



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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July 26, 2022**

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 5:30 p.m. The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all directors present.	
B. Pledge of Allegiance	President Borja asked Director De Lara to lead the pledge of allegiance.	
C. Approval of Agenda	President Boja asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Director Zendle requested to move the Program Committee action items to the beginning of the agenda.	#22-15 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Shorr to approve the agenda and move the Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative Grants following approval of the consent agenda. 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



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D. Public Comment		
E. Consent Agenda 1. BOARD MINUTES a. Special Meeting of the Board – June 20, 2022 b. Board of Directors Meeting Closed Session – June 28, 2022 c. Board of Directors Meeting – June 28, 2022 2. FINANCIALS a. Approval of the June 2022 Preliminary Financial Statements – F&A Approved July 12, 2022 3. LAS PALMAS MEDICAL PLAZA a. LPMP – Suite 1W-202 – Cure Cardiovascular Consultants, Inc. Renewal – 5 Years 4. GRANTS a. #1351 Alianza CV – Partnerships for Air Quality Community Training in Rural Communities of the Eastern Coachella Valley – \$40,000 5. RESOLUTIONS a. Subsequent Emergency Resolution #22-18 Re-Ratifying the State of Emergency and Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings	<p>President Borja asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p>	<p>#22-16 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr and seconded by Director PerezGil to approve the consent agenda. 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>
F. Desert Regional Medical Center CEO Report	<p>Linda Evans, chief strategy officer, Desert Regional Medical Center (DRMC), Desert Care Network, provided an overview of the CEO report in Michele Finney’s absence commencing with the DRMC U.S. News and World Report ranking high performance for heart attack, stroke, and</p>	



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	<p>pulmonary disease. DRMC has 23 COVID-19 patients, 6 at JFK, and 30 at Hi-Desert.</p> <p>The Tenet union negotiations are ratified for 3 years; there are 20 new residents in the Residency program; the Bariatric program team is designated by BlueCross for its prestige and delivery of care.</p> <p>Mrs. Evans provided an overview of recent events, such as the blood drive and the nine cities blood challenge.</p>	
<p>G. Desert Healthcare District CEO Report</p> <p>1. Mini Grant Expansion/Increase – Grant and Mini Grant Policy #OP-05 Guidelines – Mini grants provide up to \$5k per request in a fiscal year, aligning with the District’s strategic goals and objectives</p> <p>2. Riverside County Public Health Data Agreement</p>	<p>Conrado Bárzaga, MD, CEO, requested direction from the board to seek guidance from the policy committee to review an increase in the mini grants from \$5k to \$10k.</p> <p>After discussion, the board directed staff for the policy committee and the F&A committee to review the requested increase since the directors are not considered in the review and approval process of the grants.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the ability to strengthen and protect public data. The District is working with IT consultant, Harry Slack, to implement security measures for the Riverside County Public Health Department data sharing standards and agreement.</p>	



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<p>3. CEO Community Engagements and District Media Visibility</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described his community engagements and media visibility throughout the month highlighting Speaker Pelosi’s remarks to the Congressional Hispanic Caucus during his invite and visit.</p>	
<p>4. Report on SB 938 (Hertzberg) – Special Districts and the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) parameters for authorizing a commission to initiate a proposal for the dissolution of a district</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described SB 938 established in response to recommendations by the Little Hoover Commission. Other aspects of the bill were highlighted related to special districts, transparency, and the creation of a new voter protest approach for LAFCO initiated dissolutions of special districts that meet a specific criterion.</p>	
<p>5. Legislative Update - California State Budget \$1B Surplus Ask on Seismic Compliance</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, provided an update on the legislative efforts for seismic retrofit explaining the Governor’s budget approval with additional monies not fully allocated, with the possibility of funding and board’s approval of the Strategies 360 agreement to lobby and prepare for the next legislative votes.</p>	
<p>6. Consideration to approve a new Purchase Agreement for the Mobile Unit Agreement with Magnum Mobile Specialty Vehicles – \$188,750</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, provided an update on the mobile unit, describing the supply chain delays. The prior vehicle, a Ford, will not have availability until 2023, requesting approval of a Chevy chassis for availability in October of 2022.</p>	<p>#22-17 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers and seconded by Director De Lara to approve a new Purchase Agreement for the Mobile Unit Agreement with Magnum Mobile Specialty Vehicles – \$188,750 Motion passed 6-1.</p>



