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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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Directors Present – Video Conference	District Staff Present – Video Conference	Absent
President Karen Borja Vice-President Evett PerezGil Secretary Carmina Zavala, PsyD Director Arthur Shorr Director Carole Rogers, RN Director Les Zendle, MD Director Leticia De Lara, MPA	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, Board Relations Officer <u>Legal Counsel</u> Jeff Scott	

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
A. Call to Order Roll Call	President Borja called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all directors present. President Borja provided a report of the closed session held before the regularly scheduled meeting, explaining that the Board will conclude the closed session following the Foundation meeting.	
B. Pledge of Allegiance	President Borja skipped the pledge of allegiance due to the current political climate in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision.	
C. Approval of Agenda	President Boja asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	#22-01 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director PerezGil to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.



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		AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President PerezGil, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0
D. Public Comment	Written public comment from Rancho Mirage Resident, Brad Anderson, is attached to the meeting minutes.	
E. Consent Agenda 1. BOARD MINUTES a. Special Meeting of the Board Financial Workshop – May 3, 2022 b. Board of Directors Meeting Closed Session – May 24, 2022 c. Board of Directors Meeting – May 24, 2022 2. FINANCIALS a. Approval of the May 2022 Financial Statements – F&A Approved June 14, 2022 3. LAS PALMAS MEDICAL PLAZA a. LPMP – Suite 2W-101 - Dr. Wolfson Lease Renewal – 3 Years b. LPMP – Suite 3W-103 - Dr. Gundry Lease Renewal – 3 Years 4. AGREEMENTS a. Consulting Services Agreement – Spitfire Strategies – Board Development – NTE \$45,000 b. Amendment #3 to the Kaufman Hall Associates May 20, 2021, Engagement Letter – Effective May-July 2022 – \$75,000 per month, plus expenses	<p>President Borja asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p> <p>Director Rogers described a correction to the minutes and her report on the trauma levels at JFK Memorial and Desert Regional Medical Center (DRMC). JFK is a level 4 trauma facility with a level 3 in the future, and DRMC is a level 2 with plans for a level 1 in the future.</p> <p>Director Rogers pulled items 5.b. and 5.d. from the policies of the consent agenda requesting clarification on the ordinance for the stipend meetings with legal describing the policy.</p> <p>Director Rogers opposes the \$2,500 per year limit to the ticket distribution policy, which assists with supporting nonprofits, proposing to eliminate the limitation. After a brief discussion, Director</p>	<p>#22-02 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr and seconded by Director Rogers to approve the consent agenda removing items 4.b., 5b., and 5d. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President PerezGil, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p> <p>#22-03 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers and seconded by Director Zendle to approve consent agenda items 5.b. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President PerezGil, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p>



