

THE GULF COAST CENTER
 Regular Board of Trustees Meeting
 Southern Brazoria Community Service Center
 101 Tigner, Angleton, TX
 Wednesday, January 28, 2026
 6:15 pm



"Better community healthcare promoting healthy living."

Minutes

1. **Call To Order** Jamie Travis, Board Chair
The following Board Members were present: Jamie Travis, Chair; Stephen Holmes, Vice-Chair; Caroline Rickaway, Brazoria County Sheriff Bo Stallman, Galveston County Sheriff Lt. Jaime Castro, and Chris Cahill.
The following Board Members were absent: Mary Lou Flynn-DuPart (excused) and Chris Barcelo (unexcused).
Also present: Felicia Jeffery, CEO – Gulf Coast Center; Rick Elizondo, CFO; Linda Bell, General Counsel, Devon Stanley, CIO, Britni Mueck, Jerry Freshour, Sandy Patterson, Sam Tingle, Amanda Groller, Liley McPeek, Veronica Foye.
2. **Citizens' Comments**
3. **Program Report:**
 - a. FY 2025 Financial and Compliance Audit Rebekah Scott, CPA, Audit Partner, Eide Bailly
 - Gulf Coast Center received an unmodified (clean) audit opinion, the highest level available.
 - No findings in internal controls or compliance.
 - GCC continues to qualify as a low-risk auditee, a distinction becoming increasingly rare across centers statewide.
4. **Board Member Reports**
 - a. Texas Council of Community Centers Jamie Travis, Board Chair
 - HHSC has a new Executive Commissioner, Stephanie Muth.
 - HHSC is undergoing Sunset Review this cycle.
 - Texas Council is adjusting its meeting schedule: board meetings will move to Fridays, and Capitol visits will shift to Thursday afternoons to improve access to legislators.
 - Congratulations again to Gulf Coast Center for being selected as one of the eight new YCOT sites.
 - b. Texas Council Risk Management FundMary Lou Flynn-Dupart, TCRMF Board Chair
 TCRMF is working to clarify new state requirements for reporting AI use.
5. **Operations Report:**Felicia Jeffery, CEO
 - a. Operational, Clinical, & Financial Excellence
 - Strategic Plan Update – Leadership Excellence
 - Gulf Coast Center earned its official Great Place to Work designation, with 78% of employees rating GCC as a great workplace.
 - Gulf Coast Center continues to make strong progress on its three strategic pillars—Clinical Excellence, Training Redesign, and Leadership Excellence. We are restructuring key departments, strengthening cross-department collaboration, and standardizing tools to improve service quality and capacity. Our training redesign is modernizing onboarding and

learning systems to support a stronger employee experience, and our leadership excellence work is building accountability, resilience, and coaching capacity across all levels.

- Galveston County Mental Health Wellness Center Update
 - We are preparing for the EOU opening later this spring.

6. Budget, Finance and Admin Reports Rick Elizondo, CFO

- a. Financial & Operational Monthly Report & YTD Summary **(Pg.4)**

7. Consent Agenda..... Linda Bell, JD, BSN, RN

Consideration and Approval of Recommendations and Acceptance of Consent Agenda Items.
(Consent agenda items may be pulled from this consideration for individual action or presentation.)

- a. Review and approval of December 10, 2025 Board Minutes. **(Pg. 9)**
On motion by Stephen Holmes, and a second by Jaime Castro, the board approved the December 10, 2025, Board Minutes. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.
- b. Review and approval of December 2025 Check Registers.
On motion by Jaime Castro, and a second by Caroline Rickaway, the board approved the December 2025 Check Registers. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

8. Action Items..... Linda Bell, JD, BSN, RN

GCC Administration Agreements

- a. **Consider approval of the FY2025 Financial and Compliance Audit**
On motion by Bo Stallman, and a second by Stephen Holmes, the board approved the FY2025 Financial and Compliance Audit. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.
- b. **Consider the approval of an increase in the Center’s mileage reimbursement rate from \$0.67 cents per mile to \$0.72.5 cents per mile retro to January 1, 2026, for any mileage incurred on or after this date. The revised rate is consistent with the IRS allowable mileage rate for use of personal vehicle, as well as the State of Texas Comptroller’s travel policy, which were revised effective January 1, 2026, to \$0.72.5 cents per mile rate.**
On motion by Stephen Holmes, and a second by Jaime Casto, the board approved the increase in the Center’s mileage reimbursement rate from \$0.67 cents per mile to \$0.72.5 cents per mile retro to January 1, 2026. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.
- c. **Consider approval of the revised Quality Management Policy and Procedures which were revised to add the Continuous Quality Improvement CQI requirements.**
On motion by Caroline Rickaway, and a second by Stephen Holmes, the board approved the revised Quality Management Policy and Procedures. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.
- d. **Consider the approval of the below five Office of the Governor Resolutions:**
1. Office of the Governor - **Victims of Crime Act Formula Grant Program (Funding Source) grant application** for GCC Crime Victims Counseling for the FY 2027
 2. Office of the Governor - **State Criminal Justice Planning (421) Fund Juvenile Justice and Youth Diversion Grant Program (Funding Source) grant application** for GCC Juvenile Justice Youth Diversion Grant Program for FY 2027
 3. Office of the Governor - **State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program (SLCGP) grant application** for the Gulf Coast Center Cybersecurity Safeguards and Threat Mitigation Project be operated for the Fiscal Year 2027

4. Office of the Governor - **Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) application** for the Gulf Coast Center Threat Prevention and Security Readiness Project be operated for the Fiscal Year 2027
5. Office of the Governor - **Crisis Diversion Program project as required by the Byrne State Crisis Intervention (Funding Source) grant application** for a Gulf Coast Center Crisis Diversion Program for the Fiscal Year 2027. The Center is applying for Byrne funding specifically for the Galveston County Crisis Diversion Center operation needs (i.e. transportation, security, etc.) and the operation logistics of expanding service for a Brazoria County Crisis Diversion unit, and co-response, applicable trainings, and transition to a CCBHC.

