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**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
NOTICE OF EMERGENCY MEETING**

AUGUST 10, 2021

Governmental entities are required to comply with the Open Meetings Act, Texas Government Code Chapter 551, when convening a meeting of their governing body. On March 16, 2020, Governor Abbott temporarily suspended certain open meetings requirements imposed by the Open Meetings Act to slow the spread of COVID-19.

COVID-19, also called coronavirus, provides a unique concern in that gathering members of the public and/or entity staff in a physical setting might constitute a public health risk. The Open Meetings Act does not conceptualize an instance where a governing body meeting might be completely virtual to avoid further spread of contagion. However, Governor Abbott's suspension of certain requirements of the Open Meetings Act permits open meetings to occur in a fully virtual setting (e.g. telephonic or videoconference meeting), provided certain requirements are met. These suspensions are described below.

The Texas Department of Information Resources recommends governing bodies convene in a virtual forum (e.g. webinar, teleconference) to avoid public health risks to employees, members of the governing body, and the public.

A webinar or teleconference of an open meeting provides a fully-virtual forum in which:

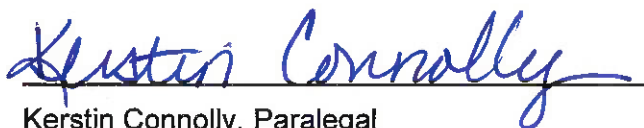
- the public, entity employees, and members of the governing body can engage in self-isolation or social distancing as recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and the State of Texas;
- the public can hear open deliberations by an entity's governing body; and
- the public can interact with an entity's governing body during public comment

An emergency meeting of the Ector County Hospital District Board of Directors is scheduled on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. via TEAMS at the call of the Chief Executive Officer.

Anyone interested in listening to the meeting and/or providing public comment may do so by calling 832-791-2356 and using access code 296 889 386#.

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Meeting Notice
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An agenda for the meeting is attached.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kerstin Connolly". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Kerstin Connolly, Paralegal
Ector County Hospital District

POSTED: August 10, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. p.m.



**ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
EMERGENCY MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2021 – 1:30 p.m.
MEDICAL CENTER HOSPITAL – VIA TEAMS
500 W 4TH STREET, ODESSA, TEXAS**

AGENDA

- I. CALL TO ORDER**Bryn Dodd, President
 - a. Reading of Notice
- II. ROLL CALL** Bryn Dodd
- III. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PURCHASE OF VENTILATORS**Christin Timmons
- IV. CONSIDER APPROVAL OF INCENTIVE PAY PROPOSAL**Steve Ewing
- V. DISCUSSION REGARDING GOVERNOR ABBOTT’S ACTIONS TO MITIGATE THE RISE IN COVID-19 CASES** Russell Tippin
- VI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Meeting held in closed session involving any of the following: (1) Consultation with attorney regarding legal matters and legal issues pursuant to Section 551.071 of the Texas Government Code.
- VII. ITEMS TO CONSIDER FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- VIII. ADJOURNMENT** Bryn Dodd