



DESERT HEALTHCARE DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
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March 05, 2024

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

| AGENDA ITEMS | DISCUSSION | ACTION |
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| A. Call to Order | President PerezGil called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. | |
| Roll Call | The Clerk of the Board called the roll with all directors present except Directors Zavala and Shorr. | |
| 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. | #24-10 MOTION WAS MADE by Director Zendle and seconded by Director Rogers to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. AYES – 5 President PerezGil, Secretary Barraza, Director Zendle, Director De Lara, Director Rogers NOES – 0 ABSENT – 2 Vice-President Zavala and Director Shorr |
| D. Public Comment | There were no public comments for matters not listed on the agenda. | |
| E. Information Community Forum on the Tenet Lease Negotiations | | |

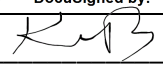


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| 1. Presentation | <p>Director Rogers provided opening remarks, welcomed the public, and introduced Chris Christensen, Interim CEO, who presented a brief overview of potentially reassuming hospital operations and seeking an alternative hospital operator, the background and timeline of the district, Tenet’s proposal, the benefits, challenges, and alternatives.</p> <p>Public Comments:</p> <p>Gary Gardner, Council Member, Desert Hot Springs (see attached public comments)</p> <p>Jose Candelario, MD, Chief Resident, Family Medicine, Desert Regional Medical Center</p> <p>Gail Whetstone, BSN, RN, Trauma Injury Prevention, Desert Regional Medical Center</p> <p>Nyomi Gastelo, Public Safety Cadet</p> <p>Stephanie Salters, RN</p> <p>Yea Ping Lin, MD, Hospitalist, Teaching Physician, Desert Care Network</p> <p>Ezra Kaufman, Palm Desert Resident</p> <p>Jeff Hohman, Greater Coachella Valley Chamber of Commerce, Desert Hot Springs Chamber Chair</p> <p>Gene Martin, Retired Engineer</p> <p>Megan Barajas, Regional Vice-President, Hospital Association of Southern California</p> | |
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| | <p>Deborah Edwards, RN, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Desert Regional Medical Center</p> <p>Linda Stevens, Retired, 30- year Former Employee, Desert Regional Medical Center</p> <p>Scott Worey, Chief Nursing Officer, Desert Regional Medical Center</p> <p>Michele Finney, CEO, Desert Care Network, Desert Regional Medical Center</p> <p>The Board thanked the public for their participation in the community forum, inquired with legal counsel about outlining the District’s role over oversight in comparison to the California Department of Public Health, property taxes east and west of Cook, and suggested that the Board and Staff meet with local elected officials throughout the Coachella Valley concerning the lease, consider having some public meetings during the day for seniors, freeze the grant funding program as the District commences its fiscal budget, and consider the lease decision with due diligence affecting the future of healthcare in the next 30 years.</p> | |
| <p>F. Adjournment</p> | <p>President PerezGil adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.</p> <p>DocuSigned by: </p> | <p>Audio recording available on the website at http://dhcd.org/Agendas-and- Documents</p> |

ATTEST: _____

Kimberly Barraza, Secretary, Board of Directors
Desert Healthcare District Board of Director

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