



**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
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June 23, 2020**

<b>Directors Present – Video Conference</b>	<b>District Staff Present – Video Conference</b>	<b>Absent</b>
President Leticia De Lara Vice-President/Secretary Karen Borja Treasurer Mark Matthews Director Carole Rogers Director Evett PerezGil Director Les Zendle, MD Director Arthur Shorr	Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, CEO Chris Christensen, CAO Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Will Dean, Marketing and Communications Director Alejandro Espinoza, Program Officer and Outreach Director Eric Taylor, Accounting Manager Meghan Kane, Programs and Research Analyst Vanessa Smith, Special Projects and Program Manager Erica Huskey, Administrative and Programs Assistant Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board  <u>Legal Counsel</u> Jeff Scott	

<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>A. Call to Order</b>  <b>Roll Call</b>	President De Lara called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m.  The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all Directors' present.	
<b>B. Approval of Agenda</b>	Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, CEO, explained the removal of item E.1. from the CEO report as the allocation was not brought forward from the District and will be discussed at the July Program Committee meeting.  President De Lara asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the change.	<b>#18-54 MOTION WAS MADE by Director PerezGil seconded by Director Rogers to approve the agenda.</b> <b>Motion passed.</b> <b>AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr</b> <b>NOES – 0</b> <b>ABSENT</b>



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<p><b>C. Public Comment</b></p>	<p>Councilmember Grace Gardener, District 1, provided remarks in support of communities of color, partnering with others doing the same work, and establishing health centers and a grocery store in the Desert Highland Gateway Estates community.</p>	
<p><b>D. Consent Agenda</b>  <b>1. BOARD MINUTES</b>  <b>a. Board of Directors Meeting – May 26, 2020</b>  <b>2. FINANCIALS</b>  <b>a. Approval of the May 2020 Financial Statements – F&amp;A Approved June 09, 2020</b></p>	<p>President De Lara asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p>	<p><b>#18-55 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr seconded by Director Rogers approve the consent agenda. Motion passed.</b>  <b>AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr</b>  <b>NOES – 0</b>  <b>ABSENT</b></p>
<p><b>E. Desert Healthcare Foundation CEO Report</b>  <b>1. Consideration to accept the \$432,595 allocation to further Advance the District’s Role in Addressing the Healthcare Needs of Black Communities in the Coachella Valley</b>  <b>2. Environmental Health in the Coachella Valley – Emergency Response Communication Plan Update</b></p>	<p>The item was pulled from the agenda.</p> <p>Dr. Bázquez, CEO, explained that CONCUR, Inc. was approved by the Board in the Fall to assist with addressing the environmental communications emergency plan in the East Valley. Despite the challenges with COVID, CONCUR has moved</p>	<p><b>#18-56 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews seconded by Director Shorr approve the consent agenda. Motion passed.</b>  <b>AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr</b>  <b>NOES – 0</b>  <b>ABSENT</b></p>



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	<p>forward with the stakeholder interviews, such as the Torres Martinez Desert Cahuilla Tribe, South Coast Air Quality Management District, and the California Environmental Protection Agency. CONCUR has uncovered complex issues with land ownership and is working to produce a briefing paper on the findings that include data illustrating the contrast of the area with other areas of the Coachella Valley.</p>	
<p><b>F.1. Program Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – June 09, 2020</b></li> <li><b>2. Grant Payment Schedule</b></li> </ul> <p><b>F.2. F&amp;A Committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – June 09, 2020</b></li> </ul>	<p>Director PerezGil described the minutes of the June meeting that includes homelessness initiative and challenges with county funding this year’s cooling centers. The senior program officer scheduled to begin in July has declined the employment offer due to COVID concerns.</p> <p>Director Matthews described the minutes of the June meeting that included the May financials.</p>	
<p><b>G. Homelessness Initiative</b></p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the background of the homelessness initiative with \$1.2M of the allocation remaining in the collective fund. The</p>	



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	<p>regional and collective approach by the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) through CVHEART ensures that everyone is addressing homelessness, and not in isolation. Additional details and updates are provided in the staff report.</p> <p>Greg Rodriguez, Public Policy Advisor, Office of Supervisor Perez, explained that the county Office of Housing and Economic Development has been aggressive about obtaining funding from the CARE Acts and traditional Homeless Housing Assistance and Prevention (HHAP) funding. However, the \$10M direct allocation from the state directed by Assemblymember Chad Mayes has affected the allocation of additional funds, and the county has eliminated the homelessness czar position due to budget cuts.</p> <p>The Board inquired on the recent hot weather and the people experiencing homelessness moving from the high school gym by June 30. Locations in Desert Hot Springs and Cathedral City have been located but not funded, and the Palm Springs'</p>	
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	<p>shelter will be funded by the CARE Act.</p> <p>The Board directed staff to work with Mr. Rodriguez and bring forward recommendations or actions to the Program Committee, and if necessary, call a special meeting of the Program Committee and the Board.</p>	
<p><b>H. Behavioral Health Initiative</b> <b>1. Senior Program Officer – Update</b></p>	<p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, explained that the senior program officer candidate declined the position due to COVID concerns and the staff is moving forward with a new candidate.</p>	
<p><b>I. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>President De Lara adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m. in honor of Frank Ercoli, MD, Trauma Surgeon, Desert Regional Medical Center.</p>	<p><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></p>

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

Karen Borja, Vice-President/Secretary  
Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

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