

**WILLACY COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Tuesday, November 18, 2025
Willacy County Hospital District Office
1623 South 15th Street
Raymondville, Willacy County, Texas**

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Rosa Lee Pedraza, President
Jaime Salazar
Michelle Rodriguez-Zamarron, RN-BSN
Maria Guadalupe Pruneda-Garza
Nidia Garcia

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

George Mukhar, Vice President (Excused)
Ilene F. Nyquist, Secretary-Treasurer (Excused)
Mr. Ariel Rebeles (Excused)
Ashley N. Dominguez (Excused)

OTHERS PRESENT

W. Terry Crocker, MBA, MA, CEO, Tropical Texas Behavioral Health
Mike Taylor, MS, Deputy CEO, Tropical Texas Behavioral Health
Benjamin Vera, Tropical Texas Behavioral Health Board Trustee (Willacy County Representative)

James E. Darling, WCHD Legal Counsel
Martha C. Acevedo, RHIA, WCHD Staff

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum being duly noted, the November 18, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors of the Willacy County Hospital District (WCHD) was called to order at 6:12 p.m. by Rosa Lee Pedraza, President.

- A) **Absences** - Directors George Mukhar, Ilene F. Nyquist, Ashley N. Dominguez, and Mr. Ariel Rebeles were not in attendance and noted to be excused.
- B) **Public Comment(s)** - There was no public audience in attendance.

TROPICAL TEXAS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Mr. W. Terry Crocker, CEO, Mike Taylor, MS, Deputy CEO, and Mr. Benjamin Vera, Board Trustee (Willacy County representative) of Tropical Texas Behavioral Health (TTBH) were present to provide information on TTBH's services. Areas covered included required local match county annual allocations, mental health services, statistics on client enrollment, operating expenses and budget, as well as ongoing mental health services to include the screening process, eligibility verification and

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clinical needs assessment, and services provided. Services are available for adults and children and may be accessed from home or through community partners such as schools, juvenile detention centers, jails, and psychiatric hospitals.

General discussion ensued regarding the potential for a clinic in Willacy County. Mr. Crocker stated this is being considered. Other areas of discussion included program of last resort status, as well as transfer of service for jail inmates.

There being no further questions or discussion, at approximately 7:05 p.m., Mr. Crocker, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Vera exited the meeting room.

MINUTES

The minutes of the October 21, 2025 meeting of the Board of Directors of the WCHD were included with meeting packets. The minutes had also been mailed to directors the week prior to the meeting.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the minutes of the October 21, 2025 WCHD Board of Directors meeting as submitted, with no additions, deletions, or corrections. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

FINANCIAL ITEMS

A) **October 2025 Financial Statement** - Report given by Ms. Acevedo.

A motion was made and duly seconded to approve the October 2025 financial statement as reported. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

B) **Fiscal Year (FY) Ending 09/30/2024 Audit Comments and Observations and Plan of Correction** - FY 09/30/2024 audit Comments & Observations were reviewed.

A motion was made and duly seconded acknowledging audit comments and observations and agreement with the best option for the Hospital District of continued Board oversight.

Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

C) **Fiscal Year End 09/30/2025 Audit Engagement Proposal Letter** - A proposed engagement letter received from Carr, Riggs, & Ingram, LLC (CRI) for services in connection with the Willacy County Hospital District's audit for fiscal year ending 09/30/2025 was made available to the Board for their review and consideration.

Proposed fees were reviewed and discussion held.

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A motion was made and duly seconded to accept the annual audit proposal to have Carr, Riggs, & Ingram, LLC perform the District's financial audit for fiscal year ending 09/30/2025.

Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

WILLACY COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MAY 2, 2026 ELECTION

A) **Deadline to Post the “Deadline to File for an Application for a Place on Ballot”** - The required notice according to the State's Election Law Calendar regarding candidate filing periods for an application to be placed on the ballot on the May 2, 2026 director election representing Willacy County Precincts One (1), Three (3), and At-Large was reviewed by Ms. Acevedo.

She informed the Board, per the State Elections Division, the notice must be posted no later than December 15, 2025 on the Hospital District's website and "in a public place in a building in which the filing authority has an office". She noted for this election the first day to file is January 14, 2026 and the last day to file is February 13, 2026.

Directors affected include George Mukhar, Ashley N. Dominguez, Jaime Salazar, Michelle Rodriguez-Zamarron, and Nidia Garcia. Directors who are affected who were present were given prepared packets.

B) **Petition Requirement** - The petition requirement as per the Hospital District's Legislation was reviewed.

DIRECTOR SERVICE AWARD CRITERIA

A motion was made and duly seconded to present directors in good standing an award of appreciation for their service and contributions as directors on the Board of the WCHD upon their resignations. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

MARY “SIPPY” BURNETT SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Current Mary “Sippy” Burnett Scholarship criteria was reviewed. Discussion held.

A motion was made and duly seconded to make available to the Valley Baptist Medical Center School of Vocational Nursing the oldest unclaimed awarded scholarship to active vocational nursing students who were Willacy County graduating seniors the same year as the unclaimed awarded scholarship.

Vote was unanimous in the affirmative.

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INDIGENT HEALTH CARE PROGRAM

October 2025 Indigent Health Care Program's current enrollment, indigent care and prescription expenditures (payments), provider referrals, and applications requested as well as prior year's information was reviewed. No questions or comments were received.

SCHEDULING OF NEXT BOARD MEETING DATE, TIME, AND LOCATION

It was the consensus of the Board to have the annual Hospital District Board meeting on December 9, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at the Meats and Sweets Restaurant meeting room in Lyford, Texas.

There being no further business to discuss, a motion was made and duly seconded to adjourn the meeting. Vote was unanimous in the affirmative. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Ilene Nyquist
Ilene F. Nyquist, Secretary-Treasurer