Minutes of the Board of Managers meeting of the Dallas County Hospital District, held Monday, July 13, 2026, scheduled for 10:30 AM in the WISH 02-175 Executive Conference Room at Parkland Health and via Webex. These minutes do not constitute a certified agenda for the meeting.

I. Attendance and Call to Order

Chair Vincent Hall noted that a quorum was physically present and called the meeting to order at 10:38 AM.

Board Member attendees included: Byron Cryer, MD, Eric G. Bing, PhD, MD, Farida Minner, RN, Jeff Tillotson, JD (via Webex), Marjorie Petty, JD, Miriam Sharma, RN, Ramon Miguez, PE, Reina Gonzalez, JD, Todd Furniss, JD, Yasmin Simon, JD (via Webex).

Staff Present (via Webex and in-person) included:
April Foran, Dir., Corp. Communications
Brad Nitschke, Chief Legal Officer
Brett Moran, Chief Health Officer
Donna Richardson, EVP & CNE
Edmundo Castañeda, EVP & Chief Operating Officer
Felicia Miller, EVP & Chief Talent Officer
Fred Cerise, President & Chief Executive Officer
Jeffery Giles, Sr., Associate Attorney
Jessica Hernandez, Chief Health Equity Officer
Joseph Chang, Chief Medical Officer
Katherine Yoder, VP Government Relations
Keri Disney-Story, VP/Clinical Finance
Melanie Roberts, SVP/Chief Compliance & Ethics Officer
Michael Malaise, SVP Communications Ext. Affairs
Michael Lane, SVP Chief Quality and Safety Officer
Morgan Simmons, Governance Program Manager
Saul Cordero, SVP & Chief Governance & Strategy Officer

Additional Attendees:
Chad Shandler – Legal Consultant (via Webex)
Steve Hamm – Dallas Morning News
Socorro Salazar – Commissioner Garcia's Office (via Webex)
Tracey McManus – Dallas Morning News
WFAA TV (via Webex)

II. Mission Statement

The Chair began the meeting by stating the mission statement:
Advance Wellness | Relieve Suffering | Develop and Educate

III. Public Comments Regarding Agenda Items

No members of the public registered for comments regarding the agenda items.

IV. Conflicts of Interest

After reviewing the agenda, the Chair noted there were no conflicts of interest on the agenda.

I. Executive Session

At 10:41 AM, the Board went into Executive Session as permitted by the closed meeting exceptions specified on the agenda.

Members of management were excused from the discussion of topics, as necessary.

A. Discussion Regarding Metrocare Operations, Leadership Transition, and Potential Opportunities for New Service Lines *Tex. Gov't Code §551.071 & §551.085*

Chair adjourned Executive Session and moved into Open Session at 12:16 PM.

II. Reports Requiring Deliberation(s) or Approval(s)

A. Discussion Regarding Metrocare Operations, Leadership Transition, and Potential Opportunities for New Service Lines
Mr. Vincent Hall read the following and requested a motion:

Be it resolved, the Dallas County Hospital District Board of Managers by a vote of 11 Yes and 0 Nay, does by this resolution adopt the following:

WHEREAS the Dallas County Hospital District is a hospital district and political subdivision of the State of Texas, doing business as Parkland Health ("Parkland"), and operates Dallas County's public safety net health and hospital system; and
WHEREAS Metrocare is organized pursuant to Texas Health and Safety Code, Chapter 534, Subchapter A, as a community mental health and intellectual disability center established by Dallas County as its sole local sponsoring agency within the meaning of Texas Health and Safety Code 534.001(a) and is the largest provider of mental health, developmental disability, and permanent supportive housing services in Dallas County ("Service Area"); and
WHEREAS there is significant overlap in the Service Area and patients served by Parkland and Metrocare, and the mental health services provided by Metrocare are critical to Parkland's patients; and

WHEREAS patients who fail to receive needed mental health services face significantly increased health risks which result in increased primary care, emergency care, and inpatient and outpatient mental health care at Parkland facilities and any deterioration in the care or services provided by Metrocare would impact Parkland's medical, hospital, mental health, and preventive care, as well as result in a material increase in healthcare costs; and
WHEREAS Metrocare has informed Parkland, due to a variety of factors, Metrocare is experiencing a severe financial challenge, which has the potential to diminish Metrocare's provision of services to the point of termination or a material disruption of healthcare access for Dallas County residents who rely on Parkland and Metrocare for physical and mental health care; and
WHEREAS in order to protect Dallas County residents who rely on Parkland and Metrocare, and to maintain operational stability across the local mental health care delivery system, Parkland is willing to extend emergency financial assistance to Metrocare on certain conditions designed to ensure responsible stewardship of taxpayer funds and prioritize the continued delivery of mental health care though Metrocare;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Parkland Board of Managers authorizes the Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute an Interlocal Agreement with Metrocare that reflects at least the following material terms:
1. Parkland may distribute up to $18 million in emergency financial assistance to Metrocare to fund or reimburse payroll and benefits, timely payment of vendor obligations associated with current activities, and legal and consulting fees necessary to develop and implement a financial and operational turnaround plan.
2. Metrocare must provide Parkland with reasonable access to all operational and financial records and personnel needed to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of Metrocare's operations including a thorough inspection of its assets and liabilities, accounting contracts, and regulatory compliance.
3. Metrocare must continue to provide services to Dallas County residents and otherwise operate in the ordinary course of business except that it shall not alienate any material asset, make any material change in business or operations except as part of a formally-adopted turnaround plan, or enter into any material unbudgeted obligation without Parkland's consent.
4. Parkland may immediately terminate the agreement and suspend any emergency financial assistance without liability in the event a creditor or lender of Metrocare issues a notice of default or otherwise threatens or attempts to exercise any remedy against Metrocare which in Parkland's sole discretion would threaten to interfere with the important public purposes of the agreement and Parkland's emergency financial assistance.
5. Metrocare agrees to the extent allowed by law to repay to Parkland any emergency financial assistance, on terms that will afford Metrocare the opportunity to achieve financial and operational stability.
6. Metrocare consents, subject to necessary approvals, to Parkland assuming a long-term oversight relationship with Metrocare which will include Parkland becoming either the sole establishing local agency or a joint establishing local agency for Metrocare pursuant to Chapter 534 of the Texas Health & Safety Code.

Byron Cryer motioned for the above resolution to be approved. Ramon Miguez seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.

III. Action Items

A. Board May Take Action on Any Agenda Item(s) Above

IV. Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:20 PM.

SO RECORDED:

Vincent Hall
Vincent Hall (Sep 8, 2026 15:15:13 CDT)

Vincent Hall
Chair

Brad Nitschke
Brad Nitschke (Sep 8, 2026 13:20:18 CDT)

Brad Nitschke, JD
Assistant Secretary