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		<p>AYES – 6 President Borja, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Vice-President PerezGil Note: Vice-President PerezGil returned to the meeting shortly after the vote.</p>
<p>H. Desert Regional Medical Center Governing Board</p>	<p>Director Rogers, RN, described the legislative update from Tenet concerning seismic requirements, the deadline, and financial constraints for rural hospitals, mask mandates, Medi-Cal extension, and other legislative bills. The governing board also reviewed credentialing, and hospital policy procedures.</p>	
<p>I. Committee Meetings –</p> <p>I.1. Finance, Legal, Administration, & Real Estate Committee</p> <p>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2022</p> <p>2. Senior Development Officer</p> <p>I.2. Program Committee</p> <p>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – July 12, 2022</p>	<p>President Borja inquired if there were any questions concerning the July F&A Committee meeting minutes. Director Shorr, chair, F&A Committee, described the discussions concerning the Senior Development Officer.</p> <p>President Borja inquired if there were any questions concerning the July Program, Committee meeting minutes, grant payment schedule, grant applications and request for</p>	



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<p>2. Consideration to approve the Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative Grants for Core Operating Support for two (2) years to continue equitable community work after COVID-19</p> <p>a. #1324 Galilee Center – \$100,000</p> <p>b. #1332 Alianza CV – \$100,000</p> <p>3. Grant Payment Schedule</p> <p>4. Grant applications and Request for Proposals Submitted and Under Review</p> <p>5. Progress and Final Reports Update</p>	<p>proposals submitted and under review, and the progress and final reports update.</p> <p>Dr. Bázquez, MD, CEO, provided an overview and background of the 5-year strategic planning goals and strategies related to the Equity Collaborative, and the roles of the Galilee Center and Alianza Coachella Valley for 2 years of core operating support.</p> <p>The board discussed the approval of grants that are low to moderate priority in the strategic plan, supporting programs and services, ensuring that all grant requests have the same process as other grantees, reassessing the priorities of the strategic plan as a study session in the future, and the possibility of the Program Committee revisiting the grants.</p> <p>Public Comments: Chauncey Thompson, Indio Resident Cheryl Ballou, Cathedral City Resident</p>	<p>#22-18 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Zavala to approve Grant #1324 Galilee Center – \$100,000 Motion passed 5-1.</p> <p>AYES – 5 Vice-President PerezGil, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, and Director De Lara</p> <p>NOES – 1 – Director Zendle</p> <p>ABSENT – 0</p> <p>ABSTAIN – 1 President Borja</p> <p>#22-19 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Zavala to approve #1332 Alianza CV – \$100,000 Motion passed 5-1.</p> <p>AYES – 5 Vice-President PerezGil, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, and Director De Lara</p> <p>NOES – 1 Director Zendle</p> <p>ABSENT – 0</p> <p>ABSTAIN – 1 President Borja</p>
<p>J. Old Business</p> <p>1. Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) CV Link Q2 2022 Report</p>	<p>Erica Felici, associate director, Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), thanked the board for their support while providing highlights of the Q2 CV Link report.</p>	



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	Vice-President PerezGil exited the meeting at 6:42 p.m.	
K. New Business		
<p>1. Consideration to approve an Amendment to the Chief Executive Officers (CEO) Employment Agreement to provide a cost-of-living adjustment, merit increase, and to extend the term to July 31, 2025</p>	<p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, described the CEO's employment agreement amendment with the cost-of-living adjustment, and merit increase through 2025.</p>	<p>#22-19 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr and seconded by Director Zendle to approve an Amendment to the Chief Executive Officers (CEO) Employment Agreement to provide a cost-of-living adjustment, merit increase, and to extend the term to July 31, 2025</p> <p>Motion passed 6-1.</p> <p>AYES – 6 President Borja, Secretary Zavala, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara</p> <p>NOES – 0</p> <p>ABSENT – 1 Vice-President PerezGil</p> <p>ABSTAIN – 0</p>
L. Legal	There were no legal updates.	
M. Immediate Issues and Comments	<p>Director Rogers described the recent updates for the Lift to Rise Housing Community Action Network (CAN), requested a review of the ticket policy describing her inquiry to the Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC), and her assessment of other special district ticket policies.</p> <p>Director Rogers described the board's approval of the \$2M behavioral health allocation and the possibility of earmarking \$1M from the behavioral health program for homelessness efforts.</p>	



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	President Borja requested, and the board discussed an appeals process for grantees published on the website and accessible to any declined applicants.	
N. 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, PsyD, Secretary
Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

Minutes respectfully submitted by Andrea S. Hayles, Board Relations Officer