



## Travis County Commissioners Court Agenda Request

**Meeting Date:** Tuesday, November 19, 2013  
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**Commissioners Court Sponsor:** Judge Biscoe

### AGENDA LANGUAGE:

CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING TRAVIS COUNTY APPOINTMENT TO THE CENTRAL HEALTH BOARD OF MANAGERS.

### SUMMARY AND IGR COORDINATOR RECOMMENDATION:

The term of **Clarke Heidrick**, a Travis County appointee to the Central Health Board of Managers, expires on December 31, 2013. Because Mr. Heidrick had served on the Board for longer than six years, the Court issued a Call for Applications on Tuesday, October 15, with a deadline of Friday, November 15, 2013.

IGR recommends that the Commissioners Court appoint a subcommittee consisting of at least one member of the Court and the County Executive for HHS&VS to review the applications submitted, recommend which applicants should be interviewed, and recommend a series of questions to be asked of candidates, said subcommittee to report back to the Court on Tuesday, December 3.

### BACKGROUND:

Central Health/Travis County Healthcare District (TCHD) Board of Managers:

- ★ Nine members, with four-year staggered terms
  - Four appointed by the Travis County Commissioners Court
  - Four appointed by the Austin City Council
  - One appointed jointly by the two bodies
- ★ The term of one of the County appointees, Clarke Heidrick, expires at the end of 2013
- ★ Subject to the Uniform Appointment Process

**ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES:** The Commissioners Court makes four appointments to the Travis County Healthcare District (DBA Central Health) Board of Managers. Additionally, the Commissioners Court and the Austin City Council jointly make one appointment to the nine-member board. Terms are for four years, and are staggered. The Board's bylaws provide that the Managers serve until their re-appointment or the selection of their successor. There are no term restrictions on the Central Health board. The Central Health Board of Managers is subject to the Court's Uniform Appointment Process (Travis County Code, Chapter 1, §1.017).

In the past, the Court has insisted that the process for recruiting, vetting and selecting candidates for the Central Health board be thorough, inclusive and deliberate. On October 15, the Court approved a Call for Applications and an application packet, and set a deadline of Friday, November 15, for applications. As of Thursday, November 14, six applications had been received. IGR will provide a full list of the applicants to members of the Court on Monday, November 18.

With previous vacancies, the Commissioners Court has appointed a subcommittee consisting of at least one member of the Court and the County Executive for HHS&VS to review the applications submitted, and also to recommend a series of questions to be asked of finalists.

**FISCAL IMPACT AND SOURCE OF FUNDING:** Not applicable.

**REQUIRED AUTHORIZATIONS:** None.

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Current roster (redacted) of Central Health Board of Managers members, updated October 9, 2013.
- B. Travis County Commissioners Court, Adopted Process and Timetable for making a County appointment to the Central Health Board of Managers, October 15, 2013.

# ATTACHMENT A

## Central Health Board of Managers

Current Membership	First Appointed	Date(s) Reappointed	Term Expires
<b>Rosie Mendoza, Chair</b> Contact Phone: E-mail Address: Nominated by: Mayor Lee Leffingwell Representing: City resident, if applicable	08/01/04	03/05/09	12/31/16
<b>William "Kirk" Kuykendall, J.D.</b> Contact Phone: E-mail Address: Nominated by: Outside Representing: City Council & Travis County	06/07/13		12/31/16
<b>Brenda Coleman-Beattie, Treasurer</b> Contact Phone: Nominated by: Travis County Representing: Travis County	03/31/09	10/05/10	12/31/15
<b>Guadalupe Zamora, M.D.</b> Contact Phone: Email Address: Nominated by: Travis County Representing: Travis County	01/15/13		12/31/16
<b>Thomas Coopwood, M.D.</b> Contact Phone: E-mail Address: Nominated by: Mayor Lee Leffingwell Representing: City resident, if applicable	01/01/08	12/08/11	12/31/14
<b>Katrina Daniel</b> Contact Phone: E-mail Address: Nominated by: Mayor Lee Leffingwell	07/23/09	01/27/11	12/31/14
<b>Clarke Heidrick</b> Contact Phone: E-mail Address: Nominated by: Travis County Representing: Travis County	08/01/05	12/29/09	12/31/13
<b>Lynne Hudson</b> Contact Phone: E-mail Address: Nominated by: Mayor Lee Leffingwell	04/21/11		12/31/13
<b>Rebecca Lightsey</b> Contact Phone: E-mail Address: Nominated by: Travis County Representing: Travis County	03/18/11	10/25/11	12/31/15

## **ATTACHMENT B**

### **TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT TRAVIS COUNTY HEALTHCARE DISTRICT (CENTRAL HEALTH) BOARD OF MANAGERS APPOINTMENT Proposed Process and Timetable Fourth Quarter, 2013**

#### 2013

- October 15      Commissioners Court adopts selection process for Central Health Board of Managers appointment and issues Call for Applications
- November 15      Deadline for submission of applications
- November 19      IGR updates Court on status of applications  
Court appoints task group to review applications
- December 3      Task Group updates Court on its review of applications  
Court decides how many, which candidates to interview
- December 10 or      Commissioners Court work session interviews with  
December 12      finalists (if necessary)
- 40-minute interviews with each candidate
  - Prepared list of questions to be asked of each candidate
  - Open, but untelevised, session
- December 17      Commissioners Court selects Travis County appointee to Central Health Board of Managers for a term ending on December 31, 2017.