

Nueces Center for Mental Health and Intellectual Disabilities
BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING MINUTES
March 25, 2026

A regular meeting of the Board of Trustees was held March 26, 2026, at 12:00 p.m., 3733 S. Port, Corpus Christi, Texas in person and by telephonic conference via Microsoft Teams, pursuant to due notice to all members of the Board and public notices posted at the Nueces County Courthouse and Corpus Christi City Hall.

Presiding Officer: Jane Haas, Vice Chair

Members Present: Dr. Carol Houston, Aaron Diaz, Jimmy Rodriguez, John Winstead

Members Present by Microsoft Teams: Tracy Jackson

Members Absent: Linda Fallwell-Stover, Jackie Caldwell, Nancy Lechner

Ex-Officio: Debbie Dumensnil, Sheriff Hooper

Staff Present: Mark Hendrix, Mike Davis, Rene Mendiola, Natalie Salas, Andrea Kovarik, Vic Gustafson, Dean Brewer,

Staff Present by Microsoft Teams: n/a

General Counsel: Tonya Webber

Guest/Citizen: Rebecca Hernandez obo Sheriff Hooper

1. **Meeting Called to Order:** J. Haas called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. and a quorum was present.
2. **Citizens Comments:** None
3. **Introduction of New Board Member – John Winstead:** M. Davis welcomed new board member J. Winstead. Mr. Winstead shared that he has owned and operated several family businesses since 1966 and currently operates Winstead’s Funeral Homes with his son and daughter. He also noted prior service on various local boards and organizations.
4. **Planning and Network Advisory Committee (PNAC) Report:**
The board had no questions, and no recommendations were made to the board.
M. Davis requested a brief overview of PNAC for new board member, J. Winstead. A. Kovarik explained that PNAC includes service providers and individuals who receive or have received mental health and IDD services to ensure community representation. The committee reviews community needs, receives operational updates, and participates in the biennial local planning process, with recommendations submitted to the board for approval.
5. **Discussion and possible action to approve the Planning and Network Advisory Committee minutes of December 9, 2025.**

A. Diaz made a **MOTION** to approve the Planning and Network Advisory Committee minutes of December 9, 2025, as presented. Dr. Houston **SECONDED**. All were in favor, motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

6. **Discussion and possible action to approve the Annual Report on Leadership and Safety**
N. Salas presented the Annual Report on Leadership and Safety, noting that in accordance with Joint Commission standards, the Center monitors system failures, sentinel events, communication with individuals served and families, and actions taken to improve safety. No significant process or system failures or sentinel events were reported during the year.

J. Rodriguez made a **MOTION** to approve the Annual Report on Leadership and Safety as presented. A. Diaz **SECONDED**. All were in favor, motion carried.
7. **Discussion and possible action to approve status report on the Jail Diversion Center**
M. Hendrix provided a status update on the Jail Diversion Center, reporting that as of March 6, project completion is anticipated in May, delayed from the original end-of-March timeline due to subcontractor staffing and supply chain issues. Major structural elements are in place, systems are nearing completion, and approximately six weeks remain before the project is ready for viewing.

T. Jackson stated that before a vote was taken, he wanted to know if any contract, letter of intent, memorandum of understanding, or other agreement has been executed by the CEO in connection with the Jail Diversion

without prior board authorization. M. Hendrix stated no.

T. Jackson stated for the record that this project is funded in part by \$4 million in HHS Construction grant funding and ARPA funds approved by Nueces County and is pledged as a physical match for an active federal grant and any unauthorized transaction would imply those federal county obligations.

Dr. Houston made a **MOTION** to approve the status report on the Jail Diversion Center as presented. A. Diaz **SECONDED**. All were in favor, motion carried.

8. **Discussion and possible action to approve the Board of Trustees Resolution**

M. Davis stated that the item is a routine annual resolution intended to ensure alignment of authority and responsibilities.

T. Jackson expressed concern that he was unable to ask questions prior to the vote and requested clarification of the subject matter for the record, noting concerns regarding notice and public awareness. J. Haas stated she was unable to fully hear the discussion due to audio issues and asked whether the document should be reviewed. T. Webber clarified that the resolution defines and confirms the authority of executive staff, including authorization for financial transactions and contracts, and stated it is an annual governance review item within board oversight responsibilities.

