



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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November 22, 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 Meghan Kane, Senior Program Officer, Public Health Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer Will Dean, Marketing and Communications Director 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 except Secretary Zavala who joined the meeting at 6:26 p.m.	
B. Pledge of Allegiance	President Borja led the pledge of allegiance.	
C. Approval of Agenda	President Boja asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	#22-38 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers and seconded by Director De Lara to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President Borja, Vice-President PerezGil, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Secretary Zavala
D. Public Comment	Christina Peterson, RN, Desert Regional Medical Center	



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	<p>Rachel Garcia, RN, Desert Regional Medical Center Linda Serrano, RN, Desert Regional Medical Center Sherry Lynn Macmanes, RN, Desert Regional Medical Center Caroline Ng'ang'a, RN, Desert Regional Medical Center, provided comments related to operations and capital improvements at the hospital.</p>	
<p>E. Consent Agenda</p> <p>1. BOARD MINUTES</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Special Meeting of the Board of Directors Closed Session – October 25, 2022</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. Board of Directors Meeting – October 25, 2022</p> <p>2. FINANCIALS</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Approval of the October 2022 Financial Statements – F&A Approved November 16, 2022</p> <p>3. AGREEMENTS</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">a. Consulting Services Agreement for Park Imperial Land Lease Appraisal – Mr. Larry Simons – NTE \$6,500</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">b. Addendum #1 to Consulting Services Agreement for Hospital Inspections – Dale Barnhart – Time Extension from December 31, 2022 – December 31, 2024</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">c. Consulting Services Engagement Letter – Steve Hollis – \$750/hr.</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">d. Consulting Services Agreement for a Coachella Valley Healthcare Infrastructure Assessment –</p>	<p>President Borja asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p> <p>Director De Lara pulled item 3. d. – consulting services agreement for a Coachella Valley Healthcare Infrastructure Assessment – Huron Consulting Group – NTE \$95,000 for discussion.</p> <p>Conrado Bárzaga, CEO, MD, provided an overview of the demand for healthcare services in the Coachella Valley associated with the proposal for Huron consulting group outlining the services and deliverables.</p> <p>Once Huron's report is complete, Director De Lara requested a workshop to understand the results.</p>	<p>#22-39 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Zendle to approve the consent agenda except item 3.d. consulting services agreement for a Coachella Valley Healthcare Infrastructure Assessment – Huron Consulting Group. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President Borja, Vice-President PerezGil, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara NOES – 0 ABSENT – 1 Secretary Zavala</p> <p>#22-40 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Shorr to approve the consent to approve item 3.d. consulting services agreement for a Coachella Valley Healthcare Infrastructure Assessment – Huron Consulting Group – NTE \$95,000. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President Borja, Vice-President PerezGil, Director Shorr, Director Rogers, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara</p>



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<p>Huron Consulting Group – NTE \$95,000</p> <p>4. RESOLUTIONS</p> <p>a. Subsequent Emergency Resolution #22-27 Re-Ratifying the State of Emergency and Re-Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings</p>		<p>NOES – 0</p> <p>ABSENT – 1 Secretary Zavala</p>
<p>F. Desert Healthcare District CEO Report</p> <p>1. CV Link Q3 Report – Tom Kirk, Executive Director, Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG)</p> <p>2. Monkey Pox in the Coachella Valley – Update</p> <p>3. Spitfire Development Workshop – December 8</p>	<p>Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, CEO, introduced Tom Kirk, Executive Director, Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), to provide an overview of the CV Link Q3 report.</p> <p>Tom Kirk, Executive Director, CVAG, presented details on the background of CV Link, the completed trails throughout the Valley, community support at the grand opening, current construction, including the east Valley, and upcoming funding. Mr. Kirk answered questions of the Board with feedback from the directors, also thanking President Borja for her four years of service to the District.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the decline in Monkey Pox cases describing only 3 new cases as a result of the vaccinations in the community.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the December 8 development workshop facilitated by Spitfire</p>	



