

Ira Smith, Jr.

Vice Chair

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Ira Smith Jr. is vice chair of the Bexar County Hospital District's Board of Managers. He was nominated to the board by Bexar County Commissioner Precinct 4 Tommy Adkisson in 2003.

He served as chair of the Board of Managers Planning and Operations Committee with the responsibility of initially developing the activities of University Health System's \$900 million Capital Improvement Program. He currently serves on the University Health System Pension Board and Quality Risk Management Committee.

A graduate of St. Mary's University, he retired from City Public Service (CPS Energy) in June 1998 after more than 33 years, having served in a variety of leadership roles including director of Central Services, director of Technical Services and director of Computer Services.

For more than 20 years, Smith has served on a number of boards and committees. He chaired the United Ways of Texas Board of Trustees, and held leadership roles on several United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County panels. He is a past president of the San Antonio Chapter of 100 Black Men in America, and is a member and past president of the Van Courtlandt Social Club.

Smith served as a trustee and past chair of the Bexar County Mental Health and Mental Retardation Center, now known as the Center for Health Care Services. He was also chair of the Texas Council of Community Centers, and was named an Honorary Lifetime Board Member of the Council in 2016. Along with serving as chair of the San Antonio Funding Information Center, he served and held leadership positions on both the Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital and the Methodist Healthcare Ministries Board of Directors, and was a member the Community Board for the Methodist and Metropolitan Hospitals. He is also a deacon and trustee of the Mt. Zion First Baptist Church.