



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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March 22, 2022**

Directors Present – Video Conference	District Staff Present – Video Conference	Absent
President Karen Borja Vice-President/Secretary Evett PerezGil Director Arthur Shorr Carole Rogers, RN Director Les Zendle, MD Director Leticia De Lara Director Carmina Zavala	Conrado E. Bázquez, MD, CEO Chris Christensen, CAO Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, MPH, Chief of Community Engagement Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer Will Dean, Marketing and Communications Director Meghan Kane, MPH, Senior Program Officer, Public Health Andrea S. Hayles, Clerk of the Board <u>Legal Counsel</u> Jeff Scott	

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
A. Call to Order Roll Call	President Borja called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all directors' present.	
B. Pledge of Allegiance	President Borja asked Director Shorr to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.	
C. Approval of Agenda	President Borja asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	#21-86 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers and seconded by Director De Lara to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President/Secretary PerezGil, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Zavala NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0
D. Public Comment	Hank Goodrault, RN, Desert Regional Medical Center, clarified that his letter to the Board is not union-based and	



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	described prior plumbing concerns at the hospital, mismanagement before Tenet's operations, and the District's involvement in the financial management of the hospital.	
<p>E. Consent Agenda</p> <p>1. BOARD MINUTES</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Board of Directors Meeting – February 22, 2022</p> <p>2. FINANCIALS</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">1. Approval of the February 2022 Financial Statements – F&A Approved March 08, 2022</p> <p>3. LAS PALMAS MEDICAL PLAZA</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">1. Las Palmas Medical Plaza Property Maintenance 1-Year Contract Extension – INPRO Construction</p> <p>4. POLICIES</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">1. Policy #BOD-02 Election, Appointment, and Duties of Officers</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">2. District Bylaws – Separate the Vice-President and Secretary Officer Positions & Term Limits</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">3. Policy #BOD-15 Conflict-of-Interest</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">4. Policy #FIN-01 Financial Operations</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">5. Policy #FIN-04 Budget Preparation Policy</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">6. Policy #LPMP-01 Las Palmas Medical Plaza Policy for Leasing</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">7. Policy #LPMP-02 Las Palmas Medical Plaza Lease Execution Policy</p> <p>5. RESOLUTIONS</p>	President Borja asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.	<p>#21-87 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Vice-President PerezGil to approve the consent agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President/Secretary PerezGil, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Zavala</p> <p>NOES – 0</p> <p>ABSENT – 0</p>



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<p>1. Subsequent Emergency Resolution #22-06 Re-Ratifying the State of Emergency and Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings</p>		
<p>F. Desert Healthcare District CEO Report</p> <p>1. COVID-19 Coachella Valley Update</p> <p>2. Mobile Medical Unit Request for Proposals (RFP)</p> <p>3. 12th Annual Joslyn in Bloom Fashion Show – Honoree Merritt and Penny Joslyn Award – April 13, 2022</p>	<p>Conrado Bárzaga, MD, CEO, highlighted the 12–17-year-old population and the rapid changes with a significant decline in COVID cases and hospitalization. Dr. Bárzaga emphasized that the federal government has exhausted funding that will impact the Coachella Valley and funding is necessary to continue the work in the underserved communities.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the discussions to explore the Request for Proposals (RFP) for agencies interested in operating the mobile medical unit, also providing an overview of the RFP for the licensing, ongoing medical, health education programs, and partnerships. The Board discussed licensing and presenting the recommended operator to the Program Committee for approval and recommendation to the Board.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the Joslyn’s Center’s Annual Fashion Show and the District’s honor as this year’s recipient of</p>	



