

Minutes of the Audit Committee meeting of the Board of Managers of the Dallas County Hospital District, held Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, scheduled for 10:00 a.m. in the WISH Building Executive Conference Room (02-175) at Parkland Health and via Webex. These minutes do not constitute a certified agenda from the meeting.

**I. Attendance and Call to Order**

Committee Chair Todd Furniss, JD, noted that a quorum was physically present and called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Committee members Farida Minner, RN, Ramon Miguez, PE and Yasmin Simon, JD, attended in-person.

**Board Member attendees included:** Marjorie Petty, JD and Miriam Sharma, RN.

**Staff Present (via Webex and in-person) included:**

Amy LaBarge, SVP & Chief Audit Officer  
Andrea Claire, Mgr., Internal Audit  
Brad Nitschke, Chief Legal Officer  
Brett Moran, Chief Health Officer  
Donna Richardson, EVP & Chief Nursing Executive  
Edmundo Castaneda, EVP & COO  
Enrique Gallegos, SVP Ops & Assoc. COO (via Webex)  
Felicia Miller, EVP & Chief Talent Officer  
Fred Cerise, President & Chief Executive Officer  
Keri Disney-Story, VP/Clinical Finance  
Morgan Simmons, Board Governance Program Manager  
Natalie Vasquez, Administrative Resident  
Saul Cordero, SVP & Chief Governance and Strategy Officer

**II. Mission Statement**

The Committee 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 review of the agenda, the Chair noted no potential conflicts of interest.

**V. Reports Requiring Deliberation(s) or Approval(s)****A. Internal Audit Fiscal Year 2027 Audit Plan Draft**

Amy LaBarge presented the FY27 Audit Plan. The proposed FY2027 plan was developed using multiple inputs, including the ERM process, executive management discussions, chief-level feedback, prior audit experience, regulatory research, professional forum topics, and coordination with other assurance groups to avoid overlap. The plan shifts toward a 60% risk-based audit and 40% consultative project structure, with potential movement toward a 50/50 model in the future. Proposed areas include carryforward audits, PCHP affiliate audits, compensation, MD Staff software, contract processes, connected medical device cybersecurity, imaging safety, Community Ride Care, and drug-free workplace review. The committee discussed capacity and future technology needs as well.

Todd Furniss requested a motion to recommend approval by the full Board for the FY27 Audit Plan. Ramon Miguez motioned to recommend approval. Yasmin Simon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Internal Audit Fiscal Year 2027 Budget**

The Committee reviewed the proposed FY2027 Internal Audit budget of \$1,991,377, which is lower than the FY2026 budget of \$2,028,933 but higher than projected FY2026 expenses of \$1,757,931. Amy LaBarge explained that staffing and operating expenses were reduced to keep the budget relatively flat. Committee members sought clarification regarding budget variances and professional fees, including whether any external audit costs were included. Amy noted that major third-party audit work is funded outside the Internal Audit budget and that previously completed external audits, including the UT Southwestern review, had already been addressed.

Todd Furniss requested a motion to recommend approval by the full Board for the FY27 Audit Department Budget. Yasmin Simon motioned to recommend approval. Ramon Miguez seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**C. Open Session Summary to discuss the following topics:****i. Overview of progress on Parkland's 2026 Audit Plan**

Amy LaBarge presented the 2026 Audit Plan progress to the Committee. The 2026 Audit Plan was approved in October 2025 and

revised in April 2026 to reflect organizational changes, and it remains on track. Approximately three-quarters of planned audits have been completed, with the remaining quarter scheduled for completion in Q4. This progress aligns with expectations despite adjustments, supporting successful execution of the annual audit plan.

ii. Laboratory Services Audit, Report No. 26-03

Amy LaBarge reviewed the Laboratory Services Audit, which found a generally strong control environment and well-structured processes. Auditors evaluated order documentation, charge capture, and specimen tracking from collection through final disposition. Two issues were identified. First, Internal Audit identified inconsistent provider notification regarding certain rejected specimens within Correctional Health and reported that management had developed corrective actions. Second, auditors identified specimens lacking a documented final status. Management continues to work with Laboratory and Clinical Informatics teams to reconcile these specimens, determine root causes, and strengthen tracking processes.

iii. Follow-Up Report Status – Open Session

Amy mentioned there was no other follow-up necessary on any items at this time.

