



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
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August 25, 2020**

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

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
A. Call to Order Roll Call	President De Lara called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all Directors' present except Director Rogers who joined shortly after experiencing technical difficulties.	
B. Pledge of Allegiance	President De Lara asked those in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.	
C. Approval of Agenda	President De Lara asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	#20-91 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Matthews to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr NOES – 0



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		ABSENT – 0
D. Public Comment	There were no public comments for items not listed on the agenda.	
E. Desert Healthcare District CEO Report 1. Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) Commitment of \$100,000 to support access to care for black communities	<p>Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, CEO, explained the commitment from Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) to support access to healthcare for black communities with a \$100k contribution, which allows the District to expand its ability for access to care.</p> <p>President De Lara congratulated and thanked the CEO for reaching out to IEHP, making a compelling case, as well as thanking IEHP for partnering with the District on such an important effort.</p> <p>Director Zendle recommended contacting the Kaiser Foundation for support although, in the past, their support has been limited. The Eisenhower Foundation could also possibly support a commitment to black communities in the Coachella Valley.</p>	
2. SB 977 Health care system consolidation – Attorney General approval and enforcement	Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, explained SB 977 and the District’s concerns with the attorney general involvement in hospital lease transactions; however, the bill is moving forward regardless of the District’s concerns as	



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<p>3. SB 758 Health and care facilities – Disaster and seismic preparedness</p> <p>4. COVID-19 Federally Qualified Health Centers Testing/Antibody Updates</p>	<p>Healthcare District’s already has a process. The bill would add an additional layer and complicates the process by granting the attorney general additional power. Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, provided additional information and oversight on the SB 977. Vice-President Borja recommends reaching out to Senator Melendez.</p> <p>Director Rogers provided an overview of her past support and lobbying on the bill with then-attorney general, Kamala Harris, and preventing hospital systems anti-trust behavior while reading her personal letter of support for the bill to Assemblymember Garcia.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, provided an overview of SB 758, describing the letter of support to Assemblymember Chad Mayes.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the testing in the Coachella Valley, the length of time for COVID-19 testing results, the media interest, and coordination with public health for the ID-NOW Rapid Testing.</p>	
<p>F. New Business</p> <p>1. Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) – Consideration to approve an alternate member of</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, explained that LAFCO is commencing a new alternate position on the Special District Committee and</p>	<p>#20-92 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr and seconded by Director Rogers to approve</p>



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<p>appointment to the LAFCO Special District Committee</p> <p>2. Consideration to approve Mini Grant #1132 – Vision Y Compromiso – The Promotoras Census Outreach Project in Coachella Valley – \$5,000</p>	<p>the Board’s determination for a nominee. Director Shorr motioned to nominate Vice-President Borja to the alternate position of the LAFCO Special District Committee.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, rescued himself from the discussion due to a conflict of interest.</p> <p>Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer, explained the mini grant for \$5k, the deadline, the census count ending early on September 30, and the push for further education.</p>	<p>Vice-President Borja as an alternate member of appointment to the LAFCO Special District Committee. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p> <p>#20-93 MOTION WAS MADE by Vice-President Borja and seconded by Director Matthews to approve Mini Grant #1132 – Vision Y Compromiso – The Promotoras Census Outreach Project in Coachella Valley – \$5,000 Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p>
<p>G. Legal</p> <p>1. Consideration to approve Resolution #20-04 – Conflict of Interest Code approved at the March 24, 2020 Board of Directors Meeting</p>	<p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, explained the county’s biannual review of Special District’s Conflict of Interest Code, which will finalize the policy with the approval of Resolution #20-04.</p>	<p>#20-94 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and Director Shorr to approve Resolution #20-04 – Conflict of Interest Code Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p>



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<p>2. Consideration to approve Resolutions #20-05, #20-06, and #20-07 requesting the Board of Supervisors appoint President De Lara (Zone 7) Director Shorr (Zone 5), and Director Zendle (Zone 1) to terms ending in 2024</p>	<p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, provided an overview of the resolutions to the Board of Supervisors appointing Zones 1, 5, and 7 that are unopposed.</p> <p>Vice-President Borja explained that Measure BB, which expanded the District’s boundaries, allows for additional representation, and voting for their representatives. Write-in candidates do not have the opportunity to contest the Zones if the District moves forward with the Supervisors’ approval of the appointments. Vice-President Borja inquired on setting aside voter outreach monies, using the costs of those elections – approx. \$30k.</p> <p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, explained that based on the election code laws, the District does not have a choice in the matter. Information outreach is an appropriate form of voter education, but the District must be cautious and practical with the matter.</p> <p>Vice-President Borja requested that \$30k or 10% of the savings in Zone 3 is used for voter education in the District election – \$2 per person. Legal Counsel explained that the matter is not on the agenda, and staff</p>	<p>#20-95 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and Director Rogers to approve Resolution #20-05 – Zone 7 – requesting the Board of Supervisors appoint President De Lara. Motion passed 6-1. AYES – 6 President De Lara, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr NOES – 1 Vice-President Borja ABSENT – 0</p> <p>#20-96 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and Director Zendle to approve Resolution #20-06 – Zone 5 – requesting the Board of Supervisors appoint Director Shorr. Motion passed 5-2. AYES – 5 President De Lara, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr NOES – 1 Vice-President Borja ABSENT – 0 ABSTAIN – 1 Director Zendle</p> <p>#20-97 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Matthews and Director PerezGil to approve Resolution #20-07 – Zone 1 – requesting the Board of Supervisors appoint Director Zendle. Motion passed 6-1. AYES – 6 President De Lara, Director Matthews, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Shorr NOES – 1 Vice-President Borja ABSENT – 0</p>
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	<p>can bring the item back to the Board with recommendations.</p>	
<p>G. Study Session</p> <p>1. FY 20-21 Grant-making process and approved recommendations for Equity, Fairness, Transparency and Accountability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Healthcare Infrastructure b. Behavioral Health c. Homelessness d. Vital Human Services to People with Chronic Conditions e. Economic Protection, Recovery, and Food Security 	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, provided an overview of the presentation on the grantmaking process.</p> <p>Meghan Kane, Programs and Research Analyst provided an overview of the PowerPoint presentation, highlighting the importance of grants in the Coachella Valley as a secondary revenue source – further detailing the Board-approved equity, fairness, transparency and accountability for healthcare infrastructure, behavioral health, homelessness, vital human services to people with chronic conditions, and economic protection, recovery, and food security.</p> <p>Public Comments: Taylor Libolt Varner, Regional Housing Planner, Lift to Rise, explained their role of a regional response to the housing crisis, commending the District for their work, further describing how Lift to Rise is working on affordable housing related to the social determinants of health, encouraging long-term solutions in addressing the issue in all our strategies.</p> <p>Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Office of Supervisor</p>	



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	<p>Perez, explained the CV Housing First program the District has supported with matching funds.</p> <p>Carmina Zavala, Zone 3 Candidate, introduced herself and provided background on her role in the mental profession.</p> <p>The Board discussed the grantmaking recommendations, and Director Rogers suggested the inclusion of nutrition and education to Economic Protection, Recovery, Food, and Food Insecurity.</p> <p>President De Lara suggests the addition of Black Lives Matter in support of the black communities in Coachella Valley to the District’s strategic funding.</p>	
H. Adjournment	<p>President De Lara adjourned the meeting Adjourned at 7:29 p.m.</p>	<p>Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</p>

ATTEST: _____

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

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