



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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April 25, 2023**

Directors Present	District Staff Present	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 – Virtual Director Kimberly Barraza	Conrado E. Bázaga, 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 Andrea S. Hayles, Board Relations Officer <u>Legal Counsel</u> Jeff Scott	

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
A. Call to Order Roll Call	President PerezGil called the meeting to order at 5:38 p.m. The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all directors present.	
B. Pledge of Allegiance	Director Zendle led the pledge of allegiance.	
C. Approval of Agenda	President PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the agenda with the virtual participation of Director De Lara and pulling item E.1. from the Foundation to the District.	#23-17 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Barraza to approve the agenda with Director De Lara’s virtual participation and pulling item E.1. from the Foundation to District. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Rogers, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, Director Barraza NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0



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<p>Mobile Medical Unit – Examinations, Vaccinations, and Site Visits – Gemma Kim, MD, Desert Physicians Medical Group Health (DPMG)</p>	<p>Conrado Bárzaga, MD, CEO, introduced Gemma Kim, MD, Desert Physicians Medical Group Health (DPMG), who provided an overview of the mobile unit operations with an increase of visits in January and March, highlighting the May schedule, hospital volunteers, collaborations, school physicals and cardiologist with imaging and the consideration of mental health in the future.</p>	
<p>D. Public Comment</p>	<p>There were no public comments.</p>	
<p>E. Consent Agenda</p> <p>1. BOARD MINUTES</p> <p>a. Board of Directors Meeting – March 28, 2023</p> <p>b. 2. Special Meeting of the Board of Directors – March 07, 2023</p> <p>c. Special Meeting of the Board of Directors – March 27, 2023</p> <p>d. Board of Directors Meeting – March 28, 2023</p> <p>2. FINANCIALS</p> <p>a. Approval of the March 2023 Financial Statements – F&A Approved April 12, 2023</p> <p>3. AGREEMENTS</p> <p>a. Addendum #1 – Extension to 06/30/24 – Strategies 360, Inc.</p> <p>4. LAS PALMAS MEDICAL PLAZA</p> <p>a. Lease Renewal – Aijaz Hashmi, M.D. – Suite 2W 105-106</p>	<p>President PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda with a minor modification to the March 28 meeting minutes.</p>	<p>#23-18 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr and seconded by Director Zendle to approve the agenda with a minor modification to the March 28 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Rogers, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, Director Barraza NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p>
<p>F. Desert Healthcare District CEO Report</p>		



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<p>1. AB 869 – Hospitals: Seismic Safety Compliance</p>	<p>Conrado Bárzaga, MD, CEO, described AB 869 and several letters of support in favor of the bill.</p>	
<p>2. Riverside Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Special District Member Elections Results – East and West County</p>	<p>Board Relations Officer, Andrea Hayles, provided an overview of the Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) Special District Member Election Results for the Eastern and Western portions of the County, highlighting Castulo Estrada, Coachella Valley Water District, elected to represent the Eastern County.</p>	
<p>3. Recertification – Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD) and California Special Districts Association (CSDA)</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the recertification for the Association of California Healthcare Districts (ACHD) and the California Special District Association (CSDA), reminding the Board of their biennial ethics and harassment training.</p>	
<p>4. 75th Anniversary – History Book Release Launch – May 18</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the upcoming May 18 History Book Release reception in association with the district’s 75th Anniversary events with an anticipated 150 guests.</p>	
<p>5. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Training – Activate Inclusion – Next Session May</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, provided an overview of the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) training facilitated by Activate Inclusion, describing the second and third training sessions for the Board and the Staff.</p>	



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<p>6. CEO Community Engagements and Media Visibility</p>	<p>Dr. Bárzaga, CEO, described the community engagements and media visibility highlighting Huron consulting’s presentation, meetings to develop primary care residency programs in the Coachella Valley, ACHD board meetings and the CEO Roundtable, community clinics, the California Economic Summit planning meeting, and the CEO Discretionary Fund.</p>	
<p>G. Desert Regional Medical Center CEO Report</p>	<p>Michele Finney, CEO Desert Care Network, Desert Regional Medical Center, provided an update on the peak volume rate at the first of the quarter, with record-high census levels easing in April. The COVID mask requirements for patients and visitors have been lifted, given the stable COVID numbers.</p> <p>Ms. Finney described the 60 new nurses in the first quarter with the 10% turnover rate, rapid hiring events, flexible scheduling for parents, and the student loan forgiveness plan. An update on capital projects was provided, such as Cath Lab 1 with a multi-year plan to replace all three, the new a/c unit for El Mirador, and a new MRI at JFK Memorial. A description of the service awards 90 volunteers, and a special acknowledgment for Ernest Suisman, with over 30,000 volunteer hours was provided, with discussions on an invite to the History Book Release reception and special</p>	



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	<p>recognition. Additional updates were the Survey Activity and People, Events for Nurses’ Day, Hospital Week, and Marketing and PR.</p>	
<p>H. Desert Regional Medical Center Governing Board</p>	<p>President PerezGil provided an overview of the March governing board meeting emphasizing a report on SEIU negotiations, government relations, the neuro-surgery residency program, and capital improvements with a roof replacement on the east side of the hospital.</p> <p>Director Zendle described the monthly credentialing and peer review for maintaining quality.</p>	
<p>I. Committee Meetings –</p> <p>I.1. Program Committee</p> <p>a. Draft Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2023</p> <p>b. Progress and Final Reports Update</p> <p>c. Grant applications and Request for Proposals Submitted and Under Review</p> <p>d. Grant Payment Schedule</p> <p>I.2. Finance, Legal, Administration, & Real Estate Committee</p> <p>a. Draft Meeting Minutes – April 11, 2023</p>	<p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning the April Program Committee meeting minutes, progress and final reports, grant applications and request for proposals submitted and under review, and grant payment schedules.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p> <p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions</p>	




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<p>b. Las Palmas Medical Plaza Common Area Maintenance (CAM) 2022 Reconciliation</p>	<p>concerning the April F&A Committee meeting minutes and the Las Palmas Medical Plaza Common Area Maintenance 2022 CAM reconciliation.</p> <p>Director Shorr, chair, F&A Committee, highlighted the Las Palmas Plaza vacancy rate, and the common area maintenance increase.</p> <p>Director Rogers inquired about the demand for more physician office space, given the District's long-term goals to increase access to primary care and the possibility of expansion for additional office space.</p>	
<p>J. CV Link Q1 2023 Report</p>	<p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning the Q1 CV Link report.</p> <p>Erica Felci, Associate Director, Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG), described the next groundbreaking opportunity with an invite to the Board once finalized.</p>	
<p>K. Legal</p>	<p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, described the Supreme Court's social media case for a Poway school district member on whether public officials with social media pages can block the public and an appeals court potential ruling in violation of public rights.</p>	
<p>L. Immediate Issues and Comments</p>	<p>Director Barraza thanked the staff and the Momentus event</p>	



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	<p>team for a successful Night of Stars.</p> <p>Director Rogers provided an overview of the Lift to Rise Housing Community Action Network (CAN) and CVAG's Homelessness meeting.</p>	
M. Adjournment	President PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.	Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents

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 ATTEST: _____
 Carole Rogers, RN, Secretary, Board of Directors
 Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

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