



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT**  
**SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES**  
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**November 4, 2023**

<b>Directors Present</b>	<b>District Staff Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
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 Will Dean, Communications and Marketing Director Andrea S. Hayles, Board Relations Officer  Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel	
<b>AGENDA ITEMS</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
<b>A. Call to Order</b>  <b>Roll Call</b>	President PerezGil called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.  The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all directors present.	
<b>B. Pledge of Allegiance</b>	President PerezGil omitted the Pledge of Allegiance for time purposes.	
<b>C. Approval of Agenda</b>	President PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the agenda.	<b>#23-74 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Rogers and seconded by Director Zavala to approve the agenda.</b> <b>Motion passed unanimously.</b> <b>AYES – 7 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Rogers, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Barraza</b> <b>NOES – 0</b> <b>ABSENT – 0</b>
<b>D. Public Comment</b>	Alan Williamson, Sr. Vice President of Medical Affairs, and Chief Medical Officer of Eisenhower Medical Center, read and requested the attached letter for entering into the minutes from Martin Marcello, Chief Executive	



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	<p>Officer of Eisenhower Medical Center, concerning the noncompete clause in the hospital lease negotiations.</p> <p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, provided an overview of the clause in the 30-year hospital lease, also describing the District grant support to Eisenhower Medical Center.</p>	
<p><b>E. Strategic Planning Retreat</b></p> <p><b>1. Discuss and re-evaluate the strategic planning objectives, priorities, goals, and strategies – Mark Dubow, MPH, MBA, Director, Veralon</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>a. Presentation</b></li> <li><b>b. Current Grant Allocations</b></li> <li><b>c. 5-Year Strategic Plan</b></li> </ul>	<p>Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, provided an overview of the 5-year strategic plan, the strategic planning committee’s request to review and reassess the strategic plan for any modifications moving forward for the remaining three years, and Mark Dubow’s role with Veralon.</p> <p>Mr. Dubow commenced his presentation with the mission and statement, the Board discussing the inclusion of partnerships preceding resources in the vision statement, revisiting “equitably” for a well-defined understanding of the word, a global network for all residents involvement in the healthcare delivery system, health and its relation to homelessness, a values statement that incorporates the Board’s objectives, and the possibility of a footnote about language and cultural competency for the mission and vision.</p>	



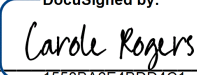
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	<p>The Board discussed evolving and transitioning from a rolling grant process to an RFP process for the initiatives, obtaining a fact sheet from Assemblywoman Aguilar on AB 2919 to determine the parameters of grant solicitations and a state of the health of the District for education and resources.</p> <p>Additional topics of discussion were establishing priorities, grant funding by goals, reconsidering an increase in revenue in the East Valley, and the One Coachella Valley concept of community-based fundraising.</p> <p>The Board decided that another retreat session is necessary to discuss the priorities for modification and the process for the grants to potentially rollover or an RFP process.</p> <p>Mr. Christensen thanked the Board for their time and feedback, moving forward with another strategic planning retreat session and continuing with Mr. Dubow's services.</p>	
<p><b>F. Behavioral Health</b></p> <p><b>1. Consideration to approve up to \$50,000 to local agencies to provide Behavioral Health Services to Cathedral City and surrounding area Tropical Storm Hilary Victims.</b></p>	<p>Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, described the listening sessions with select families in Cathedral City and Indio and providing funding to agencies to support behavioral health services.</p>	<p><b>#23-75 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Zendle to approve up to \$50,000 to local agencies to provide Behavioral Health Services to Cathedral City and</b></p>



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	The Board discussed ensuring the funding is allocated to the organizations for using them directly for behavioral health services.	surrounding area Tropical Storm Hilary Victims. 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
<b>G. Convene to Closed Session of the Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors</b>	The Board adjourned the meeting at 12:17 and convened to closed session.	
<b>H. Reconvene to Open Session of the Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors</b>	The Board reconvened to open session.	
<b>I. Report After Closed Session</b>	Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, reported that the Board directed staff to issue a Request for Proposals with a December 4, 2023, due date and schedule a special meeting for reviewing proposals and approving a recruitment firm contract agreement for the CEO executive search.	
<b>J. Adjournment</b>	President PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.	<b>Audio recording available on the website at <a href="http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents">http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents</a></b>

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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*