

DESERT HEALTHCARE  
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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 26, 2019**

Directors Present	District Staff Present	Absent
President Jennifer Wortham, DrPH Vice-President/Secretary Les Zendle, MD Treasurer Mark Matthews Director Carole Rogers, RN Director Evett PerezGil Director Karen Borja Director Leticia De Lara	Chris Christensen, CFO, Interim CEO Lisa Houston, COO Donna Craig, Senior Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Outreach Director Will Dean, Communications and Marketing Director Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board  <u>Legal Counsel</u> Jeff Scott	

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>A. Call to Order</b>	President Wortham called the meeting to order at 8:04 p.m.	
<b>Roll Call</b>	The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all Directors present.	
<b>B. Approval of Agenda</b>	President Wortham asked for a motion to approve the Agenda.	<b>#17-91 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President Zendle and seconded by Director Matthews to approve the agenda.</b> <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b> <b>AYES – 7 President Wortham, Vice-President Zendle, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director De Lara</b> <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b> <b>NOES – 0</b> <b>ABSENT – 0</b> <b>ABSTAIN – 0</b>
<b>C. Public Comment</b>	President Wortham called for public comment. No public comment.	
<b>D. Consent Agenda</b>	President Wortham asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda.	<b>#17-92 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President Zendle and seconded by Director De Lara to approve the Consent Agenda.</b>

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<p><b>D.1.a. Special Board Meeting of the Board of Directors – January 22, 2019</b></p> <p><b>2. Approval of December 2018 and January 2019 Financial Statements – F&amp;A Approved February 12</b></p>		<p><b>Motion passed unanimously.</b></p> <p><b>AYES – 7</b> President Wortham, Vice-President Zendle, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director De Lara</p> <p><b>NOES – 0</b></p> <p><b>ABSENT – 0</b></p>
<p><b>E. Desert Healthcare Foundation CEO Report</b></p>	<p>No report was provided.</p>	
<p><b>F. Finance &amp; Administration Committee</b></p> <p><b>1. No January Meeting of the F&amp;A Committee</b></p> <p><b>2. Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2019</b></p>	<p>Director Matthews explained that there was no January meeting of the F&amp;A Committee describing the minutes of the February 12 meeting.</p>	
<p><b>G. Old Business</b></p> <p><b>1. CVHIP/IEHP</b></p> <p><b>2. Homelessness Initiative</b></p> <p><b>Public Comments</b></p>	<p>Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Outreach Director, explained that the MOU is now executed with IEHP, also detailing the data uploads and progress.</p> <p>President Wortham described a study session to bring the board up-to-date within the next two weeks with all relevant agencies present – directing staff to provide a list of collaborators.</p> <p>Tom Kirk, Executive Director, Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), provided an update on the matching funds also explaining that CVAG has</p>	

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	<p>mailed letters to Valley cities to consider a contribution of \$100k for the homelessness collaboration. Mr. Kirk explained Barbara Poppe's recommendations for homelessness, hiring three staff, and outlining Supervisor Perez's alternative of an interim solution with the intent to lend the services of Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Supervisor Perez, to lead the collaborative as the executive director, which the CVAG Executive Committee supports. Mr. Kirk provided a letter from CVAG and Supervisor Perez in support of Greg Rodriguez as executive director of the collaborative (letters are attached).</p> <p>Heather Vaikona, CEO, Lift to Rise, described the organization's work as a collective impact organization specializing in housing stability, health, and social connectedness explaining the housing collaborative action network with a 10-year goal of reducing rent burden. The agency is heartened by some of the conversations with District board members at recent intersecting meetings on homelessness and hopes for more consideration with further alignments with the county. In addition, Ms. Vaikona requested authentic</p>	
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	<p>and transparent engagement with additional conversations.</p> <p>President Wortham requested additional information about the work of Lift to Rise for further understanding, collaborations, and inclusion in the agenda for the homelessness study session, including CVAG. Directors were encouraged to provide Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, with a list of other agency recommendations for the study session.</p> <p>Director De Lara explained for disclosure purposes that the RAP Foundation is a fiscal agent for Lift to Rise and she is also a board member. Counsel Scott will discuss the matter with Director De Lara.</p>	
<p><b>3. Behavioral Health Initiative</b></p> <p><b>a. Behavioral Health Consultant update</b></p>	<p>Donna Crag, Senior Program Officer, explained the comprehensive data assessment necessary for the Behavioral Health Consultant, also describing the recommendations to solicit a proposal for subject matter experts. Staff was directed to bring forward a proposal from EVALCORP Research and Consulting.</p>	<p><b>#17-93 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-Director De Lara and seconded by Director Borja for staff to bring forward a proposal from EVALCORP Research and Consulting. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Wortham, Vice-President Zendle, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Borja, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0 ABSTAIN – 0</b></p>
<p><b>b. The California Endowment (TCE) Public Policy and Research/Academic Partnership Update</b></p>	<p>Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, explained the most recent updates of The California Endowment grant</p>	

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	that includes a revised scope of work with four focus areas.	
<b>H. New Business</b>	None	
<b>I. Directors' Comments &amp; Reports</b>		
<b>J. Adjournment</b>	President Wortham adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.	<b>Audio recording available on the website at <a href="http://dhcd.org/Agenda-Board-of-Directors">http://dhcd.org/Agenda-Board-of-Directors</a></b>

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Les Zendle, MD, Vice-President/Secretary  
Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board*