



**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
February 27, 2024**

Directors Present	District Staff Present	Absent
President Evett PerezGil Vice-President Carmina Zavala, PsyD Treasurer Arthur Shorr Director Les Zendle, MD Director Leticia De Lara, MPA Director Carole Rogers, RN	Chris Christensen, Interim CEO Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement Will Dean, Marketing and Communications Director Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer Andrea S. Hayles, Board Relations Officer  <u>Legal Counsel</u> Jeff Scott	Secretary Kimberly Barraza

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>A. Call to Order</b>  <b>Roll Call</b>	President PerezGil called the meeting to order at 8:02 p.m.  The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all directors present except Secretary Barraza.	
<b>B. Approval of Agenda</b>	President PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	<b>#24-03 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr seconded by Director Rogers to approve the agenda.</b> <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b> <b>AYES – 6 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Rogers</b> <b>NOES – 0</b> <b>ABSENT – 1 Secretary Barraza</b>
<b>C. Public Comment</b>	There were no public comments.	
<b>D. Consent Agenda</b>  <b>1. BOARD MINUTES</b> <b>a. Board of Directors Meeting – January 23, 2024</b> <b>2. FINANCIALS</b>	President PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.	<b>#24-04 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zavala seconded by Director De Lara to approve the consent agenda.</b> <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b>



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<p><b>b. Approval of the January 2024 Financial Statements – F&amp;A Approved February 14, 2024</b></p>		<p><b>AYES – 6 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Rogers</b> <b>NOES – 0</b> <b>ABSENT – 1 Secretary Barraza</b></p>
<p><b>E. Reports</b></p> <p><b>1. Desert Healthcare District CEO Report – Chris Christensen, Interim CEO</b></p> <p><b>a. Behavioral Health Informational Updates – Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer, Behavioral Health</b></p> <p><b>b. Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative – USAging Grant Senior &amp; Special Needs COVID-19 and Flu Vaccinations – Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement</b></p> <p><b>c. DPMG Health Mobile Medical Unit Operations – Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement</b></p>	<p>President PerezGil inquired with the Board about any questions concerning the Behavioral Health informational updates, Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative, and DPMG Health’s Mobile Medical Unit Operations.</p> <p>Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer, Behavioral Health, provided a status on the Building Connected Communities RFP and extending the review period to April given the high response rate. Mrs. Trew also highlighted the March behavioral health website and social media platforms spotlight.</p> <p>Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement, described the conclusion of the Riverside University Health Systems (RUHS) public health grant, with</p>	



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	<p>the USAging grant ending in April, while continuing to educate the community.</p> <p>Dr. Tae Kim, President &amp; CEO of DPMG Health, provided an update on the new trailer unit and details for progressing in the coming weeks with an opening ceremony.</p>	
<p><b>F.1. Program Committee</b></p> <p><b>a. Draft Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2024</b></p> <p><b>b. Progress and Final Report Update</b></p> <p><b>c. Grant Payment Schedules</b></p> <p><b>d. Homelessness Initiative Collective Fund: Consideration to allocate the remaining balance of \$71,557</b></p>	<p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning the February Program Committee meeting minutes, progress and final report updates, and grant payment schedules.</p> <p>There were no questions or concerns.</p> <p>Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, described the direction from the Board and the Program Committee’s recommendation to allocate the remaining balance of the homelessness initiative collective to the cities of Palm Springs and Palm Desert Hot Springs and the possibility of an acknowledgment of the District at a future city council meeting.</p>	<p><b>#24-05 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara seconded by Director Rogers to allocate accordingly distribute the remaining \$71,557 balance from the Homelessness Initiative Collective Fund to the Desert Hot Springs homeless access shelter, Desert Hot Springs Homelessness Outreach project, City of Palm Springs overnight shelter, and the City of Palm Springs/Police Department’s R.I.S.E. and/or Word of Life’s Desert Hot Springs outreach programs.</b></p> <p><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>AYES – 6 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Rogers</b></p>



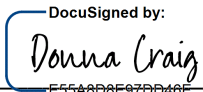
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<p><b>e. Improving Access to Healthcare in Desert Highland Gateway Estates (DHGE) – December 2023 Report – DAP Health - Borrego Health Foundation</b></p> <p><b>F.2. F&amp;A Committee</b></p> <p><b>a. Draft Meeting Minutes – February 14, 2024</b></p>	<p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning the DAP Health – Borrego Health Foundation Desert Highland Gateway Estates December 2023 Report.</p> <p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning the February F&amp;A Committee meeting minutes.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p>	<p><b>NOES – 0</b> <b>ABSENT – 1 Secretary Barraza</b></p>
<p><b>G. Board Member Comments</b></p>	<p>President PerezGil described the meet and greet with the new Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) Director of Community Partnership and Engagement, Laura Acosta, and Cesar Armendariz, Sr. Director of Community Health, describing their new Community Resource Center in Indio.</p> <p>Director Shorr inquired about identifying any unmet health needs and the process of advancing employees in the field of landscaping who are at risk from hearing loss and the effects of pesticides.</p>	



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	Director Zendle described the slow process for Medi-Cal redetermination and the District’s role in assisting with enrollment.	
<b>H. Adjournment</b>	President PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.	<b>Audio recording available on the website at <a href="https://www.dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents">https://www.dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</a></b>

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 ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer  
 Desert Healthcare District and Foundation

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, Board Relations Officer*