T. Webber further stated that the item was properly posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and that the public had access to attend the meeting and request records. T. Jackson reiterated his concern regarding public awareness and transparency, stating his role as a representative of the public. T. Webber responded that all statutory notice requirements had been met.

Dr. Houston made a **MOTION** to approve the Board of Trustees Resolution as presented. A. Diaz **SECONDED**. All were in favor, motion carried.

9. **Discussion and possible action to approve naming rights policies/procedures for MHID properties and buildings.**

J. Haas introduced a draft naming rights policy, noting it has been discussed previously and is intended to expand public engagement and support for the Center. The draft was prepared by T. Webber and distributed at the meeting, with copies also provided electronically to absent board members.

Board members discussed the draft, including potential involvement of the Foundation Board. T. Webber stated the Foundation Board would be included and could work in coordination with the Board of Trustees.

T. Jackson inquired whether provisions within the draft, including Section 6 regarding termination of naming rights, were related to any planned transaction involving MHID facilities. J. Haas clarified that the document is a draft only and not an adopted policy. T. Webber added that naming rights considerations would be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Following discussion, the item was tabled to a future meeting to allow for additional review, including input from the Foundation Board. Board members were asked to submit comments or suggestions to L. Fallwell-Stover and/or T. Webber.

A vote was taken to table this item for the next meeting.

A. Diaz made a **MOTION** to table Item #9 for further discussion. Dr. Houston **SECONDED**. All were in favor, motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

10. **Discussion and possible action to approve the Secretary's Report of regular meeting of January 28,**

2026.

11. Discussion and possible action to approve Aaron Diaz as the approved Veteran to sit on the Board of Nueces Center for MHID per HSC Section 533.0351 (a).
12. Discussion and possible action to ratify Chief Executive Officer's execution of the Health and Human Services Contract No. HHS001335500027 Amendment No. 3, Mental Health First Aid Grant Program (MHFA).
13. Discussion and possible action to ratify Chief Executive Officer's execution of the Health and Human Services Contract No. HHS0000231500010, Amendment No. 4, Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness ("MH/PATH") Grant Program.

T. Jackson requested that Item 10 be pulled from the Consent Agenda. T. Webber inquired whether the request was for correction or amendment of the minutes.

T. Jackson stated that nine days prior to the January 2026 board meeting, he requested to represent the Center on the Texas Council and did not receive a response. He further stated that at the January 28th meeting, it was approved that the Chair would appoint a representative to the Texas Council without acknowledgment of his prior request, referring to Linda Fallwell-Stover.

J. Haas stated that item 10 would be pulled from the Consent Agenda until further discussion.

A. Diaz made a **MOTION** to approve items 11, 12, and 13, as presented, Dr. Houston **SECONDED**. All were in favor, motion carried.

With regard to Item 10, T. Jackson further stated that at the January meeting, it was voted that the Chair would appoint a representative to represent MHID on the Texas Council without acknowledgment of his prior request. T. Webber requested clarification that T. Jackson was referring to the bylaw's amendment clarifying the duties of the Chair, which reflects longstanding practice. T. Jackson confirmed.

J. Haas stated that the bylaws revision was not a new approval process, but a clarification of existing practice in which the Chair designates representatives for organizations such as the Texas Council, as had been done by prior Chairs before L. Fallwell-Stover. She noted that clarification was formally stated on January 28th. T. Jackson stated that he appreciated the clarification.

J. Rodriguez made a **MOTION** to approve item 10 as presented. A. Diaz **SECONDED**. All were in favor, motion carried.

OPERATIONS REPORT

14. Discussion and possible action to approve the Treasurer's Reports for December 2025 and January 2026.

D. Brewer provided a review of the Treasurer's Report for December 2025 and January 2026. D. Brewer stated that at month end, cash equivalents totaled \$5.431 million in the bank. Total revenues were \$2.863 million, while expenses came in at \$3.274 million, resulting in a negative variance of approximately \$410,000. To provide some context, our expenses have historically exceeded our revenue. However, adjustments made throughout this year have begun to improve our financial position, and we are moving toward a more stable outlook. Government billing for the month was \$816,000, with collections totaling \$710,000, leaving a difference of \$106,000. This is a positive indicator, as our collections remain closely aligned with our billing. The PATH match offset for the month was \$184,000. Finally, total property assets are valued at \$25 million, contributing to the overall net worth of the center.

