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**Notice of Special Meeting of the Board of Directors
Chambers County Public Hospital District No. 1
9:00 A.M. August 4, 2022
OmniPoint Hospital Conference Room
Agenda**

1. **Call to Order**
 - a. Confirmation of a quorum.
 - b. Invocation.
 - c. Pledge.
 - d. Introduction of Guests.

2. **Public Comment**-Speakers must sign in to speak. There is a three (3) minute time limit. At this time, any person with business before the Board of Directors not scheduled on the agenda may speak to the Board. This is a time for the Board to receive comments from the public, but not a discussion. No response by the Board is necessary and no formal action can be taken on these items at this meeting.

New Business

3. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on, if necessary, Budget.

Executive Session, if necessary –

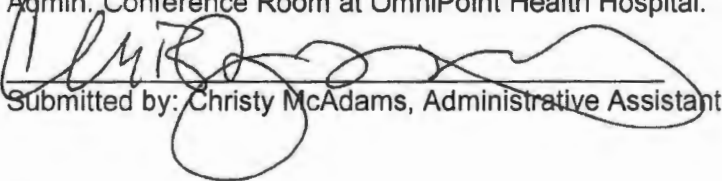
Section 551.085: Certain Deliberations by the Governing Board of a Public Hospital.
Section 551.071: Consultation with Attorney.

Pursuant to Subchapter D of the Texas Open Meetings Act, this Board reserves the right to discuss in Executive (Closed) Session, such matters, and subjects as are allowed under law.

Return to Open Session

4. Discuss, Consider and Take Action on, if necessary, Interim CEO Agreement.
5. Discuss, Consider, and Take action on Severance for Employee.
6. Adjournment.

The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 25, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. in the Admin. Conference Room at OmniPoint Health Hospital.


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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR CHAMBERS COUNTY PUBLIC HOSPITAL DISTRICT NO. 1 HELD AT THE OMNIPOINT HEALTH HOSPITAL - CONFERENCE ROOM ON AUGUST 4, 2022, ANAHUAC, CHAMBERS COUNTY TEXAS BEGINNING AT 9:00 AM.

A special meeting of the Board of Directors for the Chambers County Public Hospital District No. 1 was conducted at OmniPoint Health Hospital - Conference Room in Anahuac, Texas on Thursday, August 4, 2022, beginning at 9:00 am with the following Directors present:

Mike Emmons, Chairperson
Andy Legg, Vice Chairperson
Linda Tinnerman, Secretary
Geraldine Brown, Director
Leslie Turner, Director

Pursuant to a Notice under the Open Meetings Act duly filed and posted a full 72 hours prior to the openings of said meeting (a copy being placed amongst the files of the district).

Also Present were Paul Aslin, Interim CEO; Christy McAdams, Administrative Assistant; Elissa Lofgren, Executive Director of Clinics; Karin Bradford, Project Accountant; and Gil Bullion

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Emmons, and it was determined that a quorum was present. Director Brown gave the invocation. Director Turner led the pledges. Mr. Bullion was the only guest – no public comments.

Chairperson Emmons reminded the staff present that the board packet needs to be sent out to the board members the Friday prior to the meeting for review.

New Business:

Budget Planning – Aslin went around the room and asked the board members to state what they hoped to take away from the meeting. Director Turner stated that he hoped to see factual historic numbers in order to plan the budget and instruct Aslin what can be spent in each department. Secretary Tinnerman said she hoped that the department heads would have a say in the details of their budgets. Director Brown indicated that she hoped to walk away with a clear understanding of what our actual forecast looks like. Vice-Chair Legg also wanted a better understanding of where the organization stands and to provide a spending guide for the CEO. Chair Emmons stated that he would like more history and prefers that the budget be data driven instead of opinions. He agreed that each department should be involved in the detailed list of budget items. Aslin said he is expecting to get clarity and has spent time in the past on other finance committees.

Aslin stressed that the decisions of today can affect our organization 5 years down the road. He hopes to work on plans for the future so that we are prepared if/when the QIPP program ends. If that program ends, it would hurt our organizations current income cycle. He is also concerned about competitors coming into the area and the prospect of losing revenue. Aslin said it is important for us to plan and prepare a path to sustainability; especially if we want to renovate or build a new hospital. The cost of a USDA loan could be up to \$206,000 monthly. Our area is increasing in population every year; therefore, it is important to stay up to date with what other competitors are offering.

A break was taken from 10:36 am to 10:43 am.

The board and Aslin agreed that being conservative while completing the budget is prudent.

A break was taken from 11:00 am to 11:02 am.

Aslin agreed that the biggest increase in figures was employee salaries. Last year brought a market adjustment, extended clinic hours, new providers, we switched outsourcing IT to in-house employees, added the Dayton Clinic, and added a lab to the Mont Belvieu Clinic. Benefits increased 20% - Aslin stated that physician's insurance and their families are covered by the organization. Emmons indicated that in order to reduce the upcoming budget, we should look at payroll. Aslin said that we, of course, want to make money but not at the detriment of our services and staff. Our mission is still to service the community with exceptional healthcare while following the rules.

Aslin said that the department heads have all been working to save money in different ways. He told the group that the organization has cut around \$400,000 a year with the new lab testing that Czarina "Ynna" Torre, Director of Laboratory brought onboard. Sarina Nickel, Director of Nursing, has also been instrumental in money saving by changing the nursing contract from Angel Staffing to Nurse Dash. Director Brown suggested that we "grow" our own nursing staff with reimbursement for education.

Chair Emmons stated that we will need to make some tough decisions about the future because we can not continue to run the organization like we have been. Aslin assured the board that he understands their frustration and that we are still unfortunately waiting to finish with the corrected financial reports. Secretary Tinnerman suggested that the hospital should be painted, and that cost will need to be added to the budget. Director Turner mentioned getting more signs; possibly the blue Hospital signs from the DOT pointing the direction to the hospital from the highway. Chair Emmons instructed Aslin to sharpen the figures on the proposed budget and bring back a balanced budget to the next board meeting for review.

Executive Session:

A motion was made by Director Turner to adjourn to Executive Session at 12:16 pm and seconded by Vice Chair Legg. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made to exit Executive Session by Secretary Tinnerman and seconded by Director Brown at 1:31 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Secretary Tinnerman to adjourn meeting and seconded by Director Brown at 1:32 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Approved this 25th the day of August, 2022.

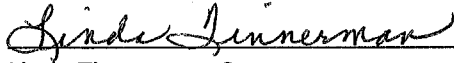


Mike Emmons, Chairperson
Board of Directors

SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

I, Linda Tinnerman do hereby certify that: I am the Secretary of Chambers County Public Hospital District No. 1 DBA OmniPoint Health (hereinafter the "District") that these are true and correct minutes reflecting the discussion and actions of the Board of Directors of the District at a regular or special meeting held on the date shown above and entered in the permanent records of the District; that the meeting was duly and regularly called and held in accordance with the bylaws of the District.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of August, 2022.



Linda Tinnerman, Secretary