**VI. Executive Session**

At 10:17 a.m., the Committee moved 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.

- D. Executive Session Summary to discuss following topics:  
Tex. Health & Safety Code §§161.032 & 161.0315 and Tex. Occ. Code §160.007

i. Follow-up Report Status – Executive Session

*Update on corrective action plans for audits presented in prior executive session Audit Committee meetings.*

- E. Discussion regarding report and/or information provided by the Chief Audit Executive and related items on this agenda.  
*Tex. Health & Safety Code §§161.032 & 161.0315 and Tex. Occ. Code §160.007.*
- F. Consultation with Attorney  
Tex. Gov't Code § 551.071.
  - i. Review of Open Litigation  
(See Attached List)

Chair adjourned Executive Session and moved into Open Session at 10:25 am.

The Chair, Todd Furniss, asked for follow-up items from the committee. None were mentioned.

**VII. Action Items**

- A. Committee may take action on any agenda item(s) above.

**VIII. Adjourn**

With no further business to discuss, the Committee Chair entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 a.m.

SO RECORDED:

*Todd Furniss*

Todd Furniss (Oct 8, 2026 12:52:45 CDT)

Todd Furniss, JD  
Committee Chair

*Brad Nitschke*

Brad Nitschke (Oct 12, 2026 12:22:22 CDT)

Brad Nitschke, JD  
Assistant Secretary

**Active Litigation Matters, August 2026****NEW Matters:**

*Janice Deloatch-Young v. Parkland Health and Dallas VA Medical Center*

Filed 05/08/2026 — Judge Martin Hoffman, 68th Civil District Court, Dallas County

**Ongoing Matters:**

*Alejandrino Lopez v. Dallas County Hospital District d/b/a Parkland Health System d/b/a Parkland Memorial Hospital.*

Filed 05/29/2025 — Assigned: Chief District Judge Amos L. Mazzant; Referred: Magistrate Judge Bill Davis, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Texas, Sherman Division

*Dallas County Hospital District v. BARA, a Joint Venture*

Filed 02/01/2024 — Judge Maria Aceves, 192nd Civil District Court, Dallas County

*Dallas County Hospital District v. Haley Burr, et al. (N5)*

Filed 12/14/2023 — Judge Staci Williams, 101st Civil District Court, Dallas County

*Dallas County Hospital District v. Shiftwise, Inc., et al.*

Filed 07/01/2025 — Judge Martin Hoffman, 68th Civil District Court, Dallas County

*Dorothy Marshall Living Trust v. Linebarger, et al.*

Filed 04/23/2026 — Judge Sam A. Lindsey, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division

*Julius Bamibe v. Dallas County Hospital District d/b/a Parkland Memorial Hospital & Angela Grant*

Filed 05/19/2026 — Judge Tonya Parker, 116th Civil District Court, Dallas County

*Leticia Moreno, Individually and as Representative of the Estate of Juan Valenzuela, Deceased, and as Next Friend of D.V.M., v. Dallas County Hospital District d/b/a Parkland Health and The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center*

Filed 12/05/2024 — Judge Tonya Parker, 116th Civil District Court, Dallas County

**Resolving Matters:**

*U.S. ex rel. Chase v. UT Southwestern Medical Center, Parkland Health & Hospital System, et al.*

Filed 03/28/2023 — Judge Jason K. Pulliam, U.S. District Court, Western District of Texas, San Antonio Division

**Resolved:**

*Alvah Johnson and Theodore Bramble v. DCHD*

Filed 07/13/2023 — Judge Ada Brown, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division

*Gustavo Lopez v. Dallas County Hospital District d/b/a Parkland Health & Hospital System*

Filed 03/16/2026 — Judge Sam A. Lindsey, U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division