



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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Directors Present – Video Conference	District Staff Present – Video Conference	Absent
President Evett PerezGil Vice-President Carmina Zavala, PsyD Secretary Carole Rogers, RN Treasurer Arthur Shorr Director Les Zendle, MD Director Leticia De Lara, MPA Director Kimberly Barraza	Conrado E. Bárzaga, 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	President PerezGil called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.	
Roll Call	The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all directors present.	
B. Pledge of Allegiance	President PerezGil led the pledge of allegiance.	
C. Approval of Agenda	President PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	#23-01 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Barraza to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Rogers, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Barraza NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0
D. Public Comment	There were no public comments.	
E. Consent Agenda		



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<p>1. BOARD MINUTES</p> <p>a. Special Meeting of the Board of Directors – Development Workshop – December 08, 2022</p> <p>b. Board of Directors Meeting – December 20, 2022</p> <p>2. FINANCIALS</p> <p>a. Approval of the December 2022 Financial Statements – F&A Approved January 11, 2023</p> <p>3. LAS PALMAS MEDICAL PLAZA</p> <p>a. Las Palmas Medical Plaza Lease Renewal – Palm Tree Clinical, Suite 1E 201 – 5-year</p> <p>b. Las Palmas Medical Plaza Increased Security Coverage</p> <p>4. REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS</p> <p>a. Request for Proposals (RFP) – Auditing Firms for 06/30/2023 Annual Audit</p> <p>5. GRANTS</p> <p>a. Grant #1333 Organizacion en California de Lideres Campesinas: Healthcare Equity for ECV Farmworker Women and Families - \$150,000 (24 months) Goal #3 – Community Access to Behavioral Health Services</p> <p>b. Grant #1363 Pegasus Riding Academy – Pegasus Equine Assisted Therapy - \$60,092 – Goal #2 – Expand Community Access to Primary Care and Specialty Services</p> <p>6. RESOLUTIONS</p> <p>a. Subsequent Emergency Resolution #22-32 Re-Ratifying the State of Emergency and Re-</p>	<p>President PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p> <p>The board relations officer described a correction to item E.1.b. on page 6 of the meeting minutes, as noted by Director Zendle.</p>	<p>#23-02 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr and seconded by Director De Lara to approve the consent agenda.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>AYES – 7 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Rogers, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Barraza</p> <p>NOES – 0</p> <p>ABSENT – 0</p> <p>#23-03 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Barraza to approve the consent agenda with the change to item E.1.b.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>AYES – 7 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Rogers, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Barraza</p> <p>NOES – 0</p> <p>ABSENT – 0</p>
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Authorizing Remote Teleconference Meetings		
<p>F. Desert Healthcare District CEO Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 2022 Annual Report Overview 2. Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Special District Member Elections – East and West County 3. California Special District Association (CSDA) Annual Conference – Coachella Valley Resource Conservation District Mobile Medical Unit Collaborative Award Submission 4. Eisenhower Medical Center Report – Update 	<p>Conrado E. Bárzaga, MD, CEO, provided an overview of the 2022 annual report highlighting the public health initiatives, grants, history of the district, COVID-19 response, the strategic plan, and looking ahead with capacity building. The board recommended inclusion of the grantee agencies, including a public forum in the future, such as the state of the District.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the Local Agenda Formation Commission's special district member elections for the East and West County regions. President PerezGil requested that directors with interest contact her directly.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the invitation from the Coachella Valley Resource Conservation (CVRC) District to apply for a collaborative award submission to the California Special District Association (CSDA) associated with the mobile medical unit.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, provided an overview of his meeting with Marty Massiello, President and CEO Eisenhower Health. Mr. Massiello will update the board</p>	



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<p style="text-align: center;">5. CEO Community Engagements</p>	<p>on Eisenhower's work in the Coachella Valley at the March board meeting.</p> <p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described his community engagements highlighting the Rapid Response Network emergency meeting Riverside County, Galilee Center, and the Diocese of San Bernardino to address the migrant crisis in the Coachella Valley. Other highlights include the meeting with Desert Highland Gateway Estates stakeholders, with the city of Palm Springs Mayor Garner, Borrego Health, DPMG Health, and President PerezGil to address continuity of healthcare services for community residents.</p>	
<p>G. Desert Regional Medical Center CEO Report</p>	<p>Michele Finney, CEO Desert Care Network (DCN), Desert Regional Medical Center (DRMC), presented the survey activity and people report with a pending offer for the chief medical officer and ACHO. Details of DRMC providing a continuity clinic in the Stergios building in collaboration with the Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP), year-end growth, the COVID recap from 2020 to 2022, capital projects, events, and marketing and PR.</p>	
<p>H. Desert Regional Medical Center Governing Board</p>	<p>Director Zendle, MD, provided an overview of the January Governing Board meeting describing the four newly appointed governing board members, including President PerezGil. A presentation on the</p>	



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	marketing efforts at DRMC and staff increases, the recent false public allegations from nurses about staffing shortages and patient safety concerns at DRMC describing the nursing shortages throughout the Coachella Valley and in the state, reporting on operational issues, and the monthly medical staff credentialing review.	
I. Committee Meetings – I.1. Finance, Legal, Administration, & Real Estate Committee 1. Draft Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2023 I.2. Program Committee 1. Draft Meeting Minutes – January 11, 2023 2. Grant Payment Schedule 3. Grant applications and Request for Proposals Submitted and Under Review	<p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning the January F&A Committee meeting minutes.</p> <p>Director Shorr, chair, F&A Committee, highlighted the Request for Proposals for auditing firms, the 100% occupancy at the Las Palmas Medical Plaza, the Park Imperial Condominium property, and the December financials.</p> <p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning the January Program Committee meeting minutes.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p>	



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4. Progress and Final Reports Update		
J. Legal	<p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, provided a legal overview of SB 1100 (Cortese) for disruptive members of the public, and the Taxpayer Protection and Government Accountability Act sponsored by the California Business Roundtable for the state and local governments to enact, modify, or expand taxes.</p>	
K. Immediate Issues and Comments	<p>Director Zendle requested that staff calendar any additional special or workshop meetings for the convenience of the directors.</p> <p>Director Rogers provided an update on the cities and counties' California Department of Housing and Community Development (CDHCD) housing quota for low-cost and affordable housing, Lift to Rise's recent grant award from the Kaiser Foundation, the Riverside County Board of Supervisors \$16M award for affordable housing programs, a future 2024 housing initiative on the state ballot, and an Indio development for 18 units.</p> <p>Director De Lara described exploring the possibilities of contacting OneFuture on instructors in the nursing program and if staff could provide an update from Sheila Thorton, President and CEO, once available.</p>	



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L. Adjournment	President PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.	Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents
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Carole Rogers, RN, Secretary
Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

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