



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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Directors Present	District Staff Present	Absent
President Evett PerezGil Vice-President Carmina Zavala, PsyD – Virtual Secretary Carole Rogers, RN Treasurer Arthur Shorr Director Les Zendle, MD Director Leticia De Lara, MPA Director Kimberly Barraza – Virtual	Chris Christensen, Interim CEO 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 5:32 p.m. 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.	#23-61 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Rogers 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 Board of Directors Meeting – September 11, 2023</p> <p>b. Special Board of Directors Meeting – September 18, 2023</p> <p>c. Special Board of Directors Meeting – September 20, 2023</p> <p>d. Board of Directors Meeting – September 26, 2023</p> <p>2. FINANCIALS</p> <p>a. Approval of the September 2023 Financial Statements– F&A Approved October 11, 2023</p> <p>3. AGREEMENTS</p> <p>a. CV Strategies Communications and Outreach Efforts – NTE \$25,000</p> <p>b. 2024 Palm Springs Health Run and Wellness Festival – January 27, 2024 – \$35,000 Presenting Sponsorship – 75th Anniversary Recognition</p>	<p>President PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda.</p> <p>Director Barraza pulled item E.3.b. and Director De Lara pulled items 3a.</p> <p>Director Barraza expressed her concern with the sponsorship amount, other levels, the consideration of an action plan for the 75th Anniversary celebration, and further discussion for the possibility of tabling the item.</p> <p>After Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, provided additional background, including the mobile medical unit’s presence at the event and Board discussion, Director Barraza motioned, and Vice-President Zavala seconded to table the presenting sponsorship of the 2024 Palm Springs Health Run and Wellness Festival.</p>	<p>#23-62 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Rogers to approve the consent agenda except item E.3.a. and E.3.b. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Rogers, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, Director Barraza NOES – 0 ABSTAIN – 0</p> <p>#23-63 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Barraza and seconded by Vice-President Zavala to table the 2024 Palm Springs Health Run and Wellness Festival – January 27, 2024 – \$35,000 Presenting Sponsorship – 75th Anniversary Recognition. Motion failed 2-5. AYES – 2 Vice-President Zavala, Director Barraza NOES – 5 President PerezGil, Secretary Rogers, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara ABSTAIN – 0</p> <p>#23-64 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers and seconded by Director Shorr to approve the 2024 Palm Springs Health Run and Wellness Festival – January 27, 2024 – \$35,000 Presenting Sponsorship – 75th Anniversary Recognition. Motion passed 5-2. AYES – 5 President PerezGil, Secretary Rogers, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, and Director De Lara</p>
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	<p>Director De Lara described the CV Strategies communications and outreach with a limited period of awareness for Tenet’s proposal, establishing the negotiations, and a specific timeline for educating the public.</p> <p>Mr. Christensen, Interim CEO, described the community meetings for the remainder of the year, including community participation and feedback in the near future.</p>	<p>NOES – 2 Director Barraza and Vice-President Zavala ABSTAIN – 0</p> <p>#23-65 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Rogers to approve the CV Strategies Communications and Outreach Efforts – NTE \$25,000 Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Rogers, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, Director Barraza NOES – 0 ABSTAIN – 0</p>
<p>F. Presentations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Stephanie Minor, Executive Consultant, NPO Centric, Presenting Results-Based Accountability Webpage 2. Craig Hartzheim, Partner, Moss Levy & Hartzheim, Presenting FY 2023 Audit Reports – District & Retirement Protection Plan (RPP) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Management Letter, Communication Letter, Internal Controls Report b. District Audit Report c. RPP Audit Report d. Foundation Audit Report – Information Only – 	<p>Stephanie Minor, Executive Consultant, NPO Centric, provided an overview of the District’s results-based accountability website and the scorecards aligned with the strategic plan.</p> <p>Director Shorr provided an overview of the clean audit report as presented in the F&A Committee meeting.</p> <p>Craig, Hartzheim, Partner, Moss Levy & Hartzheim, reviewed the FY 2023 District and Retirement Protection Plan (RPP) audit reports with the Board, reiterating Director Shorr’s comments on the internal controls of a small</p>	<p>#23-66 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Shorr and seconded by Director Barraza to approve the FY 2023 District and Retirement Protection Plan (RPP) audit reports. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Rogers, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, Director Barraza NOES – 0</p>



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<p>Consideration for Approval during the Foundation Committee meeting</p>	<p>personnel with overlapping duties and appropriate oversight by the Board for fund disbursements and grant payouts. Mr. Hartzheim’s highlighted the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 87 for long-term leases and the increase in assets and liabilities.</p> <p>Mr. Hartzheim answered detailed questions from the directors, including the Related Party Transaction.</p>	<p>ABSTAIN – 0</p>
<p>G. Strategic Funding</p> <p>1. Consideration to approve Grant #1412 DPMG Health – \$1,057,396 for two years contingent on receiving clean audited financial statements.</p> <p>a. LPMP New 2-Year Lease – DPMG Health – Suite 1W-204</p> <p>b. DPMG Health Vendor Agreement to Operate the Mobile Medical Trailer</p>	<p>Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, provided an overview of the three grant components – grant, lease, and the operating agreement of DPMG Health’s grant request.</p> <p>The Board inquired about various equipment, such as the need for spirometry, obtaining vaccines from the county, a social worker to complement the psychiatrist, alternative staffing, and collaborative partnerships with Dr. Gemma Kim, DPMG Health, providing detailed explanations.</p>	<p>#23-67 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Rogers to approve Grant #1412 DPMG Health – \$1,057,396 for two years contingent on receiving clean audited financial statements.</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>#23-68 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Shorr to approve Grant #1412 DPMG Health – 2-year lease and the vendor agreement.</p> <p>Motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>AYES – 7 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary</p>