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	<p>the Merritt and Penny Josyln award.</p>	
<p>4. Volunteers in Medicine – 2022 VIMY Awards Honor – November 11, 2022</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, provided details of the District as one of this year’s honorees at Volunteer in Medicines’ Annual VIMY Awards in the latter part of the year.</p>	
<p>5. CEO Community Engagements and District Media Visibility</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, provided an overview of his community engagements and the District’s media visibility highlighting the grantmaking webinar for the new streamlined process for community partners interested in funding, also emphasizing Directors Zendle’s participation in a COVID panel on What’s Next for the Pandemic.</p>	
<p>6. Development Director Position – Goal #1: Strategy 1.6</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described obtaining more funding for the District and the challenges with filling the Development Director role while exploring other possibilities, such as a potential consultant as a grant writer. Staff will present a proposal at the next F&A Committee meeting to match and leverage funding for more resources in the community.</p>	
<p>7. Seismic Retrofit Compliance – Update</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the discussion with Tenet Healthcare regarding seismic compliance. Tenet will be working with the District to meet the January 2024 deadline with an investment and funding the nonstructural</p>	



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	<p>evaluation and additional seismic fulfillments.</p>	
<p>G. Desert Regional Medical Center CEO Report</p>	<p>Michelle Finney, CEO, Desert Care Network (DCN), Desert Regional Medical Center (DRMC), provided an overview of the most recent developments explaining that there are three (3) COVID patients at DRMC and one (1) at JFK Memorial. DRMC is now a verified American College of Surgeons (ACS) Level 2 Trauma Center from the verification committee and renewed its designation as an LGBTQ facility with full compliance. DRMC and JFK are participating in a multi-year collaborative called BETA Heart (healing, empathy, accountability, resolution, and trust) to improve a sustainable and reliable culture of safety with training underway and scheduling of the focus groups.</p> <p>Upcoming events include sponsorships or participation in March or April blood drives, luncheons, and other community education forums.</p> <p>Ms. Finney provided an update on the palm trees from the agronomist, who also assessed the soil and recommended removal since they are past their life in age, and the soil is not conducive to date palm trees with recommendations for replacements.</p>	
<p>H. Desert Regional Medical Center Governing Board</p>	<p>Director Zendle, MD, explained that the Governing Board</p>	



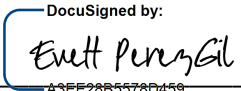
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	<p>meeting is this Thursday; therefore, there is no report at this time.</p>	
<p>I. Committee Meetings –</p> <p>I.1. Finance, Legal, Administration & Real Estate</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. Draft Meeting Minutes – March 08, 2022</p> <p>I.2. Program Committee</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. Draft Meeting Minutes – March 08, 2022</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">2. Grant Payment Schedule</p> <p>I.3. Board and Staff Communications and Policies Committee</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. Draft Meeting Minutes – March 15, 2022</p>	<p>President Borja inquired with the board concerning any questions related to the March F&A Committee meeting minutes. Chair Shorr described the upcoming workshop on the financial statements.</p> <p>President Borja inquired with the Board concerning any questions related to the March Program Committee meeting minutes.</p> <p>President Borja inquired with the Board concerning any questions related to the March Board and Staff Communications and Policies Committee meeting minutes.</p>	
<p>J. Legal</p>	<p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, provided a legislative update of healthcare related bills AB 1859 mental health services, AB 1894 Designated public hospital financing advisory group, AB 1993 Employment: COVID-19 vaccination requirements, AB 2123 Bringing Health Care into Communities Act of 2023, AB 2449 Open meetings: local</p>	



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	<p>agencies: teleconferences, and SB 1894 Education: COVID-19 vaccination.</p>	
<p>K. Immediate Issues and Comments</p>	<p>Director Rogers described the most recent updates of the Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) Homelessness Committee meeting and the Lift to Rise Housing Collaborative Action Network (CAN). Director Rogers described her appointment to the Southern California Housing Leadership Academy and a subgroup that includes Councilmember Grace Garner, and Greg Rodriguez, Government Relations and Public Policy Advisor, Office of Supervisor Perez, as a representative from Lift to Rise.</p> <p>Director Zendle explained that the Vice-President and Secretary positions are now separate as approved in the policy of the consent agenda and inquired about a consensus for an April agenda vote to appoint a secretary.</p>	
<p>L. Adjournment</p>	<p>President Borja adjourned the meeting at 6:36 p.m. in memory of Richard "Dick" Gundry.</p>	<p>Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</p>

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 Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

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