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<p>c. Addendum #3 - Magdalena Martinez, HR Consultant - \$927/month</p> <p>5. POLICIES</p> <p>a. Desert Healthcare Foundation Bylaws</p> <p>b. Stipend Ordinance No. 22-01 & Resolution No.22-12</p> <p>c. Policy #BOD-21 – Meeting & Insurance Compensation</p> <p>d. Policy #BOD-18 – Ticket Distribution</p> <p>e. Policy #FIN-02 – Authorized Check Signers, Signers, Dollar Limits, and Transfer of Funds</p> <p>f. a. Policy #FIN-03 Statement of Investment Policy b. Resolution No.22-13 – Investment Policy</p> <p>g. Policy #FIN-05 Credit Card Usage</p> <p>6. GRANTS</p> <p>a. Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative – Core Operating Support for two (2) years to continue equitable community work after COVID-19</p> <p>1. #1325 Vision Y Compromiso \$150,000</p> <p>2. #1327 Youth Leadership Institute \$50,000</p> <p>3. #1328 El Sol Neighborhood Education Center \$150,000</p> <p>4. #1331 Pueblo Unido \$50,000</p> <p>7. RESOLUTIONS</p> <p>a. Subsequent Emergency Resolution #22-14 Re-Ratifying the State of Emergency and Re-</p>	<p>Rogers motioned to amend the ticket distribution policy with no second offered by the board.</p> <p>Director De Lara pulled item 4.b. inquiring on the limited period of time for the Kaufman Hall addendum. Progress is being addressed with some changes in the scope of work.</p>	<p>#22-04 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director De Lara to approve consent agenda items 5.d. Motion passed 6-1. AYES – 6 President Borja, Vice-President PerezGil, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara NOES – 1 Director Rogers ABSENT – 0</p> <p>#22-05 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers and seconded by Director Shorr to approve consent agenda item 4.b. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President PerezGil, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p>
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Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings		
F. Desert Regional Medical Center CEO Report	<p>Michele Finney, CEO, Desert Care Network, Desert Regional Medical Center, provided an update on the increase of COVID patients up to sixteen (16) at DRMC, with JFK and Hi-Desert at lower levels. Mrs. Finney thanked President Borja and Dr. Bázquez, CEO, for attending the DRMC Residency Program graduation describing that four (4) are committed to remaining in the Coachella Valley, twenty-two (22) new residencies, and an increase in the program.</p> <p>Mrs. Finney provided an overview of the capital projects, such as the HVAC repairs and modifications, events at DRMC for staff appreciation, and an update on the landscaping project.</p>	
G. Desert Healthcare District CEO Report	<p>Conrado Bázquez, MD, CEO, described the recent developments of the Supreme Court requesting direction to submit an opinion piece in the Desert Sun on the District's stance related on reproductive healthcare.</p> <p>Dr. Bázquez explained that there is no available data to report from Riverside County Public Health for the most recent COVID statistics. As the first case of Monkeypox has arrived in Riverside County, staff is monitoring the ongoing</p>	



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<p>1. Consideration to approve Resolution #22-15 to carryover the remaining \$2.5M Grants Programs Budget from FY 2021-2022 to FY 2022-2023</p>	<p>conversations with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH).</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the resolution to carry forward the remaining \$2.5M from the grants program budget for FY 2021-2022 to FY 2022-2023.</p>	<p>#22-06 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Shorr to approve Resolution #22-15 to carryover the remaining \$2.5M Grants Programs Budget from FY 2021-2022 to FY 2022-2023.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President PerezGil, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p>
<p>2. Consideration to approve an amendment to Grant #965 Desert Healthcare Foundation: Behavioral Health Initiative \$2M from FY 21-22 grant budget for allocating to the existing Behavioral Health collective fund to expand access to behavioral healthcare services in the Coachella Valley</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the community input for the mental and behavioral health needs assessment, the community health needs assessment, stakeholder outreach, and the ongoing contributions from the Behavioral Health Initiative working groups, staff recommends the full allocation of \$2M towards Strategic Goal #3.</p>	<p>#22-07 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director PerezGil to approve an amendment to Grant #965 Desert Healthcare Foundation: Behavioral Health Initiative \$2M from FY 21-22 grant budget for allocating to the existing Behavioral Health collective fund to expand access to behavioral healthcare services in the Coachella Valley.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President PerezGil, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p>
<p>3. Consideration to approve the Notice of General Election Form (Notice to the Registrar</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, provided an overview of the expiring terms for Zones 2, 4, and 6. The</p>	<p>#22-08 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Shorr to approve the</p>



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<p>of Voters) Due Date July 6, 2022</p>	<p>Registrar of Voters will publish a notice of election in the Desert Sun from July 11 – August 10. The Notice of General Election Form is due July 6, which requires board approval.</p>	<p>Notice of General Election Form/Notice to the Registrar of Voters. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President PerezGil, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p>
<p>4. Consideration for the Desert Healthcare District to add Juneteenth as a paid holiday for District employees</p>	<p>Dr. Barazga, CEO, described President Biden’s signed bill to declare Juneteenth an official federal holiday explaining that in recognition of the holiday staff requests the board consideration of approval for the inclusion of Juneteenth as a paid observed holiday.</p> <p>The board briefly discussed reviewing all the District holiday's for the policy committee to assess, such as the state and federal holidays.</p>	<p>#22-09 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director PerezGil to approve Desert Healthcare District to add Juneteenth as a paid holiday for District employees. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President PerezGil, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p>
<p>5. Consideration to approve the CEO’s appointment to the newly formed Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) Foundation Board of Directors</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the invitation from IEHP CEO Jarrod McNaughton to join the IEHP Foundation’s founding board of directors to further their mission and increase access to healthcare while improving the quality of healthcare.</p>	<p>#22-10 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Zavala to approve the CEO’s appointment to the newly formed Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) Foundation Board of Directors. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President PerezGil, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p>



