



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT**  
**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 08, 2021**

<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 Director Carole Rogers, RN Director Evett PerezGil Director Les Zendle, MD Director Arthur Shorr Director Carmina Zavala	Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, CEO Chris Christensen, CAO Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer, Behavioral Health Meghan Kane, Senior Program Officer, Public Health 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>	President De Lara called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.	
<b>Roll Call</b>	The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all Directors' present.	
<b>B. Pledge of Allegiance</b>	President De Lara asked Director Shorr to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.	
<b>C. Approval of Agenda</b>	President De Lara asked for a motion to approve the agenda.  Director Zendle requested that the Board discuss redistricting related to a potential division of the District into two congressional districts with Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, explaining that Martin Rauch can include the item with his presentation. A board consensus is necessary to direct staff accordingly.	<b>#21-71 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Rogers to approve the agenda.</b> <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b> <b>AYES – 7 President De Lara, Vice-President Borja, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director PerezGil, Director Zendle, and Director Zavala</b> <b>NOES – 0</b> <b>ABSENT – 0</b>
<b>E. Workshop and Training on Governance and Policies</b>		




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<p>1. Facilitated workshop discussion on development, workplan, and governance on policy issues, Martin Rauch, President, Senior Consultant, Rauch Communication Consultants, Inc.</p>	<p>Conrado Barzaga, MD, CEO, described the development to assist the board and staff with the best policies, communication, and relationship to make the district flourish.</p> <p>Martin Rauch, President, Senior Consultant, Rauch Communications, Inc., commenced the Workshop with the purpose to review the policy for electing officers, initiating the development of a policy on board and management responsibilities, and the relationship between the board and the CEO.</p> <p>Mr. Rauch provided an overview of the current policy for the election of the board officers. Functions and importance of the president, vice-president, treasurer, rotating the officers, terms, and nominations that the Board engaged for discussion. Particular dialogue related to separating the vice-president from the secretary position, not rotating the officer positions, possible 2-year terms commencing after the meeting of the elected officers, and removal of an officer in their position by majority vote.</p> <p>Mr. Rauch described the board and CEO responsibilities and relationship, clarifying respective responsibilities,</p>	
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	<p>identifying specific areas with lack of clarity, and a summarized version of the distinct roles of the board and CEO in a policy.</p> <p>Director Zandle described the concern with the state redistricting commission committee that recently presented a proposal, which splits the Coachella Valley into two congressional districts as communities of interest.</p> <p>The Board by consensus does not support dividing the Coachella Valley into two congressional districts, directing staff to send a letter on behalf of the District explaining the reasons why the district is opposed to more than one congressional district.</p>	
<b>F. Adjournment</b>	President De Lara adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.	<p><b>Audio recording available on the website at</b>  <a href="http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents">http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</a></p>

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

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