



**DESERT HEALTHCARE FOUNDATION  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES  
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<b>Directors Present – Video Conference</b>	<b>District Staff Present – Video Conference</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Vice-President/Secretary Karen Borja Director Arthur Shorr Director Carole Rogers, RN Director Les Zandle, MD Director Evett PerezGil Director Carmina Zavala	Conrado E. Bázaga, MD, CEO Chris Christensen, CAO Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement Will Dean, Marketing and Communications Director Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer Meghan Kane, Programs and Research Analyst Erica Huskey, Administrative and Programs Assistant Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board  <u>Legal Counsel</u> Jeff Scott	President Leticia De Lara

<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>A. Call to Order</b>  <b>Roll Call</b>	Vice-President Borja called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. in President De Lara’s absence.  The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all Directors’ present except President De Lara.	
<b>B. Approval of Agenda</b>	Vice-President Borja asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	<b>#19-00 MOTION WAS MADE by Director PerezGil seconded by Director Zandle to approve the agenda.</b> <b>Motion passed 6-1.</b> <b>AYES – 6 Vice-President/Secretary Borja, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zandle, Director PerezGil, and Director Zavala</b> <b>NOES – 0</b> <b>ABSENT – 1 President De Lara</b>



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<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 – July 27, 2021</b> <b>2. FINANCIALS</b> <b>a. Approval of the July and August 2021 Financial Statements – F&amp;A Approved September 14, 2021</b> <b>3. HUMAN RESOURCES</b> <b>a. Program Assistant – Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative</b>	<p>Vice-President Borja asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p> <p>Director Rogers pulled item 1.a. with Vice-President Borja pulling item 2.a.</p> <p>Director Rogers explained that the minutes state a concern at the cooling centers with an enabling environment; however, the minutes should reflect that Martha’s Village and Kitchen provides social services to the homeless as previously facilitated by Well in the Desert. The enabling environment is not supported as there simply is not enough housing due to the housing crisis, and she rejects the phrase.</p> <p>Public Comment: Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Supervisor Perez, described the perspective of the city and business residents that Well in the Desert specifically is an enabling environment and the operations at the boxing club are operating differently with Martha’s</p>	<p><b>#19-01 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle seconded by Director PerezGil to approve the consent agenda pulling items 1.a. and 2.a.</b>  <b>Motion passed 6-1.</b>  <b>AYES – 6 President De Lara Vice-President/Secretary Borja, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, Director PerezGil, and Director Zavala</b>  <b>NOES – 0</b>  <b>ABSENT – 1</b></p> <p><b>#19-02 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle seconded by Director PerezGil to approve the consent agenda with the modification to minutes.</b>  <b>Motion passed 6-1.</b>  <b>AYES – 6 Vice-President/Secretary Borja, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, Director PerezGil, and Director Zavala</b>  <b>NOES – 0</b>  <b>ABSENT – 1 President De Lara</b></p>



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	<p>Village and Kitchen as the sole provider with clients entering into agreements to accept services.</p> <p>Director Zendle suggested the addition of language that includes the city is in negotiations with Martha’s Village and Kitchen, and members of the public, the city council, and business leaders are concerned with the enabling environment.</p> <p>Vice-President Borja inquired about the United Methodist Church’s \$20k line item on the check register.</p> <p>Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Supervisor Perez, described the joint effort with the county and the United Methodist Church that rents their community center, and to cover costs of the loss revenue, the District agreed to provide the expense to operate the 24-hour facility for people experiencing homelessness.</p>	
<p><b>E. Desert Healthcare Foundation CEO Report</b></p> <p><b>1. Consideration to approve Resolution #21-04 authorizing remote teleconference meetings</b></p>	<p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, explained the District and Foundation resolutions concerning remote</p>	<p><b>#19-03 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr seconded by Director Zendle to approve Resolution #21-04 authorizing remote teleconference meetings for the</b></p>



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<p><b>for the Foundation during periods of Emergencies in accordance with the Brown Act</b></p>	<p>teleconference meetings during periods of emergency as previously described in the District meeting.</p>	<p><b>Foundation during periods of Emergencies in accordance with the Brown Act.</b> <b>Motion passed 6-1.</b> <b>AYES – 6 Vice-President/Secretary Borja, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, Director PerezGil, and Director Zavala</b> <b>NOES – 0</b> <b>ABSENT – 1 President De Lara</b></p>
<p><b>2. \$25,000 Contribution to the Riverside County Housing Authority for Emergency Relief Efforts to the Residents of North Shore</b></p>	<p>Conrado Bázquez, MD, CEO, described the emergency response coordinated by the county in response to the North Shore emergency and the \$25k request that was approved by the board president in accordance with guidance from legal counsel, which raised approximately \$150k funding.</p> <p>Director Zendle supports the \$25 but requires a policy clarification that does not address the expenditure, which will return to the policies committee for discussion.</p>	
<p><b>3. Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative Award</b></p>	<p>Dr. Bázquez, CEO, described the award that will be presented to the Foundation at the Vision Y Compromiso’s annual meeting for the collective work of the District and Foundation, thanking</p>	



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<p><b>4. Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative: COVID-19 Community Support, Outreach, Education, Testing, and Vaccination Distribution</b></p>	<p>Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Outreach, and the partnerships as a shared leadership effort.</p> <p>Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement, updated the Board on the Equity Collaborative and the response efforts detailing the new COVID testing kits, the school districts involvement, and other relevant details of the vaccination clinics.</p> <p>Director Shorr recommended partnering with a new community or corporate sponsor to support materials and other supplies to expand the budget with a civically sensitive marketing organization.</p>	
<p><b>5. Save the Date – Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative Community Health Workers Recognition Event – Saturday, October 23</b></p>	<p>Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement described the work of the promotoras’ and the upcoming recognition event.</p>	
<p><b>6. AB 617 South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) Community Steering Committee Update</b></p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, directed the Board to the annual report of the AB 67 AQMD Steering Committee that is included in the packet.</p>	
<p><b>F.1. F&amp;A Committee</b></p>		



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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – September 14, 2021</b></p>	<p>Director Shorr described the F&amp;A Meeting minutes highlighting the program assistant that was approved in the District consent agenda.</p>	
<p><b>G. Behavioral Health Initiative</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><b>1. Behavioral Health Implementation Plan Update</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 80px;"><b>a. Green Ribbon Committee Meeting</b></p>	<p>Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer, Behavioral Health, reminded the Board of the Green Ribbon Committee meeting relaunch, further detailing the anticipated outcomes.</p> <p>Will Dean, Communications and Marketing Director, provided an update on recent communications and marketing with the equity collaborative and the PSA campaign for two months with NBC and Univision featuring Coachella Valley mothers and their children referencing why they chose to get vaccinated.</p> <p>Mr. Dean explained that during National Hispanic Heritage month, Telemundo is featuring residents in the Coachella Valley commencing with the District CEO, Dr. Bárzaga.</p>	
<p><b>H. Adjournment</b></p>	<p>Vice-President Borja adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.</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>



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*Carole Rogers*

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Carole Rogers, Acting Vice-President/Secretary  
Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

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