

TEXAS HEALTH SERVICES AUTHORITY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

401 W. 15TH. STREET, AUSTIN, TX. 78701

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2025

10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

TEXAS OPEN MEETINGS NOTICE

The THSA Board of Directors is subject to Texas Government Code, Section 551.021:

“Minutes of Open Meeting Required. (a) A governmental body shall prepare and keep minutes or make a recording of each open meeting of the body. (b) The minutes must: (1) state the subject of each deliberation; and (2) indicate each vote, order, decision, or other action taken.”

MEMBERS PRESENT

In Person: Shannon Calhoun (Chair), Salil Deshpande, Kourtney Kouns, Lacey Fails, Kenneth James (Vice Chair)

Remote: Cynthia Stinson (Secretary), Wes Tidwell, Leticia Rodriguez, Victoria Bryant

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jerome Lisk, Calvin Green (*HHSC ex-officio member*), Carlos Vital, Jonathan Sandstrom Hill (Treasurer), Jeffrey Hoogheem (*DSHS ex-officio member*),

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Ms. Shannon Calhoun, THSA Board Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. Chair Calhoun proceeded to review the purpose of the THSA under Chapter 182 of the Health and Safety Code.

PRESENTATIONS, REPORTS & UPDATES

Consideration of Dec. 6, 2024, Board Hearing Minutes

Approval of Minutes from December 6, 2024, Board Hearing

BOARD ACTION: Chair Calhoun asked if there were any additions or corrections to December 6, 2024 Board Meeting minutes. Chair Calhoun asked if there was a motion to approve December 6, 2024, Board Meeting minutes. Dr. Salil Deshpande made a motion to approve and was seconded by Kenneth James. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Consideration of FY 2025 Q1 Financial Statements:

Chair Calhoun recognized Dr. Salil Deshpande to update the board members on the FY 2025 Q1 financial statements. Dr. Salil Deshpande reviewed the FY 2025 Q1 Financial Statements.

BOARD ACTION: Chair Calhoun asked if there was a motion to approve the FY 2025 Q1 Financial Statements. Kourtney Kouns made a motion to approve the FY 2025 Q1 Financial Statements. Dr. Salil Desphande seconded the motion. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

Consideration of THSA Financial Audit by Maxwell, Locke, & Ritter

Chair Calhoun recognized Jimmy Romell from Maxwell, Locke, & Ritter to present the THSA Financial Audit. Jimmy Romell presented findings from the THSA Financial Audit. Chair Calhoun asked if there were any questions or comments.

BOARD ACTION: Chair Calhoun asked if there was a motion to approve the THSA Financial Audit performed by Maxwell, Locke, & Ritter. Dr. Salil Desphande made a motion to approve the THSA Financial Audit. Lacey Fails seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

THSA Annual Report

Chair Calhoun recognized Phil Beckett, CEO of THSA, to present the THSA Annual Report. Phil Beckett presented the THSA Annual Report. Chair Calhoun asked if there were any questions.

CEO REPORT

Chair Calhoun recognized Phil Beckett to discuss the CEO Report.

Phil Beckett provided his Vision for Texas State Health Services Authority. No action was taken.

Phil Beckett discussed THSA's Health Information Exchange Services, which included HIETexas EDEN and HIETexas PULSE. No action was taken.

Phil Beckett discussed Health Information Privacy and Security (Secure Texas). No action was taken.

Katherine Lusk discussed THSAs Interoperability Collaborative. No action was taken.

Consideration of THSAs Technology Infrastructure

Phil Beckett presented on THSAs Technology Infrastructure to go through an RFP and potential procurement process if a new vendor to reduce our technology costs.

BOARD ACTION: Chair Calhoun asked if there was a motion to approve the THSAs Technology Infrastructure proposal as submitted by Phil Beckett. Kenneth James made a motion to approve the THSAs Technology Infrastructure. Dr. Salil Desphande seconded the motion. A question was asked regarding cost to conduct the RFP. Phil Beckett replied that the cost would be minimal with the majority of the effort undertaken by THSA Staff. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Consideration of Regional HIE options

Chair Calhoun recognized Phil Beckett to discuss the Regional HIE options. Phil Beckett discussed the Regional HIE proposal options. Chair Calhoun asked if there were any questions or comments.

BOARD ACTION: Chair Calhoun asked if there was a motion to approve the Regional HIE proposal options. Dr. Salil Deshpande made a motion to approve the Regional HIE options. Lacey Fails seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Consideration of THSA Board Workgroup Formation

Chair Calhoun recognized Phil Beckett to discuss his proposal for THSA Board Workgroup Formation for Communications and Public Relations, Data Use and Integrity and Technical Security and Applications Workgroups. Chair Calhoun asked if there were any questions or comments.

BOARD ACTION: Chair Calhoun asked if there was a motion to approve the THSA Board Workgroup Formation. Dr. Salil Deshpande made a motion to approve the THSA Board Workgroup Formation. Lacey Fails seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Chair Calhoun asked members if there were any questions or comments regarding normal THSA business items. No action was taken.

FUTURE MEETING SCHEDULE

Chair Calhoun advised members of the THSA Board's meeting schedule. The next meeting is Friday, Friday, May 16, 2025. No vote or action was taken on this item.

Chair Calhoun asked if there were any items that needed to be included on the next meeting's agenda. No vote or action was taken on this item.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Calhoun invited public comments from attendees.

11:24 a.m. Junaid Husain. made public comments.

11:26 a.m. Nora Cox. made public comments.

11:28 a.m. Eliel Olivares. made public comments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Calhoun asked for a motion to adjourn into Executive Session. Dr. Salil Deshpande made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session. Kenneth James seconded the motion. The motion passed at 11:33 a.m.

RETURN FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chair Calhoun asked for a motion to adjourn from Executive Session. Lacey Fails made a motion to adjourn from Executive Session. Dr. Salil Deshpande seconded the motion. The motion passed at 12:20 p.m.

ADJOURN

BOARD ACTION: Chair Calhoun asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Lacey Fails and seconded by Dr. Salil Desphande. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote. The meeting adjourned at 12:21 p.m.



Shannon Calhoun, Board Chair