On motion by Caroline Rickaway, and a second by Stephen Holmes, the board approved the five Office of the Governor Resolutions. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

HHSC Agreements

- e. **Consider approval of modification to the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI) contract #696-TC-26-27-L052-M-001. The TCOOMMI program aims to prevent re-offending by linking individuals to intensive case management and rehabilitative services while collaborating with probation and parole offices. This modification increases funding for FY26-27 by \$47,308 with new amount not to exceed \$967,308.**

On motion by Caroline Rickaway, and a second by Stephen Holmes, the board approved the modification to the Texas Correctional Office on Offenders with Medical or Mental Impairments (TCOOMMI) contract #696-TC-26-27-L052-M-001. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

- f. **Consider approval of amendment #1 to the HHSC FY26 IDD performance contract #HHS001586900035. This amendment includes revision of the special conditions and scope of grant attachments with changes to performance measures, deliverable submissions, and training requirements. The amendment also includes a reduction in local match by \$18,347.61.**

On motion by Bo Stallman, and a second by Jaime Castro, the board approved the amendment #1 to the HHSC FY26 IDD performance contract #HHS001586900035. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

BT&T Services

- g. **Consider approval of the addendum to the ELEOS Health, Inc. master agreement for the expansion of Center users. The Center needs to purchase the Psychiatric module for up to 10 users at \$65 dollars per user per month as well as purchase of Groups for up to 14 users at \$65 dollars per user per month.**

Term end date: June 12, 2027

Amount not to exceed: \$190,420

On motion by Chris Cahill, and a second by Jaime Castro, the board approved the addendum to the ELEOS Health, Inc. master agreement for the expansion of Center users. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

Asset Management & Facility Services

- h. **Consider ratification of the Addendum to the North American Select Service for transportation and security services for designated Center Facilities until the official opening of the Wellness Center/Extended Observation Unit facility.**

Term: November 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026

Amount not to exceed: \$267,988.00

On motion by Stephen Holmes, and a second by Bo Stallman, the board approved the ratification of the Addendum to the North American Select Service for transportation and security services for

designated Center Facilities until the official opening of the Wellness Center/Extended Observation Unit facility. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

Behavioral Health Services

- i. **Consider approval of the New Pharmacy and Facility Use agreement with Genoa Healthcare LLC for an expanded pharmacy service at the Wellness Center/Extended Observation Unit facility.**

Term: until terminated **Reimbursement: Standard Pharmacy rate for Rx's.**
 On motion by Stephen Holmes, and a second by Jaime Castro, the board approved the New Pharmacy and Facility Use agreement with Genoa Healthcare LLC for an expanded pharmacy service at the Wellness Center/Extended Observation Unit facility. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

- j. **Consider approval of the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Pearland for the purpose of implementing a *Pearland Police Department Crisis Co-Response Team (CCRT)*, pairing Gulf Coast Center qualified mental health professionals with a Pearland Police Department mental health trained officer for co-response to crisis in the city jurisdiction.**

Term: March 1, 2026 – August 31, 2026 **Funding Source: Rider 48 Mental Health Grant for Justice Involved Individuals (MHG-JI) Grant**
 On motion by Jaime Castro, and a second by Stephen Holmes, the board approved the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Pearland for the purpose of implementing a *Pearland Police Department Crisis Co-Response Team (CCRT)*, pairing Gulf Coast Center qualified mental health professionals with a Pearland Police Department mental health trained officer for co-response to crisis in the city jurisdiction. The motion carried with all members voting in favor. There was no public comment.

- 9. **Pending or Revised Action Items** Linda Bell, JD, BSN, RN
Pending or revised items are those items that were on a prior board agenda but not completely resolved or there has been a revision since approval. The items may be listed for update purposes or final action by the Board.

- 10. **Calendar** Jamie Travis, Board Chair

January 28, 2026	Board Meeting	SBCSC	6:15pm
February 25, 2026	Board Meeting	MCSC	6:15pm
March 25, 2026	Board Meeting	NBCSC	6:15pm
May 6, 2026	Board Meeting & Tour of GCMHWC	MCSC/GCMHWC	6:15pm
May 27, 2026	Board Meeting	SBCSC	6:15pm
June 10-12, 2026	Annual Texas Council Conference	San Antonio, TX	
July 22, 2026	Board Meeting	MCSC	6:15pm
August 19, 2026	Board Meeting	SBCSC	6:15pm

SBCSC location: 101 Tigner, Angleton, TX | **NBCSC location:** 101 Brennan, Alvin, TX
MCSC location: 7510 FM 1765, Texas City, TX

11. Executive Session. None

- *As authorized by Chapter §551.071 of the Texas Government Code, the Board of Trustees reserves the right to adjourn into Executive Session at any time during this meeting to seek legal advice from its Attorney about any matters listed on the agenda.*

None

12. Adjourn

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:21pm

Respectfully,

Approved as to Consent and Form,

Cathy D. Rice

Jamie Travis

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Secretary to the Board

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Chair of the Board of Trustees