T. Jackson inquired about the October 2025 financials. D. Brewer stated he did not have the financials available, noting they had been presented at a prior board meeting. T. Webber stated that discussion at the meeting is limited to items on the agenda and advised that any further questions could be directed to the Board Chair, CEO, or herself.

Dr. Houston made a **MOTION** to approve the Treasurer's Reports for December 2025, and January 2026 as presented. A. Diaz **SECONDED**. All were in favor, motion carried.

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

15. **Discussion and possible action to approve the revisions to the Board of Trustees Bylaws, Section 0.1 that were approved at the board meeting held on January 28, 2026.**

J. Haas explained that the revisions were approved on January 28th.

J. Rodriguez made a **MOTION** to approve the Board of Trustees Bylaws, Section 0.1, that were approved at the board meeting held on January 28, 2026, as presented, Dr. Houston **SECONDED**. All were in favor, motion carried.

16. **Office of the Inspector General Informal Review.**

N. Salas presented an overview of the OIG audit covering services from September 1, 2023, through August 31, 2024, which closed on March 10, 2026. The audit focused on crisis services, recovery planning, and documentation. Overall results indicated strong compliance, including timely crisis response, completed assessments, and appropriate service delivery. It was noted that 50.5% of clients showed measurable improvement, exceeding the 20% state benchmark.

Areas for improvement were identified, including consistency in 24-hour crisis follow-ups, recovery planning timelines, and documentation linking services to client goals. Corrective actions include policy updates, staff training, enhanced supervision, and implementation of tracking tools, with full implementation targeted for June 10, 2026.

T. Jackson requested that the record reflect a reported 66.7% emergency crisis response non-compliance rate and inquired about current compliance levels and independent monitoring of corrective actions. M. Hendrix stated that implementation and monitoring of corrective actions fall within operational management and are not within the Board's scope unless otherwise directed by the OIG.

A. Diaz inquired about the implementation timeline, and staff confirmed a formal plan of correction is in place.

Staff were acknowledged for their work on the audit.

17. **Foundation Committee Report.**

J. Rodriguez expressed interest in upcoming meetings and opportunities to expand donations. J. Haas noted ongoing issues with the recurring donation process.

INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS

18. **Financials Training.**

D. Brewer provided a presentation on financial statements and accounting methods, including cash, accrual, and modified accrual accounting. Differences in how revenues and expenses are recognized under each method were discussed, along with their impact on reported financial results.

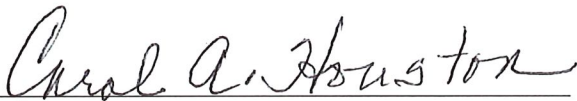
19. **Sale of property located at 1225-1233 Agnes Street, Corpus Christi, Texas**

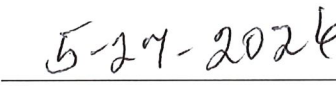
T. Jackson inquired about the sale price and purchaser of the property. M. Davis stated that the property sold for \$1.4 million to an entity identified as Sunflower, LLC or Pumpkin Seed, LLC, affiliated with Holland Safe Company.

T. Jackson asked whether a sale agreement had been executed and whether the board had reviewed the documents. M. Hendrix and M. Davis confirmed that the board had approved the sale.

20. **Corpus Christi Army Depot (CCAD) Contract and RIFs**
21. **Community Collaborative Status Update.**
22. **Waiver Interest List for Nueces County Update.**
23. **Annual Employee Awards Ceremony – April 8, 2026 @ Brewster Street Icehouse. RSVP Required.** M. Davis reminded everyone to please RSVP.
24. **Updated Board of Trustees Roster (handout).**
25. **2026 Directory of Services (distribute).**
26. **Board requests for discussion or educational items for future agenda.**
27. **Meeting Adjourned.**

J. Haas thanked Sheriff Hooper for attending and wished D. Dumesnil a happy retirement. The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.


Secretary


Date

APPROVAL CERTIFICATION AND AUTHENTICATION