



**DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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January 23, 2024**

Directors Present	District Staff Present	Absent
President Evett PerezGil Vice-President Carmina Zavala, PsyD Secretary Kimberly Barraza Treasurer Arthur Shorr Director Les Zendle, MD – Virtual Participation Director Leticia De Lara, MPA Director Carole Rogers, RN	Chris Christensen, CPA, Interim CEO Donna Craig, Chief Program Officer – Virtual Alejandro Espinoza, MPH, Chief of Community Engagement – Virtual Jana Trew, Senior Program Officer Will Dean, Marketing and Communications Director Andrea S. Hayles, MBA, 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 5:31 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.	#24-03 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 Barraza, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Rogers NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0
D. Public Comment		
E. Consent Agenda		
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<p>a. Special Meeting of the Board – December 06, 2023 b. Board of Directors Meeting – December 19, 2023 c. Special Meeting of the Board – December 20, 2023 2. FINANCIALS a. Approval of the December 2023 Financial Statements– F&A Approved January 10, 2024 3. AGREEMENTS a. Amendment #2 – Property Management/Maintenance Agreement with INPRO Construction, Inc. – Name Change Only</p>	<p>President PerezGil asked for a motion to approve the consent agenda with a correction to the December 06, meeting minutes.</p>	<p>#24-04 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Rogers to approve the consent agenda with changes to the December 06 meeting minutes. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 7 President PerezGil, Vice-President Zavala, Secretary Barraza, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Rogers NOES – 0 ABSENT – 0</p>
<p>F. Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative 1. Recognition and Acknowledgement of the Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative Partners and Providers</p>	<p>Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement, provided an overview of the onset of COVID in 2020, acknowledging the prior CEO, Dr. Conrado Barzaga, illustrating the cultural aspects to ensure access to information, the Promotoras’ role in the Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative, while commending the Board for recognizing the community providers and partners.</p> <p>Mr. Espinoza introduced Shayra Hernandez, Director of Stakeholder Engagement, Office of Congressman Ruiz, MD, and Secretary Barraza, representing the Office of Assemblymember Garcia, who provided remarks</p>	



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	<p>acknowledging the partnering agencies and presenting each with proclamations and certificates of recognition.</p>	
<p>G. Reports</p> <p>1. Desert Regional Medical Center CEO Report – Michele Finney, CEO</p> <p>2. Desert Regional Medical Center Governing Board Meeting – President Evett PerezGil and Director Les Zendle, MD</p> <p>3. Desert Healthcare District CEO Report – Chris Christensen, Interim CEO</p> <p>a. 2024 Board of Directors Committee Assignments</p> <p>b. 2023-2024 Annual Report</p>	<p>Michele Finney, CEO, DRMC, DCN, also acknowledged the Coachella Valley Equity Collaborative and the community partners for their efforts, further providing an overview of her report detailing the flu increase, People/Quality, Services/Events, and Capital & Construction Projects in progress. (see attached report)</p> <p>Evett PerezGil, President, described the most recent Governing Board meeting discussing the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) reports, accreditations, peer reviews, quality measures, and emergency management training for various disasters.</p> <p>Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, described the committee assignments that remain the same for 2024 with the addition of a governance ad hoc committee.</p> <p>Mr. Christensen, Interim CEO, described the 2023-2024</p>	



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<p>c. September 2024 Environmental Health Summit</p> <p>d. Candid 2024 Gold Transparency Seal</p> <p>e. Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) Call for Nominations Eastern County Special District Member</p> <p>f. Palm Springs Health Run & Wellness Festival – \$35k Presenting Sponsor – January 27, 2024</p> <p>g. Community Engagements and District Media Visibility</p> <p>4. Legal – Jeffrey G. Scott, Esq., Law Offices of Jeffrey G. Scott</p>	<p>annual report to coincide with the fiscal year after June 30th, comprising 18 months.</p> <p>Mr. Christensen, Interim CEO, described re-evaluating the environmental health summit and moving the date to September.</p> <p>Mr. Christensen, Interim CEO, described the completion of Candid’s demographic survey for transparency and sharing with other nonprofits and donors.</p> <p>Mr. Christensen, Interim CEO, described the LAFCO special district nomination and Board members to communicate their interest with President PerezGil.</p> <p>Mr. Christensen, Interim CEO, described the upcoming Health Run & Wellness Festival and awards ceremony, inviting the directors to provide acknowledgments and remarks.</p> <p>Mr. Christensen, Interim CEO, described the monthly community engagements and District media visibility report.</p> <p>Jeff Scott, Legal Counsel, did not provide a legislative report.</p>	
<p>H. Committee Meetings –</p>		



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<p>H.1. Program Committee</p> <p>a. The Program Committee did not convene in January.</p> <p>H.1.2. Finance, Legal, Administration, & Real Estate Committee</p> <p>a. Draft Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2024</p> <p>b. Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) Connect IE Project Services – Professional Services Agreement – \$71,040 Recipient</p>	<p>President PerezGil inquired about any questions concerning the January 10 F&A Committee meeting minutes.</p> <p>There were no questions or comments.</p> <p>President PerezGil and Vice-President Zavala recused themselves from the discussion.</p> <p>Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, described the prior work with IEHP Connect IE that previously included the CVHIP website for organizational searches of services and recipients of \$71k to continue the project.</p> <p>Alejandro Espinoza, Chief of Community Engagement, described ensuring HIPPA compliance, the current challenges, Inland Empire Health collaborating with healthcare providers, and the</p>	<p>#24-05 MOTION WAS MADE by Director De Lara and seconded by Director Rogers to approve the Inland Empire Health Plan (IEHP) Connect IE Project Services – Professional Services Agreement. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 5 Secretary Barraza, Director Shorr, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, and Director Rogers NOES – 0 RECUSED – 2 President PerezGil and Vice-President Zavala</p>
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	<p>District’s responsibility to enroll organizations in the database in response to the Board’s inquiry about incorporating referrals into the platform.</p>	
<p>I. Board Member Comments</p>	<p>Director Rogers described the homelessness seminar hosted by Assemblymember Garcia.</p> <p>Director De Lara outlined the productive January 22 special meeting on the hospital negotiations and viewpoints from the public and the Board.</p> <p>In response to Stephanie Salters's public comment at the January 22 special meeting, Director Zindle stated that he has under no circumstances accepted monies or received a bribe from Tenet; however, he does attend charitable events as a member of the governing board.</p> <p>Director Shorr described other media opportunities, such as radio, and evaluating additional opportunities.</p> <p>Director De Lara described the consideration of a Valley Voice column submission to the Desert Sun from President PerezGil and interviewing the Promotoras’ for a story on where they are now.</p> <p>Director Barraza invited the Board and Staff to Riverside County's President’s Day Parade in downtown Indio.</p>	



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J. Adjournment	President PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 6:54 p.m.	Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and-Documents
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Kimberly Barraza, Secretary, Board of Directors
Desert Healthcare District Board of Directors

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