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<p>2. Consideration to approve Grant #1408 Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine – \$478,400</p>	<p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine \$478,400 grant request.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p>	<p>Rogers, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Barraza NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p> <p>#23-69 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zavala and seconded by Director De Lara to approve Grant #1408 Coachella Valley Volunteers in Medicine – \$478,400. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 6 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Rogers, Director Shorr, Director De Lara, and Director Barraza NOES – 0 ABSTAIN – 1 Director Zendle</p>
<p>3. Consideration to approve Grant #1410 Alianza Nacional de Campesinas – \$57,499</p>	<p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning Alianza Nacional de Campesinas \$57,499 grant request.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p>	<p>#23-70 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director De Lara to approve Grant #1410 Alianza Nacional de Campesinas – \$57,499. 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</p>
<p>4. Consideration to approve Grant #1413 Voices for Children – \$81,055</p>	<p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning Voices for Children \$81,055 grant request.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p>	<p>#23-71 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers and seconded by Director De Lara to approve Grant #1413 Voices for Children – \$81,055. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary</p>



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<p>H. Reports</p> <p>a. Desert Regional Medical Center CEO Report – Michele Finney, CEO</p> <p>b. Desert Regional Medical Center Governing Board Meeting – President Evett PerezGil and Director Les Zendle, MD</p> <p>c. Desert Healthcare District CEO Report – Chris Christensen, Interim CEO</p> <p>1. Community Investment Awards – Lift to Rise Community</p>	<p>Michele Finney, CEO of Desert Care Network, Desert Regional Medical Center (DRMC), provided a brief overview of the CEO report describing the most recent updates at DRMC, JFK Memorial Hospital, and Hi-Desert Medical Center. Mrs. Finney also reported on SB 525, signed into law by Governor Newsom in October.</p> <p>Director Zendle provided an overview of the October Governing Board meeting with discussions on the CAL/OSHA report, accreditations, peer reviews, quality measures, the decrease in emergency room visits during tropical storm Hilary due to road closures and faster routes to Eisenhower Medical Center, a net gain of 188 RNs, and the radiology department report with the director employed forty-four years.</p> <p>Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, described the Lift to Rise Community Investment</p>	



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<p>Anchor Award – October 14, 2023</p>	<p>Awards and the District's Community Anchor Award recognition, including the congratulatory proclamations from local elected officials.</p>	
<p>2. Tenth Annual Run with Los Muertos – November 4, 2023</p>	<p>Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, described the District's yearly participation in the Run with Los Muertos.</p>	
<p>3. Letter of Support – DAP Health HRSA Application for Competing Continuation of Funding</p>	<p>Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, described the letter of support to DAP Health for their competing continuation of funding HRSA application.</p>	
<p>4. Letter of Support – TODEC expansion of the state's Storm Assistance for Immigrants program</p>	<p>Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, described the letter of support to TODEC for expansion of the state's Storm Assistance Program for immigrants.</p>	
<p>5. Community Engagements and District Media Visibility</p>	<p>Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, described the community engagements and District media visibility, further detailing Director De Lara's concerns with Cathedral City residents from Tropical Storm Hilary, the listening sessions of residents with staff and directors, establishing a network of community partners and a forthcoming emergency special meeting on the District's role for mental health support.</p>	



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<p>d. Legal – Jeffrey G. Scott, Esq., Law Offices of Jeffrey G. Scott</p>	<p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, provided a brief overview of SB 525 with a more comprehensive report at the November meeting.</p>	
<p>I. Committee Meetings –</p> <p>I.1.1. Program Committee</p> <p>a. Draft Meeting Minutes – October 10, 2023</p> <p>b. Progress and Final Reports</p> <p>c. Grant Applications and RFPs Submitted and Under Review</p> <p>d. Grant Payment Schedule</p> <p>I.1.2. Finance, Legal, Administration, & Real Estate Committee</p> <p>a. Draft Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2023</p> <p>b. Consideration to approve a Las Palmas Medical Plaza Lab Corporation of America 3-Year Lease Renewal – Suite – 3E 104-105</p>	<p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning the October Program Committee meeting minutes, Progress and Final Reports, the Grant Applications and Request for Proposals Submitted and Under Review, and the Grant Payment Schedule.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p> <p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning the October F&A Committee meeting minutes.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p> <p>Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, described the Las Palmas Medical Plaza Lab Corporation 3-Year lease renewal commencing on November 1 for consideration of approval.</p>	<p>#23-72 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Barraza to approve the Las Palmas Medical Plaza Lab Corporation of America 3-Year Lease Renewal – Suite – 3E 104-105.</p>



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		<p>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</p>
<p>J. Old Business</p> <p>1. Coachella Valley Association of Governments (CVAG) CV Link Q3 Report</p>	<p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning the CV Link Q3 report.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments</p>	
<p>K. Board Member Comments</p>	<p>Director Rogers described the new California CARE Court legislation and inquired about an executive search committee.</p> <p>Director Zendle described Larry Walker’s role in governance and continuing the work as a new CEO is eventually established, further communicating the UCR Gala and Eisenhower’s concern with the non-compete clause in the hospital lease requesting a clarification with the lease provisions from legal counsel.</p>	
<p>L. Adjournment</p>	<p>President PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m.</p>	<p>Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</p>

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Carole Rogers, RN, Secretary, Board of Directors
 Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

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