the forthcoming Community Health Needs Assessment, Strategic Plan and comprehensive facilities plans. Nothing in this Resolution reduces or compromises current, Board-approved patient services; any resulting resource shift, contract, capital project, or tax-rate recommendation shall be separately presented to the Board with a full accounting of patient impact, legal authority, cost, and alternatives.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The Board will continue to balance its commitment to mental health care and the community’s urgent needs with affordability for taxpayers and responsible long-term stewardship. In doing so, the Board intends to listen to the community, patients, staff, and governmental partners so that the District’s budget and future plans reflect shared values, Central Health’s mission, and the need for measurable progress toward a healthier and more compassionate Travis County.

ADOPTED this ____ day of _____, 2026.

**CENTRAL HEALTH
TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT**

By: _____
[NAME], Chair
Board of Managers

ATTEST:

[NAME]
[Secretary / Authorized Attesting Officer]

I move that the Central Health Board of Managers direct staff as follows:

1. Prioritize all recurring revenue generated by any Central Health FY 2027 maintenance and operations tax increase to be adopted by the Travis County Commissioners Court toward a dedicated mental health reserve fund to be used for the sustainable operation of behavioral-health services in partnership with Travis County, the City of Austin, the local mental health authority, and any other strategic partners needed to implement the board's direction.
2. Further, direct the administration to commit an additional one-time investment from Central Health's reserves or other appropriate funding to advance the behavioral-health initiative for acute psychiatric care to implement 22 in-patient and 10 psychiatric Emergency Department beds, subject to:
 - o Defined responsibilities for Central Health and each participating entity;
 - o Appropriate interlocal and operating agreements;
 - o Confirmation of facility ownership and governance;
 - o A five year operating forecast identifying recurring funding obligations; and
 - o Specific measures for access, utilization, outcomes, accountability, and public reporting.

These funds will not reduce funding for the allocated mental health crisis center or other mental health or behavioral health services in the proposed FY 2027 budget.
3. Further, to include the annual operational cost of the mental health acute psychiatric facility.
4. Finally, direct staff to return to the Board with a revised FY2027 budget, five-year financial forecast, and reserve analysis before final adoption.

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BOARD MEETING

September 9, 2026

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 2

Receive, discuss, and take appropriate action on the proposed Central Health Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) budget and the FY27 budget for CommUnityCare Health Centers.
(Action Item – See Exhibit 1)



AGENDA ITEM SUBMISSION FORM

This form is to provide a general overview of the agenda item in advance of posting for the Board meeting. Proposed motion language is a recommendation only and not final until the meeting and may be changed by the Board Manager making the motion. All information in this form is subject to the Public Information Act.

Agenda Item Meeting Date	September 9, 2026
Who will present the agenda item? (Name, Title)	Jeff Knodel, Chief Financial Officer; Nicki Riley, Deputy Chief Financial Officer; Jon Morgan, Chief Operating Officer; Monica Crowley, Chief Strategic Officer and Senior Counsel; Dr. Nick Yagoda, CommUnityCare CEO; Joy Sloan, CommUnityCare Chief Financial Officer
General Item Description	Receive, discuss, and take appropriate action on the proposed Central Health Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) budget and tax rate and the FY27 budget for CommUnityCare Health Centers.
Is this an informational or action item?	Action Item
Fiscal Impact	
Recommended Motion (if needed – action item)	Adopt the FY2027 tax rate and budget for Central Health and the FY2027 budget for CommUnityCare.
Key takeaways about agenda item, and/or feedback sought from the Board of Managers:	
1) Staff will present staff-recommended budget and tax rate	
Action will be requested to approve the FY2027 tax rate and budget for Central Health and the	
2) FY2027 budget for CommUnityCare.	
3)	
What backup will be provided, or will this be a verbal update? (Backup is due one week before the meeting.)	PowerPoint presentation
Estimated time needed for presentation & questions?	1 hour
Is closed session recommended? (Consult with attorneys.)	No
Form Prepared By/Date Submitted:	Jeff Knodel, 9/3/2026



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BOARD MEETING

September 9, 2026

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 3

Discuss and take appropriate action on Central Health's proposed Fiscal Year 2027 (Tax Year 2026) tax rates:

- a. Total Maintenance and Operations Tax Rate (Roll Call Vote);
- b. Total Debt Service Tax Rate (Roll Call Vote); and
- c. Total Ad Valorem Tax Rate (Roll Call Vote). (*Action Item*)

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BOARD MEETING

September 9, 2026

REGULAR AGENDA ITEM 4

Confirm the next regular Board meeting date, time, and location. (*Informational Item*)