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<p>6. Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) Special District Selection Committee Election – Western County Results</p> <p>7. CEO Community Engagements and District Media Visibility</p> <p>8. In-Person Board Meetings – Update</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, provided the background on the LAFCO Special District Selection Committee election for the western portion of the county, with the incumbent Phil Williams, Lake Elsinore Water District, winning the election.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, provided an overview of the CEO community engagements highlighting the meeting with the Congressional Hispanic Caucus concerning the Farmworkers Roundtable.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described AB361 for remote meetings, the current COVID data in the Coachella Valley, and prior discussions concerning returning to in-person board meetings, with a recommendation of postponement to September.</p>	
<p>H. Desert Regional Medical Center Governing Board</p>	<p>Director Zendle, MD, described the semiannual compliance report, nursing recruitment, and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) open and closed cases. A presentation with an overview of COVID updates was provided to the Governing Board, the emergency department improvements for throughput were highlighted, as well as credentialing and peer-reviews.</p>	
<p>I. Committee Meetings –</p> <p>I.1. Strategic Planning Committee</p>	<p>President Borja inquired if there were any questions</p>	



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<p>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2022</p>	<p>concerning the June Strategic Planning Committee meeting minutes.</p>	
<p>I.2. Finance, Legal, Administration, & Real Estate Committee</p>		
<p>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2022</p>	<p>President Borja inquired if there were any questions concerning the June F&A Committee meeting minutes.</p>	
<p>2. Consideration to approve Las Palmas Medical Plaza (LPMP) WestPac Lab New Lease Agreement – 1-Year with 1-Year Option – Suite 1W-104</p>	<p>Chris Christensen, CAO, described the 1-year lease for WestPac Labs and 1-year optional term. The estimated revenue from rent and CAM fees is \$33k.</p>	<p>#22-11 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Shorr to approve the Las Palmas Medical Plaza (LPMP) WestPac Lab New Lease Agreement – 1-Year with 1-Year Option – Suite 1W-104 Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President Borja, Vice-President PerezGil, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p>
<p>I.3. Program Committee</p>		
<p>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – June 14, 2022</p>	<p>President Borja inquired if there were any questions concerning the June Program Committee meeting minutes.</p>	
<p>2. Grant Payment Schedule</p>		
<p>3. Grant applications and Request for Proposals Submitted and Under Review</p>		
<p>4. Progress and Final Reports</p>		
<p>I.4. Board and Staff Communications & Policies Committee</p>		
<p>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – June 15, 2022</p>	<p>President Borja inquired if there were any questions concerning the June Board and</p>	
<p>2. Remote Work Agreement</p>		



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	Staff Communications & Policies Committee meeting minutes.	
J. Legal	There were no legal updates.	
K. Immediate Issues and Comments	<p>Director Rogers described her report on the most recent homelessness and housing meetings, also explaining that the District should review other district policies in the state concerning their ticket policy.</p> <p>Dr. Barzaga, CEO, expressed that communities of color and those with limited access to healthcare will be affected by the Supreme Court's most recent decision and requested direction from the board to collaborate with Planned Parenthood.</p> <p>The board discussed the healthcare aspects, supporting the CEO and staff to collaborate with other agencies, including Planned Parenthood, to explore the issues to ensure reproductive health is highlighted in the Coachella Valley and to share an opinion piece that the District supports the right to choose.</p>	
L. Adjournment	President Borja adjourned the meeting at 6:57 p.m.	Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents



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Carmina Zavala

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Carmina Zavala, PsyD, Secretary
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Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, Board Relations Officer