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	<p>Strategies chief innovation officer, Erin Hart.</p>	
<p>4. November 8 General Election Results – Zone 6</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, requested that the board relations officer provide an overview of the November 8 general election results. The board relations officer described the director's expiring terms for zones 2, 4, and 6, the two candidates for zone 6, the election results with Kimberly Barraza receiving 78% of the votes, and the upcoming oaths of office.</p>	
<p>5. CEO Community Engagements and District Media Visibility</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, provided an overview of his community engagements highlighting event at the Desert Hot Springs Senior Center with Secretary Xavier Becerra, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), Regional Director Jeffrey Reynoso, and U.S. Congressman Dr. Raul Ruiz. Dr. Bárzaga also emphasized his presentation on income gaps and disparities in the region at the Coachella Valley Economic Partnership (CVEP) Summit and the District's VIMY Award from Volunteers in Medicine (VIM).</p>	
<p>6. Consideration to close the District and Satellite Office between Christmas and New Year's Day – December 27 through December 30</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the consideration to close the office between Christmas and New Year's Day as in prior years and the positive aspects of the office closures.</p>	<p>#22-41 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers and seconded by Director De Lara to approve closure of the District and Satellite Office between Christmas and New Year's Day – December 27 through December 30. Motion passed unanimously.</p>



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F. Desert Regional Medical Center CEO Report	<p>Michele Finney, CEO Desert Care Network, Desert Regional Medical Center, presented on activity for the Ambulatory Surgery Center (ASC) Trauma Recertification Survey and Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education (ACGME) Family Medicine Residency accreditation review results. Additional updates included the CMO position interviews, internal promotions, the increased flu-positive cases (200), Monkey Pox status, RSV Pediatrics positive cases, and surge coordination with the county. An overview of the capital projects, clinical contracts, and community events.</p>	
H. Desert Regional Medical Center Governing Board	<p>Director Zendle, MD, provided an overview of the November Governing Board meeting describing the semi-annual compliance report and a marketplace report on insurance company profits with hospital and medical group's less profitable revenue. The governing board received an overview of the quality report on the healthy people index concerning the social determinant's of health and hospital scores pre- and post-hospital care of quality scores in the surrounding</p>	



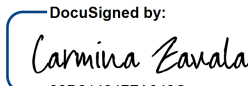
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	<p>communities. The governing board discussed peer review and credentialing, the capital projects report, and the Department of Healthcare Access and Information's (HAI) approval of the CATH lab requiring authorization by the District Board.</p>	
<p>I. Committee Meetings –</p> <p>I.1. Finance, Legal, Administration, & Real Estate Committee</p> <p>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – November 16, 2022</p> <p>2. Capital Projects at Desert Regional Medical Center</p> <p>I.2. Program Committee</p> <p>1. Draft Meeting Minutes – November 15, 2022</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 Update</p>	<p>President Borja inquired if there were any questions concerning the November F&A Committee meeting minutes.</p> <p>The Board inquired about the delay of the capital projects and the relation to Kaufman Hall Associates, with Director Shorr providing clarification for discussion at the December Board meeting.</p> <p>President Borja inquired if there were any questions concerning the November Program Committee meeting minutes.</p> <p>Vice-President PerezGil pointed out that there were no grants for consideration at the November meeting.</p> <p>President Borja described the Board's approved vote at the October Board meeting to forward the Grant and Mini-Grant Policy to the Program</p>	



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	Committee for consideration, which will be presented at the December meeting.	
J. Legal	There was no legal update by Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, but the Board inquired about the public comments of the nurses. Mr. Scott explained that although they are critical aspects of Desert Regional Medical Center, the matters are operational issues.	
K. Immediate Issues and Comments	President Borja thanked the staff for their professionalism, including thanking the Board, and the reelected directors, congratulating the newly elected director, Kimberly Barraza, further detailing that since her appointment, it has been an honor to serve. Mrs. Borja thanked the Coachella Valley residents, including legal counsel Jeff Scott.	
L. Adjournment	President Borja adjourned the meeting at 7:01 p.m.	Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents

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ATTEST: _____
 Carmina Zavala, PsyD, Secretary
 Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

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