



DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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December 06, 2023

Directors Present	District Staff Present	Absent
President Evett PerezGil Vice-President Carmina Zavala, PsyD Carole Rogers, RN, Secretary Treasurer Arthur Shorr Director Les Zendle, MD Director Leticia De Lara, MPA Director Kimberly Barraza	Chris Christensen, Interim CEO Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement Andrea S. Hayles, Board Relations Officer Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel	

AGENDA ITEMS	DISCUSSION	ACTION
A. Call to Order Roll Call	President PerezGil 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 PerezGil led the Pledge of Allegiances.	
C. Approval of Agenda	President PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	#23-84 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle 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 on matters not listed on the agenda.	
E. Progress Report on the Tenet Proposal a for a 30-Year Lease Extension with the Option to Purchase 1. Background and status of negotiations with Tenet by Steve Hollis, Consultant	Steve Hollis, Consultant, provided an overview of his background related to	



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<p>2. Ad Hoc Committee report and presentation of letter for submission to Tenet relating to concerns and additional requests.</p>	<p>healthcare, including a summary of the District’s work, such as needs assessments throughout the Tenet lease, the seismic 2030 deadline, the 2027 lease expiration, specifics on the community’s role and ratification of any final decisions by the voters, details related to the lack of formal feedback from Tenet on the District’s request for data, and further providing a presentation on the fair market value lease terms.</p> <p>Secretary Rogers read the letter from President PerezGil to Mike Maloney, Executive Vice President, of Corporate Development, Tenet Health describing the disappointment in the lack of progress and consideration of Board approval.</p> <p>Secretary Rogers motioned to approve the letter to Tenet Health and the Board direct staff to present a consultant and determine the process to “take back” and re-establish the hospital to the District.</p>	<p>#23-85 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers and seconded by Director Barraza to submit the letter to Mike Maloney, Executive Vice President of Corporate Development in response to Tenet’s proposal and direct staff to present a consultant to determine the process to take back the hospital.</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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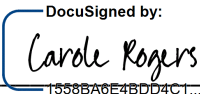
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<p>3. Public Comment</p>	<p>The following individuals provided public comments:</p> <p>Nejia Reparejo</p> <p>Timothy Tyler, Director of Pharmacy Lab, Comprehensive Medical Center</p> <p>James Edwards, Director of Nursing Professional Practice, Education Services</p> <p>Karen Mora, RN</p> <p>Debra Edwards, RN</p> <p>Liz Yanez, RN</p> <p>Regina Epp, staff member</p> <p>John Notsce, RN</p> <p>Amir Lavaf, Radiologist Oncologist</p> <p>Luis Vera, MD, Recent Graduate of the Family Medicine Program</p> <p>Ellie Tan, MD</p> <p>Linda Evans, Chief Strategy Officer, read a testimony on behalf of Debbie Espinoza</p> <p>Chad Mayes, Partner at Capitol Advocacy, representing Eisenhower Medical Center, provided remarks on the non-compete clause language in the lease.</p> <p>Ezra Kaufman, Palm Desert Resident</p> <p>Jesus Hermosillo, CA Nurses Association</p> <p>Karen, Indio Resident</p>	
<p>4. Board discussion and possible action</p>	<p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, answered questions and Board members provided comments related to the priorities of the lease negotiations, frustrations</p>	



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	<p>and the lack of progress, the complexities of the negotiations, including the perils of funding over 30 years, the consideration of other options, such as an RFP for other operators, and reassurance to the community concerning public hearings.</p> <p>The board thanked the public for attending the meeting.</p>	
F. Adjournment	President PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.	<p>Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</p>

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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